Moore County
Board of Commissioners

March 3, 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, Tom Adams

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Picerno called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION
County Manager Wayne Vest offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Transportation Director Sonia Biggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Picerno asked whether any commissioner had a conflict of interest regarding agenda items the Board would address in this meeting. Commissioner Ritter disclosed that he had a conflict of interest with Public Hearings Item A, as he serves as attorney for that landowner, and requested to recuse himself when that item was reached.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**
Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented. *The budget amendments and resolution are hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendices A and B.*

A. Board of Commissioners February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Finance - Budget Amendments

C. Tax - Annual Approval of Retail Malt Beverage and Fortified Wine Licenses

D. Social Services - Contract Amendment - Angels on Wheels Transportation, LLC

E. Health - FY27 NC Department of Health and Human Services Consolidated Agreement

F. Health - FY27 Activity 151 Family Planning Agreement Addendum

G. Health - FY27 Activity 403 WIC Agreement Addendum

H. Public Works - Carthage Rd and Dowd Rd Waterline Extension Project - Updated Customer Cost and Fee Schedule

3. RECOGNITIONS

There were no recognitions.

4. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Planning - Call to Public Hearing for a Conventional Rezoning Request: 18.61 acres from Neighborhood Business B-1, Rural Agricultural Urban Service Boundary (RA-USB) and Gated Community Seven Lakes (GC-SL) to Rural Agricultural Urban Service Boundary (RA-USB)

Before proceeding, the Board addressed Commissioner Ritter's conflict of interest with this item. **Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted 4-0 to recuse Commissioner Ritter for conflict, as he serves as attorney representative for the property owner.**

Commissioner Ritter stepped outside during the consideration of this item.

Planning Director Ruth Pedersen presented a request to call for a public hearing for a Conventional Rezoning to Rural Agricultural Urban Service Boundary (RA-USB) for all of lot 2, containing 13.53 acres and being a portion of Parcel ID 00015801 and all of Parcel ID 00015799, zoned Neighborhood Business B-1, and Rural Agricultural, Urban Service Boundary (RA-USB), and all of lot 3, containing 5.08 acres and being a portion of Parcel ID 00015800 and a portion of Parcel ID 00015801, zoned Neighborhood Business B-1, Rural Agricultural Urban Service Boundary (RA-USB) and Gated Community Seven Lakes (GC-SL), as shown on Plat Cabinet 20, Slide 492, Moore County Registry. Both properties are owned by Stephen Cagle per Deed Book 5709, Page 265.

She explained that this was a call for a public hearing on the conventional rezoning of split-zoned parcels totaling approximately 18 acres. The applicant completed a recombination that resulted in split zoning and requested conventional rezoning to bring both lots to RA-USB for consistent zoning across the properties, thereby allowing them to obtain a loan to purchase the properties.

Chairman Picerno asked about down-zoning restrictions. Ms. Pedersen confirmed this would be considered down-zoning, but since the property owner voluntarily requested it, there were no issues.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted 4-0, to call for a public hearing on March 17, 2026 for a Conventional Rezoning to Rural Agricultural Urban Service

Boundary (RA-USB) for all of lot 2, containing 13.53 acres and being a portion of Parcel ID 00015801 and all of Parcel ID 00015799, zoned Neighborhood Business B-1, and Rural Agricultural, Urban Service Boundary (RA-USB), and all of lot 3, containing 5.08 acres and being a portion of Parcel ID 00015800 and a portion of Parcel ID 00015801, zoned Neighborhood Business B-1, Rural Agricultural Urban Service Boundary (RA-USB) and Gated Community Seven Lakes (GC-SL), as shown on Plat Cabinet 20, Slide 492, Moore County Registry. Both properties are owned by Stephen Cagle per Deed Book 5709, Page 265.

Commissioner Ritter was invited back to the meeting.

B. Planning - Call to Public Hearing for a Conditional Rezoning Request: Rural Agricultural (RA) to Rural Agricultural-Conditional Zoning (RA-CZ) for a Group Care Facility – 135 Jolinda Road

Ms. Pedersen presented a request to call a public hearing on a Conditional Rezoning for one parcel located at 135 Jolinda Rd, Vass, identified as Parcel ID 98000451. It is approximately 2.68 acres, owned by Grace Community Center, Inc., as recorded by Deed Book 2242 Page 506. The request is to conditionally rezone this property from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Rural Agricultural-Conditional Zoning (RA-CZ) for a Group Care Facility. Pedersen explained that the applicant proposes a residential facility for individuals overcoming drug and alcohol addiction through a faith-based program where individuals would stay 9 to 12 months. The facility would house 31 residents plus 5 full-time employees living on site.

The applicant submitted a site plan that meets UDO requirements but requested a reduction in the required number of parking spaces. The UDO would require 18 parking spaces based on the number of individuals, but since residents will not be driving their own vehicles, the applicant requested a reduction. The planning board recommended 12 parking spaces instead of 18 and voted 7-0 to approve the conditional rezoning with that condition. The applicant agreed to the 12 parking spaces.

Commissioner Cook asked about the number of professional staff, which Ms. Pedersen confirmed as five full-time employees living on site.

There was discussion about property ownership, with Ms. Pedersen explaining that the Grace Community Center owns the property and is partnering with Mission Teens to run the facility. Commissioner Von Canon noted the property was shown as actively for sale and requested clarification at the public hearing.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Von Canon, seconded by Commissioner Adams, the Board voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on March 17, 2026, for a Conditional Rezoning of one parcel, approximately 2.68 acres, located at 135 Jolinda Road, also identified as Parcel ID 98000451, from Rural Agricultural (RA) to Rural Agricultural-Conditional Zoning (RA-CZ) for a Group Care Facility, owned by Grace Community Center, Inc. as recorded by Deed Book 2242 Page 506.

6. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

There were no quasi-judicial hearings.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Planning - Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization Population Projections - Update

Planning Director Ruth Pedersen provided updates from the Office of State Budget Management on population estimates for the Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO). At the January 14, 2026, Board of Commissioners Work Session, the Board approved a 1.5% growth rate for the county to report back to SMPO for use in their Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Since then, the Office of State Budget and Management revised population projections for Moore County in 2055, which were previously aligned with what would have been estimated when combining the SMPO area and the county, but are now substantially lower.

Ms. Pedersen brought this item back to give the Board the opportunity to discuss and make recommendations on whether to change their estimates or keep the 1.5% previously approved.

Commissioner Adams commented that the Board discussed this at length during their work session and does not want to be on the low side of what finally occurs, favoring keeping the 1.5%.

Commissioner Von Canon agreed to keep the 1.5% and considered it conservative.

Commissioner Cook agreed to keep the 1.5%.

Chairman Picerno favored keeping the 1.5%. He emphasized it was a math equation - 1.5% of 50,000 people is different than 1.5% of 100,000 people, which explains increased traffic even though the percentage growth rate has stayed between 1.2-1.5%, except for the COVID year when Moore County actually had a decline in growth. He noted history drives his forward-looking decisions, preferring to see what has happened rather than guess what will happen.

The Board took no action, maintaining its previously approved 1.5% growth rate.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Planning - Board Order, Special Use Permit and Approval of a Preliminary Plat: "Holly Grove Pines Subdivision"

Planning Director Ruth Pedersen presented a request for the Board's approval of the Board Order of the Special Use Permit and preliminary plat approved by the Board of County Commissioners during their regularly meeting on February 17, 2026, for "Holly Grove Pines Subdivision" for a new conventional major subdivision, containing 25 lots, on one parcel containing 51.19 acres, located on Holly Grove School Road, West End, NC (part of PID 00013191), owned by Rhetson Development LLC., per Deed Book 6431, Pages 58-65.

The Board Order includes two conditions made by the Board and agreed to by the applicant: manufactured homes shall be prohibited within the subdivision, and a buffer shall be installed around the mail kiosk to prevent light from reaching adjacent properties.

Chairman Picerno clarified the difference between manufactured homes and modular homes, noting that modular homes will be allowed as they are basically stick-built.

Commissioner Cook asked whether the word "buffer" might require clarification to avoid future issues. Ms. Pedersen explained she had heard from the applicant's engineer, who is planning a 20-foot-wide vegetative buffer, and that the UDO includes the buffer types.
Commissioner Adams asked if there had been any additional neighbor concerns, and Ms. Pedersen indicated there had not.

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Board Order of the Special Use Permit and preliminary plat approved by the Board of County commissioners during their regularly scheduled meeting February 17, 2026, for "Holly Grove Pines Subdivision" for a new conventional major subdivision, containing 25 lots, on one parcel containing 51.19 acres, located on Holly Grove School Road, West End, NC (part of PID 00013191), owned by Rhetson Development LLC., per Deed Book 6431, Pages 58-65. *The Board Order is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix C.*

B. Planning - Condition of Approval Written Consent, Special Use Permit and Approval of a Preliminary Plat: "Holly Grove Pines Subdivision"
Ms. Pedersen presented a request for the Board to approve the Condition of Approval written consent of the Special Use Permit and preliminary plat approved by the Board of County Commissioners during their regular meeting on February 17, 2026, for "Holly Grove Pines Subdivision," a conventional major subdivision containing 25 lots, on one parcel containing 51.19 acres located on Holly Grove School Road, West End, NC (part of PID 00013191), owned by Rhetson Development LLC., per Deed Book 6431, Pages 58-65.

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to approve the condition of approval written consent of the Special Use Permit and preliminary plat approved by the Board of County Commissioners during their regularly scheduled meeting on February 17, 2026, for "Holly Grove Pines Subdivision," a conventional major subdivision containing 25 lots, on one parcel containing 51.19 acres located on Holly Grove School Road, West End, NC (part of PID 00013191), owned by Rhetson Development LLC., per Deed Book 6431, Pages 58-65. *The condition is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix D.*

C. Information Technology - Hosted County Phone Service Contract Amendment
IT Director Kay Ingram presented a request for approval of a Contract Amendment with True IP Solutions, LLC to extend the five-year contract entered into on July 1, 2021, by an additional five years.
The County completed a migration, moving departments from the on-premises phone solution to the hosted voice-over-IP (VoIP) service. Additionally, hosted phone service was implemented in remote locations with a supporting internet connection. Ms. Ingram stated they are currently actively migrating traditional fax services to VoIP fax services in preparation for the retirement of copper phone lines by the telecommunications companies.
Historically, they have experienced about a 4% increase as phone services have

been added and migrated. The financial impact of the five-year contract amendment is calculated with an annual 4% increase, with the total amendment not to exceed $314,571.

Chairman Picerno asked about the agenda item showing a 10-year contract not to exceed $719,708.93, and Ms. Ingram clarified that this represented the previous five years plus the next five years. Chairman Picerno confirmed this would be budgeted in fiscal year 2027.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to execute the 5-year contract amendment with True IP Solutions, LLC for continued hosted voice over IP (VoIP) service through June 2031. *The amendment is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix E.*

D. <u>Public Works - Award of Contract for Evaluation of the Crystal Lake / Little River Water Supply Alternative</u>

Public Works Director Brian Patnode presented a request for the Board to award the contract to LKC Engineering, PLLC, for the evaluation of the Crystal Lake/Little River Water Supply Alternative.

Four proposals were received from qualified firms. A selection committee of staff members evaluated, interviewed, and ranked the firms, with LKC Engineering selected as the most qualified to move into the next phase - a preliminary engineering report, 10% design looking at Crystal Lake, additional survey, topology analysis of the volume and safe yield of the reservoir, and design of intake structures and moving on to a water treatment plant in the area.

The project was originally going to be funded through Public Utilities Engineering Services, but a new fund (Fund 415) will be set up - Crystal Lake Capital Project Fund - that will be presented at the next board meeting, along with the actual contract with LKC Engineering, as they are finalizing scope and fees.

Commissioner Adams asked if this allows them to stay on track when they can expect a final report from LKC Engineering. Mr. Patnode confirmed that one of the criteria in the process was how quickly they could decide on Crystal Lake and its viability. The initial schedule is still to finish the analysis by June.

The Chairman asked the county attorney about any conflict with Commissioner Von Canon on this item, and she indicated they would exclude him from the vote.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Commissioner Adams, discussion followed. Chairman Picerno asked about cost estimates, and Mr. Patnode indicated that it would be at the next board meeting but believed the contract cost would be over $50,000 (which requires going out for RFQs), probably closer to $100,000. He confirmed they have funds available and will set up the project ordinance with those funds at the next meeting. After discussion, **the Board voted 4-0, with Chairman Von Canon being excluded from the vote, to award the contract to LKC Engineering, PLLC for the evaluation of the Crystal Lake / Little River Water Supply Alternative.**

E. <u>Transportation - FY26 5339 Capital Grant LTV Van Purchase Contract Approval</u>

Transportation Director Sonia Biggs requested approval of a contract to purchase three LTV vans as part of the FY2026 Bus and Bus Facility Grant Program award. The purchase will include three LTV's (Light Transit Vehicle) w-lift at $337,543.83.

Moore County Transportation Services (MCTS) received funding through the FY2026 Bus and Bus Facility Grant Program to purchase three replacement LTV vans, which have exceeded their useful life. This grant was approved by the Board of Commissioners on September 17, 2024.

The grant funding award of $1,149,110.00 will provide funding for seven transit vans and three LTV van purchases, as well as additional costs as outlined within the request; 80% federal funding ($919,288.00), 10% State funding ($114,911.00), and a 10% local match ($114,911). The $1,149,110 is budgeted in the MCTS expense account. The 10% local match will be paid through contract user fees. The three LTV vans will be paid for from Capital Outlay.

Other costs associated with the purchase of the LTV vans will include 3% taxes of $10,126.31, insurance of $6,989.43, tags of $18.00, decals of $1,275.00, camera removal and installation of $1,689.00, for a total cost of $20,097.74. The total cost is $357,641.57.

The Chairman asked about what appeared to be a typo in the expense account, showing a $1,149,110 budget when the expense is $114,911. Ms. Biggs clarified that it is the full cost of the grant, and they will outlay that money and be reimbursed for the 80% federal and 10% state portions.

Commissioner Adams noted the Transportation Board reviewed and approved this request a few weeks ago.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of (3) LTV vans as part of the FY2026 Bus and Bus Facility Grant Program award and authorize the chair to execute the contract to purchase through Model 1 Commercial Vehicles in the amount of $337,543.83.

F. Transportation - FY26 5339 Capital Grant Van Purchases Contract Approval

Transportation Director Sonia Biggs presented a request for the Board to approve a contract to purchase seven transit vans as part of the FY2026 Bus and Bus Facility Grant Program award. The purchase will include seven Transit vans w-lift at $724,750.32.

Moore County Transportation Services (MCTS) received funding through the FY2026 Bus and Bus Facility Grant Program to purchase seven replacement transit vans, which have exceeded their useful life. This grant was approved by the Board of Commissioners on September 17, 2024.

The grant award of $1,149,110.00 will fund seven transit and three LTV van purchases, as well as additional costs as outlined in the request: 80% Fed - $919,288.00, 10% State - $114,911.00, and a 10% local match - $114,911.00. The funds are currently available in the FY2026 Bus and Bus Facility Grant Program in MCTS expense Capital Outlay account. The 10% local match will be paid through contract user fees.

Other costs associated with the purchase of the transit van will include 3% taxes of $21,742.51, insurance of $16,308.67, tags of $42.00, decals of $2,975.00, camera removal and installation of $3,941.00, for a total cost of $45,009.18. The total cost is $769,759.50.

Chairman Picerno emphasized that the 10% local match comes from user fees, not county taxpayers.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Von Canon, seconded by Commissioner Adams, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of (7) transit vans as part of the FY2026 Bus and Bus Facility Grant Program award and authorize the chair to execute the contract to purchase through Model 1 Commercial Vehicles in the amount of $724,750.32.

G. Finance - Budget Amendment Related to Sheriff Forensic Facility

Finance Director Caroline Xiong presented a request for the Board to approve the budget amendment related to the Sheriff Forensic Facility Capital Project (Fund 438). On September 16, 2025, the Board approved the establishment of the Capital Project Ordinance for the Sheriff Forensic Facility (Fund 438).

The County will transfer a total of $4,000,000 from the General Fund to the Sheriff Forensic Facility Capital Project using limited obligation bond proceeds reimbursement from the Courthouse Project. The County was reimbursed for the $2,248,700 in interest payments made during the construction of the new courthouse. Once the construction was completed, $673,525 was also reimbursed to the County for the debt payment made on December 1, 2025, and the remaining amount of $1,077,775 will be transferred at the end of the year once the County is reimbursed for the next debt payment that will be made on June 1, 2026, for the Courthouse Project.

Chairman Picerno asked about legal issues, since this was a limited-obligation bond, usually backed by the building itself, and this is not part of the courthouse. Ms. Xiong explained that limited-obligation bonds have more flexibility, as long as they are for county or public-purpose capital projects, and there should be no legal issues.

Sheriff Ronnie Fields thanked the Board for the project, explaining it would help not only Moore County citizens but the entire region. He stated that building the forensic unit will advance DNA profiling more quickly, help prosecute individuals more quickly, and they are looking at toxicology reports to speed up DWIs and other cases through the court system. The Sheriff explained they are currently working in the basement in confined quarters with electronics, and this will expand on that work. He said they are working with a member of the State Bureau of Investigation, and they have been assured that they can continue that working relationship. Sheriff Fields confirmed that, after visiting several facilities, the planned two- or three-bay facility will help advance vehicle processing.

Commissioner Adams asked about expansion capability, and the Sheriff confirmed they are working with architects and have an area picked out for expansion if needed.

Ms. Xiong clarified they are not drawing down limited obligation bond proceeds based on additional construction related to the forensic facility – they have already drawn down based on debt payments related to the courthouse, which is why the money is in the general fund being transferred to forensics.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to approve the budget amendment related to the Sheriff Forensic Facility. *The budget amendment* *is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix F.*

9. APPOINTMENTS

A. Board of Commissioners - Review of Upcoming Appointments for March 17, 2026 Regular Meeting

Clerk to the Board, Jennifer Parks, explained that, in an effort to inform the Board of upcoming appointments sooner, she has added the upcoming Convention and Visitors Bureau appointment to the agenda for review, giving the Board more time to consider who they wish to appoint. The actual appointment for the CVB Board will be made at the March 17, 2026, regular meeting.

B. Tax - Appointments to the Tax Board of Equalization and Review (E&R)

At the request of Tax Administrator Gary Briggs, the Board took the following actions regarding the Tax Board of Equalization and Review (E&R).

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Adams, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Alex Horne to the Tax Board of E&R as a full-time board member.

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Andy Wilkison to the Tax Board of E&R as a full-time board member.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Von Canon, seconded by Chairman Picerno, the Board voted unanimously to appoint William Zell as an alternate board member to the Tax Board of E&R.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Susan Adams as the Chairperson of the Tax Board of E&R for the 2026-2027 session.

10. ADDITIONAL AGENDA

There were no additional agenda items.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

John Taylor offered comments.

12. MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Wayne Vest noted that it was primary election night and there was still time to vote, encouraging everyone to exercise their privilege to vote.

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Cook emphasized that the world changed on Saturday and is now in a state of conflict/war. He noted that the support everyone must show for the president and legislative supporters must be solid and forthright. In his neighborhood, parking spots are very empty because many people are deployed in Moore County and Cumberland County, such as his wife, whose station has been hit twice by drones. He requested a proclamation be sent to the legislators in Raleigh showing Moore County's overwhelming support for the president and all military service members and contractors in harm's way.

Commissioner Adams offered thoughts and prayers for Commissioner Cook's wife. He congratulated staff for moving forward with the LKC Engineering contract for the Crystal Lake reservoir project, noting continued public interest. He expressed concern that elected representatives in Raleigh were not present to hear about early voting issues. Over the 17 days of early voting, very few people voted in the first week, with most voting in the last week. Workers stood in the cold and rain in late February/early March. He hopes representatives will work in the next legislative session to shorten this period and potentially move it to a month with more friendly weather. He thanked folks working for candidates and the board of elections staff who sat with little to do, especially in the first week. The Chairman asked whether he would support a resolution to be sent to the legislators to reduce the number of early-voting days, and Commissioner Adams confirmed that he would.

Commissioner Von Canon said he would be glad when the election was over, noting he had not seen campaigning this negative in a long time, expressing a wish that candidates would focus on the positive things they plan to accomplish rather than engaging in negativity. He reemphasized Commissioner Cook's points about what is happening in the world today. He asked everyone to keep soldiers, airmen, marines, and everyone in prayers, noting they are doing good things and are in harm's way, hoping it ends quickly. He reminded everyone to say their prayers and ended his comments with, "God Bless America."

Commissioner Ritter expressed thankfulness for the men and women willing to volunteer to serve the country and defend freedom and liberty around the world. He noted that Election Day was the perfect day to thank them, especially for what they are going through now, and everyone should keep them in their prayers. He said everyone should be thankful for their commitment to service, which allows the United States to hold free elections and choose leaders, calling it a gift from God. He appreciated Pinehurst Mayor Pro Tem John Taylor sharing statistics during public comment and encouraging the Board's efforts to plan ahead.

Chairman Picerno expressed excitement about the forensic facility, calling it a turning point for the area. Having gone through a personal need to get a toxicology report quickly, he noted it took a long time. Having that function locally and available throughout the area will be tremendous for law enforcement, emphasizing that their number one responsibility is to give the sheriff the tools needed to keep folks safe. He recognized the interim superintendent of Moore County Schools, Jenny Purvis, and all others in attendance.

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)(5) to establish or instruct staff regarding the price and other material terms for the acquisition of real property at 6:26pm.

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to come out of closed session and seal the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the March 3, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners at 6:47pm.

Chairman Nick Picerno

Clerk to the Board Jennifer Parks

COUNTY OF MOORE
CORPORATE
SEAL
NORTH CAROLINA

Fiscal Year 2025/2026

	Budget Line Item Number		Budgeted Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget
	Health - NC DHHS Division of Public Health				
Revenue	10033071 35008	Family Planning Grant	161,315	(2,890)	158,425
Expense	10039049 52304	Family Planning Expenditure	141,236	(2,890)	138,346

Approved this 3 day of March, 2026

Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

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
		Property Management - Insurance Reimbursement			
Revenue	10018000 36053	Insurance Proceeds	95,550	33,364	128,914
Expense	10047087 54250	Accident Repairs	128,050	33,364	161,414

Approved this 3 day of March, 2026

Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

COUNTY OF MOORE CORPORATE SEAL NORTH CAROLINA

Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

Fiscal Year 2025/2026

	Budget Line Item Number		Budgeted Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget
	Cooperative Extension - Fees				
Revenue	24024020 32520	Agricultural	13,842	1,176	15,018
Expense	24025020 53254	Agricultural	11,842	1,176	13,018

Approved this 3 day of March, 2026

Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

COUNTY OF MOORE CORPORATE SEAL NORTH CAROLINA

90006

Fiscal Year 2025/2026

	Budget Line Item Number		Budgeted Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget
	Public Safety - Insurance Reimbursement				
Revenue	20018000 36053	Insurance Reimbursements	-	70,600	70,600
Expense	20048000 52601	Operating Supplies	378,500	45,000	423,500
Expense	20048000 53872	Professional Services	83,300	21,500	104,800
Expense	20048000 53200	Telephone	26,000	4,100	30,100

Approved this 3 day of March, 2026

Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

COUNTY OF MOORE CORPORATE SEAL NORTH CAROLINA

90009

MOORE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING & APPROVING RETAIL MALT BEVERAGE AND FORTIFIED WINE LICENSES

WHEREAS, The Moore County Board of Commissioners has the authority to review the licenses of establishments retailing malt beverages and fortified wine within its jurisdiction, under *North Carolina General Statutes 105.113.77 and 105.113.78,* and

WHEREAS the aforementioned review must occur annually and

WHEREAS there have been no complaints filed of malfeasance or misfeasance on any of the individuals or businesses hereinafter listed, for the 2026-2027 license year,

THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the Moore County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the licenses of the following establishments for the license year 2026-2027.

Adopted this on the 3rd day of March 2026

Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

COUNTY OF MOORE
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Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF MOORE

BEFORE THE MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO.: ______________.

Applicant: Rhetson Companies, Inc.

BOARD ORDER OF FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT

ParID: 00013191

THIS CAUSE, being heard by the Moore County Board of Commissioners on February 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor Meeting Room, Carthage, NC for a quasi-judicial hearing on Rhetson Companies, Inc.'s application for a Special Use Permit and approval of a preliminary plat: "Holly Grove Pines Subdivision" for a new conventional major subdivision, containing 25 lots, on one parcel containing 51.19 acres, located on Holly Grove School Road, West End, NC (part of PID 00013191), owned by Rhetson Development LLC, per Deed Book 6431, Pages 58-65. The Moore County Board of Commissioners has proper jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter, and the parties are properly before the Moore County Board of Commissioners. After reviewing the documents of record and hearing from all parties and witnesses, the Board of Commissioners by sufficient evidence and based on the standards and the Unified Development/Zoning Ordinance of Moore County, NC enters the following order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That all parties were notified of the hearing; and

2. That the Applicant is Rhetson Companies, Inc.; and

3. That the property owner is Rhetson Development, LLC; and

4. That all witnesses were sworn and testified, which witnesses were Ruth Pedersen, Planning Director Moore County; Riana Smith, Smith Bowers, PLLC, Applicant's Attorney; Greg Stewart, Rhetson Companies, Inc., Applicant; Donald Sever, Bowman Consulting Group, Applicant's Professional Engineer; Elizabeth Giri, Village Appraisers, LLC, Applicant's Real Estate Appraiser; Margaret Boor, Rachael Pratte, and Sarah Casey; and

5. Attorney Riana Smith with Smith Bowers, PLLC represented the Applicant. Attorney Smith summarized her client's case and tendered Donald Sever of Bowman Consulting Group, and Elizabeth Giri of Village Appraisers, LLC as expert witnesses; and

6. The Applicant requested approval of a Special Use Permit and approval of a preliminary plat; and

7. The property is zoned Rural Agricultural-Urban Service Boundary and allows major conventional subdivisions upon the issuance of a Special Use Permit; and

8. A site plan was provided that satisfied the requirements of the Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO)".

9. That the proposed site details are as follows:

Zoning Classification	Rural Agricultural Urban Service Boundary (RA-USB)
Acreage	51.19 acres
Total Lots	25
Open Space	3.09 acres
Watershed	N/A
Maximum Built Upon Area Per Lot	N/A
Floodplain	N/A
Voluntary Ag District Parcels within a half mile	Yes
Historical Use	Vacant

10. The proposed preliminary plat meets all the requirements of the Unified Development Ordinance Section 19.7 Major Subdivisions – Preliminary Plat Submittal and Review.

11. The applicant agreed to the following conditions below at the quasi-judicial hearing and agrees to sign a written document stating the same:

    a. Manufactured homes shall be prohibited within the subdivision; and
    b. A buffer shall be installed around the mail kiosk to prevent light from reaching the adjacent properties.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing findings of fact the Moore County Board of Commissioners makes the following conclusions of law with respect to the requested Special Use Permit:

1. The use will not materially endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed and developed according to plan. **The proposed major conventional subdivision is consistent with the uses in the area and therefore does not pose danger to life or property.**

2. The use meets all required conditions and specifications and a site plan was presented and entered into evidence that satisfied the requirements of the UDO.. **Specifically, the proposed use meets UDO regulations, Section 19.7 Major Subdivisions – Preliminary Plat Submittal and Review.**

3. The use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property unless the use is a public necessity. **Elizabeth Giri, real estate appraiser, provided expert testimony during the quasi-judicial hearing that the use would not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property.**

4. The use will be in harmony with the surrounding area and compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. **Due to the use being a major subdivision and being near existing major subdivisions, the use is in harmony with the surrounding area.**

5. The use will be in general conformity with the approved Moore County Land Use Plan. **The proposed location is identified as Rural Agricultural Urban Service Boundary on the Future Land Use Map within the 2025 Moore County Land Use Plan. Major subdivisions are allowed in the RA-USB zoning district. The proposed use is reflected in the goals of the Moore County Land Use Plan: Action 1.6.1 "Allow new developments that utilize existing or planned infrastructure that preserves open space and important historical, natural, and cultural features." The proposed use as a major subdivision is in conformity with the Moore County Land Use Plan.**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

The Special Use Permit request of Rhetson Companies is hereby GRANTED for the reasons stated above. The Special Use Permit shall expire (2) years from the date of issuance unless the proposed development is pursued as set forth in the Moore County Unified Development Ordinance. Continued compliance with the original site plan and this permit issued by the Board shall entitle applicants to the continued use of the property.

A copy of this Board Order shall be filed with the Clerk of the County of Moore, and a copy of such order shall be served by certified mail, return receipt to the Applicant, Rhetson Companies, and shall be served by means of certified mail, return receipt requested upon any person specifically requesting service of the same.

So ORDERED this the 3rd day of March 2026.

Nick Picerno, Chair
Moore County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Jennifer Parks
Jennifer Parks, Clerk to the Board

COUNTY OF MOORE CORPORATE SEAL NORTH CAROLINA

County of Moore
Planning and Inspections

Inspections/Permitting:
(910) 947-2221
Planning: (910) 947-5010

February 26, 2026

RHETSON COMPANIES
ATTN: BRIAN CLODFELTER
2075 JUNIPER LAKE RD
WEST END, NC 27376

Re: Special Use Permit for Holly Grove Pines Subdivision – Parcel ID 00013191

Dear Mr. Clodfelter (Applicant),

On Tuesday, February 17, 2026, the Moore County Board of Commissioners approved your request for a Special Use Permit and approved the preliminary plat: "Holly Grove Pines Subdivision" for a conventional major subdivision containing 25 lots, on one parcel containing 51.19 acres, located on Holly Grove School Road, West End, NC (part of PID 00013191), with the following conditions:

1. Manufactured homes shall be prohibited within the subdivision
2. A buffer shall be installed around the mail kiosk to prevent light from reaching the adjacent properties.

Section 10.10.D of the Moore County Unified Development Ordinance (Conditions of Approval) states all conditions of approval shall be consented to, in writing, by all owners of land or applicants subject to the conditions.

Please sign and date if you consent to the conditions as stated above.

Sincerely,

Signed by:
Ruth Pedersen
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Ruth Pedersen
Moore County | Planning Director

Signed by:
Brian Clodfelter
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Brian Clodfelter, Chief Executive Officer, Rhetson Companies

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1

COUNTY OF MOORE

This Contract Amendment No. 1 (this "Amendment"), is made this 20th day of January 2026, between the County of Moore (the "County") and True IP Solutions, LLC (the "Contractor").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the County and Contractor previously entered into an Agreement on June 1, 2021, which was to manage a phone system that is a cloud-hosted VOIP service model (the "Original Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, due to the need for continued service, the County and Contractor now desire to both amend the Original Agreement to extend and term of the contract from June 30, 2026 to June 30, 2031 and also to increase the amount not to exceed by $314,571.00 from $405,137.93 to $719,708.93.

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

1. The first sentence of Section 2 of the Original Agreement will be amended to read, "The term of this Contract is from June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2031."

2. The first two sentences of Section 3 of the Original Agreement will be amended to read, "During the term of this Contract, the Contractor will receive from the County an amount not to exceed $3,000.00 for June 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021; $129,402.90 for fiscal year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022; $62,242.55 for fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023; $61,085.83 for fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024; $61,307.54 for fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 3025; $61,594.76 for fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026; $58,078.00 for fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027; $60,402.00 for fiscal year July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028; $62,818.00 for fiscal year July 1, 2028 – June 30, 2029; $65,330.00 for fiscal year July 1, 2029 – June 30, 2030; and $67,943.00 for fiscal year July 1, 2030 – June 30, 2031. The combined ten-year total for the contract is $719,708.93 including tax."

3. Except as provided for by this Amendment, the Original Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

The parties have expressed their agreement to these terms by causing this Contract 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:
Nick Picerno
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Nick Picerno, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

TRUE IP SOLUTIONS, LLC.

Signed by:
Albert Steed
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Albert Steed, President

ATTEST:

Signed by:
Jennifer Parks
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Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

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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

Fiscal Year 2025/2026

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

Financial Services - Bond Proceeds - Courthouse Project

Revenue	10019056 32949 DEBT	Transfer From Court Project	-	1,751,300	1,751,300
Revenue	10019056 32949 INTDE	Transfer From Court Project	-	2,248,700	2,248,700
Expense	10036056 56354	Transfer To Sheriff Forensic Facility	-	4,000,000	4,000,000

Approved this 3 day of March, 2026

Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

COUNTY OF MOORE CORPORATE SEAL NORTH CAROLINA