



Moore County Board of Commissioners

May 5, 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

Reverend Jesse Hentzell offered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant County Manager/Human Resources Director Dawn Gilbert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to move the Public Comment Period to Agenda Item 1.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public comments were offered by Rick Hutchinson.

2. ADDITIONAL AGENDA

There were no additional agenda items.

Chairman Picerno asked whether any commissioner had a conflict of interest regarding the agenda items, and none were declared.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to approve all consent agenda items below. The resolution regarding the Buggy Festival, budget amendments, and the planning board by-laws amendment are hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendices A, B, and C.

A. Board of Commissioners - Special Meeting Minutes, April 14, 2026

- B. Board of Commissioners - Special Meeting Minutes, April 20, 2026
- C. Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting Minutes, April 21, 2026
- D. Administration - Interlocal Agreement for the Buggy Festival
- E. Administration - Notification to JCPC regarding Moore County Youth Services
- F. Finance - Budget Amendments
- G. Planning - Moore County Planning Board By-Laws, Amendment to Article 5 (Meetings) #1
- H. Soil and Water - Division of Soil and Water Conservation Agreement Amendment with the Moore County Soil and Water District
- I. Sheriff - Detention Center Medical Plan
- J. Sheriff - Securitas Technology Corporation Sole Source Form Court Facility

4. RECOGNITIONS

- A. Social Services - Proclamation for Foster Parent Appreciation Month 2026
Tyronda Everett, with the Moore County Department of Social Services, presented a proclamation proclaiming May 2026 as Foster Parent Appreciation Month in Moore County. The proclamation recognized that 79 children in Moore County are currently in custody and receiving care through foster families, and acknowledged the vital role foster parents play in helping children heal, reconnect with families, and launch into successful adulthood. Chairman Picerno offered personal remarks highlighting the profound impact foster parents have on children in need.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to proclaim May as Foster Parent Appreciation Month 2026. The proclamation is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix D.

- B. Board of Commissioners - Proclamation Recognizing Professional Clerks to the Boards of County Commissioners Week
Chairman Picerno read a proclamation recognizing May 3–9, 2026 as Professional Clerks to the Board of County Commissioners Week, and specifically honoring Clerk to the Board Jenny Parks. The proclamation recognized the clerk's role as a communication link between citizens, the governing board, and county departments, and acknowledged the importance of the position in maintaining the board's accountability to the public. Several Commissioners offered personal remarks commending Ms. Parks for her dedication, responsiveness, and professionalism. Commissioners noted her seamless transition into the role and her consistent support in keeping board members informed and prepared.

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a Proclamation Recognizing

May 3-9, 2026, as Professional Clerks to the Boards of County

Commissioners Week. *The proclamation is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix E.*

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Administration - Moore County Schools - Presentation of the FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget Request

Interim Superintendent Jenny Purvis, Moore County Schools Board Chair Dr. Robin Calcutt, and Chief Finance Officer Tina Edmonds presented the FY 2026–2027 proposed budget request for Moore County Schools. *The presentation is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix F.*

Dr. Calcutt offered introductory remarks on behalf of the Board of Education, noting that the budget represents the interests of nearly 13,000 students in Moore County. Ms. Purvis outlined the district's vision, mission, and core beliefs, noting that Moore County Schools currently ranks seventh in the state in grade-level proficiency and is the county's second-largest employer.

Ms. Purvis emphasized that the proposed budget reflects a conservative approach, with no programmatic expansions, and is focused entirely on maintaining current service levels and addressing fixed-cost increases. The district acknowledged that, as the state budget has not yet been passed, some figures are estimated based on historical trends.

Ms. Edmonds presented the detailed financial figures. For FY 2025–26, total enrollment in Moore County Public Schools stands at 14,429 students, of whom 12,917 are enrolled in Moore County Schools and 1,512 in charter schools. She shared key budget elements, and they are included in the attached presentation. The proposed total FY 2026–2027 budget across all funds is \$167,714,140. The total projected county allotment is \$42,120,395.

During discussion, Chairman Picerno clarified that the budget was presented on an "as-is" basis and does not reflect the anticipated transition of School Resource Officers from the schools' campus police to the Moore County Sheriff's Office. He noted that the cost of the SRO program would be borne by the Board of Commissioners and would not come from Moore County Schools' budget. He also addressed the subject of fund balances, asking for clarification on whether they represent unspent appropriations rather than a designated savings account.

Ms. Edmonds stated this is correct and noted that fund balance fluctuations in prior years were potentially attributable to unfilled staff vacancies.

Commissioner Cook inquired about the fines and forfeitures revenue line, and Ms. Edmonds confirmed the \$450,000 figure is a budgeted estimate based on historical receipts.

Commissioner Adams commended the district for its ranking seventh in the state, and Ms. Purvis credited classroom teachers and principals for those results, expressing the board's ambition to continue climbing the rankings each year.

Commissioner Ritter thanked the district for working with the Board of Commissioners on their budget and thanked the Board of Commissioners for being committed to education and the children of Moore County.

Vice Chairman Von Canon thanked the district for all they do and looks forward to the Sheriff's Office working with them on the SRO positions.

Commissioner Cook encouraged the district to maintain robust teacher recruiting and retention programs. Ms. Purvis confirmed active efforts, including a job fair in April that drew over 100 attendees, and noted the importance of the district's beginning teacher program for supporting educators from nontraditional pathways.

Chairman Picerno closed the discussion by thanking Moore County Schools for a pleasant working experience on their budget.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. GIS/IT - Call to Public Hearing - Amendment to the Road Name and Addressing Ordinance to Add Four Roads

GIS Coordinator Rachel Smith presented the request, noting a correction to the date in the agenda packet. She requested that a public hearing be called for June 2, 2026, at 5:30 PM to consider an amendment to the Moore County Road Name and Addressing Ordinance to add four privately maintained road names: Goldenfield Road, Hidden Pines Way, Retreat Trail, and Whispering Ridge.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to call a public hearing for May 19, 2026, to consider amendments to the Moore County Road Name and Addressing Ordinance to add four (4) roads to the ordinance. Adding GOLDENFIELD RD, HIDDEN PINES WAY, RETREAT TRL, and WHISPERING RDG.

Commissioner Ritter moved to amend his motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to call a public hearing for June 2, 2026, to consider amendments to the Moore County Road Name and Addressing Ordinance to add four (4) roads to the ordinance. Adding GOLDENFIELD RD, HIDDEN PINES WAY, RETREAT TRL, and WHISPERING

B. Planning - Call to Public Hearing to consider Unified Development Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 6 (Table of Uses), Section 6.1 (Principal Use Table)

Senior Planner Danielle Orloff presented a request to call a public hearing to amend Chapter 6 (Table of Uses), Section 6.1 (Principal Use Table) of the Moore County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), to allow Beauty/Barber Shop/ and Nail Salon to be a permitted by right use in the Neighborhood Business (B-1) zoning district. Staff determined that this use category had been inadvertently omitted from the B-1 column during the 2022 UDO rewrite. The Planning Board voted 5-0 to find the amendment consistent with the Moore County Land Use Plan and 5-0 to recommend approval.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Von Canon, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on June 2, 2026 for an amendment to the Moore County Unified Development Ordinance Chapter 6 (Table of Uses), Section 6.1 (Principal Use Table) of the Moore County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), to allow Beauty/Barber Shop/ and Nail Salon to be a permitted by right use in the Neighborhood Business (B-1) zoning district.

C. Planning - Call to Public Hearing to consider Unified Development Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 6 (Table of Uses), to add Section 6.2.C.- (Accessory Uses and Structures, General Standards for all Secondary Uses and Structures, (Exemptions) and adjust numbering

Senior Planner Orloff presented a request to call for a public hearing to amend the Moore County Unified Development Ordinance Chapter 6 (Table of Uses), to add Section 6.2.C.- (Accessory Uses and Structures, General Standards for all Secondary Uses and Structures, (Exemptions) and adjust numbering. The Planning Board voted 4-1 that the amendment was inconsistent with the Land Use Plan but voted 5-0 to recommend approval with modified language specifying that the exemption applies to emergency services, EMS, fire, life safety, and public safety facilities.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Von Canon, seconded by Commissioner Adams, the Board voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on May 19, 2026, for an amendment, to the Moore County Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 6 (Table of Uses), to add Section 6.2.C.- (Accessory Uses and Structures, General Standards for all Secondary Uses and Structures, (Exemptions) and adjust numbering.

D. Planning - Call to Public Hearing to consider Unified Development Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 5 - Dimensional Standards, Section 5.1 (Table of Area and Setbacks) Table of Dimensional Requirements.

Senior Planner Orloff presented a request to call a public hearing to consider Unified Development Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 5 - Dimensional Standards, Section 5.1 (Table of Area and Setbacks) Table of Dimensional Requirements. This amendment would reduce accessory structure minimum front setbacks from 40 feet to 30 feet in all residential zoning districts, with the exception of the RA and RA-USB districts, which retain a 10-foot front setback. This amendment was identified as a necessary companion to a principal structure setback reduction approved at the prior meeting. The Planning Board voted 5-0 to find the amendment consistent with the Land Use Plan and 5-0 to recommend approval, with the modification to also retain the existing 10-foot setback for RA-USB.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Chairman Picerno, the Board voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on May 19, 2026, for an amendment, to the Moore County Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 5 - Dimensional Standards, Section 5.1 (Table of Area and Setbacks) Table of Dimensional Requirements, that reduces the accessory structure minimum front setbacks in all residential zoning districts from 40 ft to 30 ft, except for Rural Agricultural (RA).

Chairman Picerno noted that the call to date for Public Hearing Item B was incorrect and should have been May 19, 2026.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Von Canon to amend his motion, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to call for a public hearing on May 19, 2026, for an amendment to the Moore County Unified Development Ordinance Chapter 6 (Table of Uses), Section 6.1 (Principal Use Table) of the Moore County Unified Development Ordinance

(UDO), to allow Beauty/Barber Shop/ and Nail Salon to be a permitted by right use in the Neighborhood Business (B-1) zoning district.

7. QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

There were no quasi-judicial hearings.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sheriff - Securitas Technology Corporation Sole Source Form and Contract for Detention Center

Major Bill Flint presented a request for the Board to approve Securitas Technologies Corporation as a sole source provider for detention center security systems and to approve a five-year service agreement. The agreement covers video management software, upgrades, and service requests. The five-year contract amount is \$198,000 (\$39,600 annually).

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to approve the sole source form with Securitas Technology Corporation and the contract with Securitas Technology Corporation and authorize the Chair to sign all documents associated with this item.

B. Sheriff - Approval of Contract with Moseley Architects for Architectural Services - Forensics Facility

Major Eric Galloway presented two related requests concerning the planned Moore County Sheriff's Forensic Facility. He explained that forensic services have grown into various spaces across the agency and that the need exists to consolidate and expand those services. The proposed facility is expected to be approximately 7,000 square feet and will be located near the Rick Ryan Public Safety Center.

This contract establishes the scope of professional services to be provided by the architect, including schematic design, design development, preparation of construction documents, assistance with bidding, and construction phase administration.

The project is currently being developed with an estimated construction cost of approximately \$3,330,000. (Overall budget for the project is \$4,000,000.)

Approval of this contract will allow the project to move forward into the design phase, where the scope, layout, and cost will be further defined and refined.

In response to Board questions, Major Galloway outlined the anticipated community benefit: the facility will unify existing forensic services and allow for expansion into ballistic analysis, evidence testing, and enhanced digital forensics. It will also accelerate turnaround times for local municipalities and expand the agency's capacity to combat Internet Crimes Against Children.

Commissioners expressed strong support, with Commissioner Von Canon noting the potential for faster case resolution in the courts and Commissioner Cook suggesting the possibility of future internship programs for college students.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Architectural Services Agreement (contract) between Moore County and Moseley Architects for the Moore County Sheriff's Forensic Services Facility, and to authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement on behalf of the County.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Sheriff Forensic Facility (Fund 438) Capital Project Ordinance Revision #1 and authorize the Chairman to sign. *The capital project ordinance revision 1 is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix G.*

C. Administration - Workers Compensation and Liability & Property Proposals with NCACC Risk Management Pool

Assistant County Manager/Human Resources Director Dawn Gilbert presented the FY 2026–2027 insurance renewal proposals from the NCACC Risk Management Pool. Moore County's Workers' Compensation and Liability and Property Insurance coverage is currently through the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Joint Risk Management Agency.

The current Workers' Compensation premium is \$203,897. The proposed premium for FY 26/27 is \$203,792, which is a decrease of \$105.

The current Liability and Property premium is \$1,255,333. The proposed premium for FY 26/27 is \$1,340,602, which is an increase of \$85,269.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY 26/27 proposals with NCACC Risk Management Pool for Workers Compensation and Liability & Property Coverage and authorize the Chair to sign all necessary documents.

D. Administration - Request for Lottery Fund Draw

Dr. Pam Patterson, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Operations for Moore County Schools, presented a request for a \$1,500,000 draw from the state Repair and Renovations lottery fund to address four capital projects approved by the Moore County Board of Education on May 4, 2026:

- Replacement roof for the Child Nutrition Building
- Replacement roof for the Union Pines Agriculture/Automotive Building
- Repair of steel canopy structures (covered walkways) at North Moore High School
- Lift station replacements at West Pine Middle School and Sand Hills Farm Life Elementary School

Interim Superintendent Purvis clarified that the "canopies" referenced are in fact the large steel-covered walkways that extend around the North Moore campus, originally erected in 1965. A contractor advised against removal given their structural integrity, necessitating in-place repair. The repair requires temporarily relocating conduit running atop the structures. The current lottery fund balance is \$2,234,986.80; following the draw, the remaining balance would be \$734,986.80. Any unused funds are returned to their lottery balance.

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to approve moving forward with Moore County Schools' request for a \$1,500,000 draw from current Repair and Renovation Lottery funds to be used towards the projects described, leaving a balance of \$734,986.80.

Following the vote, Chairman Picerno inquired about the status of the planned IT building for Moore County Schools. Ms. Purvis reported that the original assessment of the New Century site determined that substantial site work was required. The McDeeds Creek site was identified as an alternative, but permitting through the Town of Southern Pines has presented obstacles, with the process potentially taking up to six months and costing approximately \$100,000. Staff are actively evaluating other campus sites while pursuing the McDeeds Creek option.

E. Property Management - Hilco Transport, Inc. Amendment # 3

Property Management Director Gene Boles presented a request to approve Contract Amendment Number 3 with Hilco Transport, Inc., extending the contract term from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$180,000 per fiscal year.

Moore County and Hilco Transport, Inc. entered into an agreement on September 7, 2021, which was for the hauling of recyclable materials from the Moore County Transfer Station to Pratt Industries, Inc. The Original Agreement was amended May 7, 2022, which was for the purpose of increasing the "not to exceed" to \$131,710 for the first fiscal year, \$140,000 for the second year, and \$160,000 for the third year. Amendment # 2 was entered into effect March 19, 2024, through June 30, 2026, with a "not to exceed" amount of \$160,000 per fiscal year.

The current hauling rate is \$545.94 per load. The per load rate is adjusted annually based on either 100% of Water, Sewer, and Trash Collection Services CPI or 3%, whichever is higher. There is also a fuel surcharge per load that is based on the Lower Atlantic prices for U.S. On-Highway Diesel Fuel posted by the U.S. Energy Information Administration. The fuel surcharge formula is based on 4.50 mpg and 88 miles round-trip for Fayetteville.

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Adams, the Board voted unanimously to approve Contract Amendment No. # 3 for Hilco Transport, Inc. to extend the term of the contract from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2031, and with a "not to exceed amount" of \$180,000 per fiscal year.

F. Public Works - MCPU Contract with Infrastructure Solutions Group for Mainline Sewer Camera Trailer Setup

Public Works Director Brian Patnode presented a request to purchase a new mainline sewer CCTV camera system from Infrastructure Solutions Group (ISG) for approximately \$225,000. The purchase includes an enclosed trailer and generator. The county's previous camera, purchased in 2006, had become inoperable. The new system features 4K high-definition imaging and will be used to inspect underground sewer infrastructure. The purchase was included in the current Capital Improvement Plan and is budgeted accordingly.

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of a new main line sewer camera system and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Infrastructure Solutions Group, Inc.

Following the vote, Chairman Picerno provided a public update regarding the Highway 211 expansion project and sewer ideas, acknowledging that misinformation has been circulating in the Seven Lakes community. He announced plans for a public town hall in Seven Lakes to present updated information on the project scope, costs, and timeline, noting that the primary goal remains extending sewer service to the Seven Lakes business district.

G. Legal - Requesting Repeal of Session Law 2010-64

County Manager Vest presented a resolution requesting that the North Carolina General Assembly repeal Session Law 2010-64, a local act authorizing the Moore County Board of Education to operate a campus police agency. The resolution notes that this authorization is no longer needed as Moore County Schools and the Moore County Sheriff's Office have agreed that the Sheriff's Office will assume responsibility for providing School Resource Officers to Moore County Schools beginning January 1, 2027. Chairman Picerno read the resolution aloud.

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution requesting the North Carolina General Assembly to repeal Session Law 2010-64. *The resolution is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix H.*

H. Legal - Support of Moore County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Commissioner Adams presented a resolution, prepared by County Attorney Misty Leland, supporting the Moore County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) in allocating up to \$300,000 in room occupancy tax revenue to assist the Moore County Airport's efforts to secure commercial airline service.

Commissioner Adams provided background, recalling that a consultant presented to the Board approximately eight to ten months prior regarding the feasibility of commercial air service at Moore County Airport. Last year, the Board approved a 3.5% room tax with the condition that it is not spent on guaranteeing profit to attract an airline to Moore Regional Airport.

The proposed service would consist of one daily round-trip flight between Moore County Regional Airport and Washington Dulles Airport, operated by a regional jet with 54 seats. Dulles serves over 112 destinations daily. Flights would be scheduled to arrive late in the morning and depart mid-afternoon.

The airline requires a Minimum Revenue Guarantee (MRG) of \$3,000,000 over a two-year period to proceed. The Moore County Economic Development Partnership and the Moore County CVB have worked together to raise these funds. To date, \$1,700,000 has been raised. The Airport Authority has applied for a federal grant specifically for this purpose, and Commissioner Adams noted that Senator McInnis and Representative Jackson are seeking \$1,000,000 in the state budget as a backup. The remaining \$300,000 gap is addressed by this resolution.

Phil Werz, President and CEO of the Moore County CVB, clarified that the \$300,000 represents a pledge, not an immediate expenditure. Under the MRG structure, funds would only be drawn if the airline reports a loss in a given quarter; if the service is profitable, no funds are disbursed. He affirmed that the CVB would commit marketing resources to promote the new service beginning approximately six months prior to the anticipated March 2027 launch.

Commissioners raised several questions and concerns. Commissioner Von Canon asked about the quarterly performance evaluation structure and confirmed that the \$300,000 represents the total pledge across the full two-year period, not an annual commitment. He also raised questions about ground transportation availability for arriving passengers, which Mr. Werz acknowledged as a matter for Airport Director Rick Cloutier to address.

Commissioner Ritter expressed that he had previously opposed using CVB funds for aviation subsidies when the Board doubled the occupancy tax from 3% to 6%, and that he remained cautious. However, he acknowledged that the reduced scope of the ask and the fact that it represented room tax dollars rather than general tax revenue made him more willing to support it as a one-time action in recognition of the business community's substantial fundraising effort. He explicitly stated that he would not want this vote interpreted as a change in policy or a precedent for future CVB expenditure on air service.

Chairman Picerno stated his opposition, noting that when the Board voted to increase the occupancy tax, it unanimously resolved in writing that the CVB would not use those funds to subsidize commercial air service. He expressed concern that the Board might reverse that commitment and questioned why, if the business case is as strong as presented, the private sector could not close the remaining \$300,000 gap on its own.

Commissioner Adams stated this item was discussed by the Moore County Economic Development Partnership, not by the CVB Board. Mr. Werz stated that the CVB Board learned of this request this past Thursday and then Friday, when board packets were sent for tonight's meeting.

The Board proceeded to a roll-call vote. Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Cook, with Chairman Picerno and Commissioner Ritter voting no, the motion carried with a 3-2 vote, to adopt the Resolution supporting Moore County Convention & Visitors Bureau use of up to \$300,000.00 of occupancy tax revenues to secure commercial airline service; the allocation of \$300,000 can only be used for a commercial airline guarantee. The resolution is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix I.

- I. Legal - Support of Moore County Schools dissolving their Police Department
County Manager Vest presented a request, prepared by County Attorney Misty Leland, on behalf of Chairman Picerno, for the Moore County Board of Commissioners to adopt the attached Resolution supporting Moore County Schools dissolving their campus police agency and the repeal of S.L. 2010-64; supporting the Moore County Sheriff administering the School Resource Officer Program; and committing to continue funding 38.5% pursuant to the funding formula agreement that is already in effect. Moore County Schools and the Moore County Sheriff's Office have agreed that the Sheriff will provide school resource officers to Moore County School campuses beginning January 1, 2027.

Chairman Picerno noted this resolution was intended to provide the school system with assurance that the SRO program costs and the transition would be funded by the Board of Commissioners and would not affect the schools' operating budget.

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted adopt the Resolution supporting the Moore County Schools dissolving their Police Department and the Repeal of S.L. 2010-64 and, further, supporting the Office of the Moore County Sheriff to administer the School Resource Officer Program, and further, reaffirming the Board's commitment to fund 38.5% to the Moore County Schools pursuant to the funding formula agreement that is already in place. The resolution is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix J.

J. Legal - Support of North Carolina Constitutional Amendment on Property Tax Reform

County Manager Vest presented a request, prepared by County Attorney Misty Leland, on behalf of Chairman Picerno, for the Moore County Board of Commissioners to adopt the Resolution in support of the Property Tax Reform Amendment (HB 1089) proposed by the North Carolina General Assembly. The 2026 NC General Assembly short session is heavily focused on property tax reform, proposing HB 1089 which would require a constitutional amendment to cap local tax increases and a possible moratorium on 2026 revaluations due to rising home values. Key proposals include limiting local government taxing authority, closing affordable housing property tax exemptions, and continuing pre-scheduled income and corporate tax rate cuts. Statewide voter approval will be needed to pass this constitutional amendment.

Chairman Picerno emphasized that this is a constitutional amendment requiring voter approval, giving citizens a direct voice on the matter rather than imposing changes by legislative mandate. He expressed his philosophical position that property taxes effectively prevent true homeownership and spoke in favor of shifting to consumption-based taxation. He noted Moore County's consistently conservative approach to taxation and the board's longstanding commitment to reducing the property tax rate.

Commissioner Adams and Commissioner Von Canon both expressed support, with Commissioner Adams drawing comparisons to jurisdictions in other states where unconstrained taxation has led to significant fiscal burdens. Commissioner Von Canon noted the importance of holding local governments accountable for efficient spending.

Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution supporting the Property Tax Reform Law HB 1089 requiring an amendment to the North Carolina Constitutional Amendment via statewide vote in November as proposed by the North Carolina General Assembly. The resolution is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix K.

10. APPOINTMENTS

- A. Board of Commissioners - Appoint to the Town of Cameron Planning Board
Upon motion made by Chairman Picerno, seconded by Vice Chairman Von Canon, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Chad Bigford to the Town of Cameron Planning Board.

11. ADDITIONAL AGENDA

There were no additional agenda items.

12. MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Vest had no additional comments.

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Cook commented on the rationale for the 6% hotel occupancy tax, noting that visitors utilize county public services, including emergency medical services and law enforcement, and that the revenue supports the broader hospitality and tourism economy.

Commissioner Adams expressed his belief that the Board had taken the right action in supporting commercial air service and congratulated the business community for raising \$1,700,000 toward the MRG. He also thanked Moore County Schools for their presentation.

Commissioner Von Canon encouraged the public to remember Mother's Day and asked that residents keep military personnel in their thoughts. He also offered remarks on the importance of continued attention to the welfare of persecuted Christians globally and on fiscal stewardship at all levels of government.

Commissioner Ritter recognized the West Moore Heritage Day event held at West Moore Elementary School over the prior weekend, including the West Moore Legends induction ceremony honoring former teachers Janet Deaton, Mary Comer, and Marlene Kennedy. He noted the strong performance of West Moore Elementary School teacher Sharon Romero, who was named Teacher of the Year, and expressed satisfaction with his son's second-grade educational experience.

Chairman Picerno noted the productive work session held the prior day regarding subdivisions and the highway corridor and expressed anticipation for the upcoming joint meeting with the Planning Board on May 18, 2026. He commended the Board's collegial atmosphere and thanked all present for their participation.

14. CLOSED SESSION

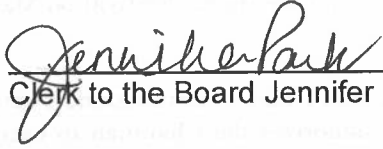
None was needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Commissioner Adams, seconded by Commissioner Cook, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the May 5, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners at 7:34pm.



Chairman Nick Picerno



Clerk to the Board Jennifer Parks



**RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERLOCAL
AGREEMENT FOR BUGGY FESTIVAL
MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MOORE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, Moore County desires to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Carthage to make certain County facilities available for the Town to use for the Buggy Festival on May 9, 2026.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Moore County Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the Interlocal Agreement For Buggy Festival and hereby authorizes the Chairman to execute said Interlocal Agreement.

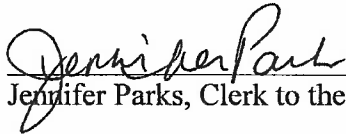
Adopted this 5th day of May 2026.



Nick Picerno
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

Attest:



Jennifer Parks, Clerk to the Board



Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Budget Line Item Number	Budgeted Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget
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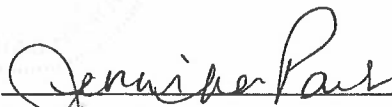
Public Utilities - FEMA Grant

Revenue	60032000 36282	FEMA Grant	-	11,202	11,202
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Expense	60040055 55912	Interceptor Lines & Manhole	200,000	11,202	211,202
Expense	61041075 53506	Maintenance Collection	470,000	8,164	478,164
Expense	61041075 53507	Maintenance Distribution	350,000	35,007	385,007

Approved this 5 day of May, 2026



Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners



Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board



Fiscal Year 2025/2026

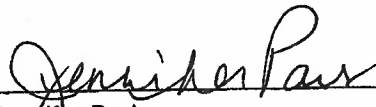
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Property Management - Insurance Reimbursement

Revenue	10018000 36053 Insurance Proceeds	138,585	12,567	151,152
Expense	10047087 54250 Accident Repairs	171,085	12,567	183,652

Approved this 5 day of May, 2026


 Nick Picerno, Chairman
 Moore County Board of Commissioners


 Jennifer Parks
 Clerk to the Board



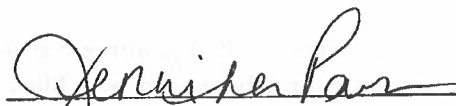
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Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Budget Line Item Number			Budgeted Amount	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget
Finance / Planning - Planning Grants					
Revenue	24042018 36200	ESFR 2017 Cycle Grant	260,000	(260,000)	-
Expense	24023018 56269 ESF17	CD Resource	12,143	(12,143)	-
Expense	24023018 56287	ESFR 2017 Cycle Grant	247,857	(247,857)	-
Revenue	24042018 36283 URP19	Urgent Repair	100,000	(100,000)	-
Expense	24023018 56269 URP19	CD Resource	6,962	(6,962)	-
Expense	24023018 56294 URP19	Urgent Repair Local	5,000	(5,000)	-
Expense	24023018 56295 URP19	Urgent Repair	93,038	(93,038)	-
Revenue	24019000 32955	Transfer from General Fund	422,393	(5,000)	417,393
Revenue	24042018 36283 URP20	Urgent Repair	100,000	(100,000)	-
Expense	24023018 56269 URP20	CD Resource	3,990	(3,990)	-
Expense	24023018 56294 URP20	Urgent Repair Local	5,000	(5,000)	-
Expense	24023018 56295 URP20	Urgent Repair	96,010	(96,010)	-
Revenue	24019000 32955	Transfer from General Fund	422,393	(5,000)	417,393
Revenue	24042018 36283 URP21	Urgent Repair	100,000	(100,000)	-
Expense	24023018 56269 URP21	CD Resource	7,607	(7,607)	-
Expense	24023018 56294 URP21	Urgent Repair Local	5,000	(5,000)	-
Expense	24023018 56295 URP21	Urgent Repair	92,393	(92,393)	-
Revenue	24019000 32955	Transfer from General Fund	422,393	(5,000)	417,393
Revenue	24043018 36283 URP22	Urgent Repair	132,000	(132,000)	-
Expense	24023018 56295 URP22	Urgent Repair	132,000	(132,000)	-
Revenue	24042018 36288 ESF20	ESFRLP 2020	190,000	(190,000)	-
Expense	24023018 56269 ESF20	CD Resource	20,170	(20,170)	-
Expense	24023018 56311 ESF20	ESFRLP 2020	169,830	(169,830)	-

Approved this 5 day of May, 2026


 Nick Picerno, Chairman
 Moore County Board of Commissioners


 Jennifer Parks
 Clerk to the Board



**BY-LAWS
MOORE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

ARTICLE 1 – TITLE

The title shall be the Moore County Planning Board

ARTICLE 2 – MISSION

The purpose and duties of the Moore County Planning Board are as follows;

1. To make recommendations to the Moore County Board of Commissioners concerning amendments as outlined in the Moore County Unified Development Ordinance, land use plan policies and other planning related items that the Board of Commissioners may deem appropriate; and
2. To coordinate with the Planning Staff in all activities related to the above.

ARTICLE 3 – ESTABLISHMENT

The Moore County Planning Board is established through the authority of the North Carolina General Statute 160D-301, 160D-308, 160D-309, 160D-604 and 160D-3101.

ARTICLE 4 – MEMBERSHIP

1. All Members of the Moore County Planning Board are appointed by the Moore County Board of Commissioners and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.
2. All Planning Board members should have basic knowledge of the County and its physical, social, and economic makeup. In addition, a basic understanding of the planning process and land-use planning in particular, are recommended.
3. Planning Board membership shall be restricted to residents of Moore County.
4. Terms
 - a. The length of one term is three (3) years.
 - b. Terms will be staggered so that no more than fifty percent of the members' terms expire at one time.
 - c. If a vacancy occurs before a term expires, the replacement appointment shall be for the balance of the unexpired term, at which time the person who filled the unexpired term would be eligible for appointment.
5. Composition
 - a. Members

- The Planning Board shall be made up of nine (9) members
- Members of the Planning Board shall attend all Planning Board training sessions

ARTICLE 5 – MEETINGS

- ~~1. Meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of each month at 6 PM at the Historic Courthouse Meeting Room, Carthage, NC, unless the date coincides with a Moore County recognized holiday, and in such a case, the meeting will be held the following Thursday.~~
1. Unless otherwise announced, meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 6 PM at the Historic Courthouse Meeting Room, Carthage, NC.
2. Attendance is mandatory. If an appointee is absent from three (3) or more meetings, and such absences are not caused by extraordinary events, the member is obligated to resign in writing, or the Board of Commissioners may remove that individual.
3. Public Meetings. All regular and special meetings, hearings, records, and accounts of the Board, and all Committees thereof, shall be open to the public, and meetings shall be advertised.
4. Special Meetings. Special meetings shall be called at the request of the chairman or a majority of members of the Board. The Chairman may designate, in advance, regular or special meetings for the presentation of reports on the comprehensive plan, or on general planning discussion, and may conduct hearings, consider petitions and take action at special meetings or defer hearings, petitions and take actions to subsequent regular or special meetings. All of the requirements of N.C.G.S. 143-318.12(b) (Public Notice of official meetings) shall be followed when calling and holding special meetings.
5. Action. Transaction of business, and the taking of official action by the Board shall require a concurring vote of a majority of the voting members of the Planning Board.
6. Order of Business. The Secretary shall prepare an agenda for each meeting, and the order of business.
7. Motions. Motions shall be restated by the Chairman before a vote is taken. The name of the member making the motion, as well as the person who seconds the motion, shall be recorded.
8. Voting. Voting shall be by voice vote, and the minutes shall show the names of those voting on each issue.
9. Abstaining. No member shall be excused from voting except upon matters involving consideration of the member's own financial interest or official conduct. Such cases shall be brought to the attention of the Chairman as soon as possible. In no case shall the request for an abstention be made after the item in question has been brought up for discussion. Abstention shall be allowed only with a consenting vote of a majority of the Board

members present at the meeting. The vote of a member who is properly excused from voting shall be recorded as an abstention. In addition, members properly excused from voting upon a matter, shall not take part in the discussion of that matter.

10. All Planning Board meetings may be opened with a prayer.
11. All written material used for consideration in Planning Board meetings becomes part of the official record of that meeting, to be kept on file in the Moore County Planning Department.

ARTICLE 6 – OFFICERS / DUTIES

1. Chairman. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings, appoint members to committees, and perform such other duties as may be ordered by the board.
2. Vice-Chairman. The vice-Chairman shall act in the capacity of the Chairman in his absence.
3. Secretary. The Secretary shall execute such documents as authorized by the Board, in the name of the Board, perform the duties hereinafter listed, and such other duties as the Board shall determine.

ARTICLE 7 – ELECTIONS

1. The Chairman shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners.
2. The vice-Chairman shall be elected at the first regular meeting after June 30th of each year. The Board shall elect the Vice-Chairman from its membership.
3. The Chairman shall appoint the Planning Department's Administrative Assistant to perform the Board's secretarial duties. In the event the Administrative Assistant is not available, the Chairman may appoint the Planning Director or any other Planning staff approved by the Planning Director or County Manager, to perform the Board's secretarial duties.

ARTICLE 8 – AMENDMENTS

1. The bylaws may be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members, provided all amendments conform to established policies and law.
2. The Board of Commissioners must approve the bylaws and all changes. They can amend or revise the bylaws without approval of the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 9 – DISSOLUTION

The Board of Commissioners, as appointing authority, can reorganize or dissolve the Planning Board without advance notice.

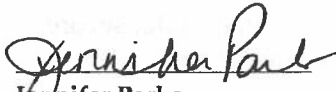
ARTICLE 10 – RULES

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern meetings except cases where these bylaws stipulate otherwise.

Amended this 5th day of May 2026.



Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners



Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board



*Approved: June 6, 1988 **Amended 7/12/93 ***Amended 9/18/95 ****Amended 1/5/98
*****6/16/98 *****Amended 6/18/2001 *****Amended May 2, 2002 *****Amended
9/2/03*****Amended 11/16/09*****Amended 05/05/14*****Amended 5/3/22
*****Amended 2/20/24 *****Amended 5/05/2026

**FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION MONTH
PROCLAMATION
MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the family serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our community and our State; and

WHEREAS, in Moore County, there are 79 children in custody receiving a safe, secure, and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family; and

WHEREAS foster families open their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis and play a vital role helping children and families heal and reconnect while launching children into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS there are numerous individuals, public and private organizations that work to increase public awareness of the needs of children both in foster care and leaving foster care. Additionally, they make the public aware of the enduring and valuable contributions made by foster parents; and

WHEREAS the foster care system is only as good as those who choose to be a part of it;

**NOW, THEREFORE,
THE MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
do hereby proclaim May 2026, as**

“FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION MONTH” in Moore County.

We commend this observance to our citizens as an opportunity to spread awareness on behalf of the children in foster care in Moore County. We further urge all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care, foster parents and the child welfare professional staff working with them, during this month and throughout the year.



Nick Picerno, Chair
Moore County Board of Commissioners



Jenny Parks
Clerk to the Board





**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 3-9, 2026, AS PROFESSIONAL CLERKS TO
THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WEEK**

WHEREAS, it is imperative to the democratic process that a well-informed citizenry participates in the operation of local government; and

WHEREAS, the office of the Clerk to the Board provides the communication link between the citizens, the local governing body, administrative departments, and local government partners; and

WHEREAS, the position of clerk is one of the oldest in local government, dating to biblical times, and the clerk plays a vital role in county government and provides the written record needed to ensure the board's accountability to the county's citizens and to other public and private officials; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina law requires boards of county commissioners to appoint a clerk, serving at the pleasure of the board; and

WHEREAS, the clerk's most significant statutory duties concern the preparation, filing and safeguarding of local government records, but the statutory duties constitute only a portion of the clerk's responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the clerk is sometimes described as "the hub of the wheel" in local government because of the central work that the clerk plays in the government's communication network; and

WHEREAS, clerks, through their dedication to professional development, not only improve the efficacy of their offices but also bring positive recognition to their counties by participating in advanced education and obtaining professional-related certifications; and

WHEREAS, although clerks work for the boards of county commissioners, they truly provide public service.

NOW, THEREFORE the Moore County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims May 3 through May 9, 2026, as Professional Clerks to the Boards of County Commissioners Week in Moore County and further, the Board extends its appreciation to Clerk to the Board Jenny Parks, and to all county clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to their counties.

ADOPTED this the 5 day of May 2026.



Nick J. Picerno, Chairman

Moore County Board of Education 2025-2026 Preliminary Approved Budget

Investing in our Students' Success

Presented by:

Jennifer Purvis, Interim Superintendent and
Tina Edmonds, Assistant Superintendent for Budget and Finance

May 05, 2026





Introductory Comments by

Board Chair: Dr. Robin Calcutt

Board Members:

Vice Chair: Mrs. Shannon Davis

Mr. Kenneth Benway

Mrs. Pauline Bruno

Dr. Amy Dahl

Mr. David Hensley

Mr. Steve Johnson



Vision

Moore County Schools: The First and Best Choice in education with an unwavering commitment to excellence, innovation, and ensuring the development of the leaders of tomorrow.

Mission

Moore County Schools will graduate students with the skills, knowledge, character, critical thinking, and education needed to become proud and successful Americans.



Core Beliefs

We believe successful schools are essential for thriving communities, and that:

- ✓ Every student can learn and succeed and will be valued and supported;
- ✓ Our schools provide a safe, respectful, orderly, and caring environment conducive to learning;
- ✓ Our educators are empowered to meet the learning needs of all students as we work to create an elevated campus culture;
- ✓ We involve and partner with our parents and community in the education of our students;
- ✓ We offer a wide variety of choices, opportunities, and learning pathways;
- ✓ Extracurricular activities are an essential part of our students' development; and
- ✓ Education, employment, and enlistment are equally honorable pursuits for the future lives of our students.



Moore County Board of Education Budget Focus

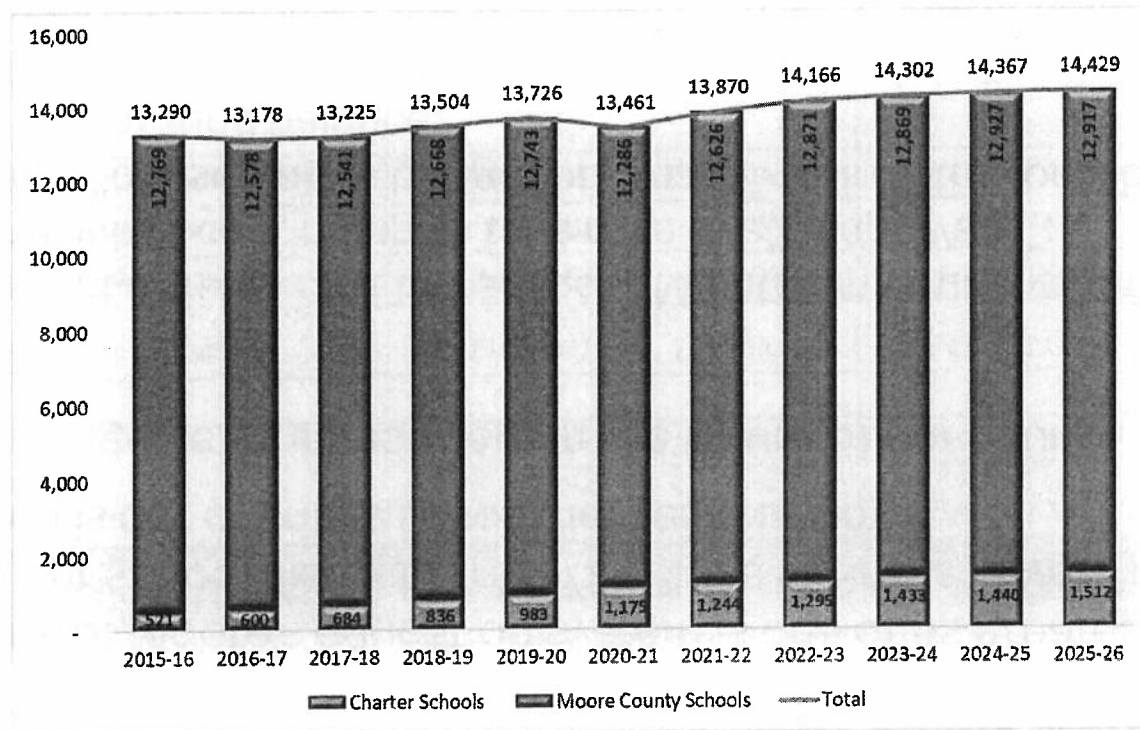
The Moore County Board of Education is committed to prioritizing:					
Advocacy for Moore County Schools	Community Engagement	Construction & Facilities	Chronic Absenteeism	Durable Skills	Early Literacy
Extracurricular Activities	Literacy	Parent Education	Recruitment & Retention	Transportation	Workforce Needs

Driving Factors to the Moore County Board of Education Preliminary Approved Budget

- ❑ The County of Moore's education system is one of its greatest assets. Currently our school district ranks 7th Place in Grade Level Proficiency ranking and is our county's second largest employer.
- ❑ The local budget is an investment in the future of our county.
- ❑ Key Points:
 1. The impact of fixed cost increases - "Maintaining our level of service to students while continuing to take care of all employees";
 2. Utilizing a "conservative budget approach" to limit the local budget's impact on the use of fund balance:
 - ✓ Finding budget efficiencies;
 - ✓ Conservatively projecting revenues from our County Funding Formula; and
 - ✓ Estimating fixed cost increases based historical data.



Total County of Moore Public School Students



*Beginning 2023-2024, virtual charter schools are counted in "Other" Charter School total. Prior to 2023-2024, virtual charter schools were not included in any of the totals. ADM is based on PMR Month 2.

Local Funding Formula Agreement

(Updated based on Moore County's 3/10/26 Preliminary Funding Presentation)

Item Description	2025-2026	2026-2027		
	Budgeted	3%	4%	4.3%
Property Tax*	\$71,625,242	\$73,773,999	\$74,490,252	\$74,796,883
Sales Tax	<u>\$33,180,000</u>	<u>\$34,175,400</u>	<u>\$34,507,200</u>	<u>\$34,606,740</u>
Total	\$104,805,242	\$107,949,399	\$108,997,452	\$109,403,623
Funding Formula (38.50%)	\$40,350,018	\$41,560,518	\$41,964,018	\$42,120,395
Capital Outlay (Pass-thru)	(\$800,000)	(\$800,000)	(\$800,000)	(\$800,000)
NCDHHS (Pass-thru)	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)	(\$50,000)
Local Fund 2 Appropriation	\$39,500,018	\$40,710,518	\$41,114,018	\$41,270,395
Increase in Funding (Revenue)		\$1,210,500	\$1,614,000	**\$1,770,377

*Rounded estimate.

** Based on the Preliminary Funding Presentation provided by the County of Moore on 3/10/2026.



Moore County Board of Education 2026-2027 Preliminary Local Budget Increase

Fixed Cost Increases (Continuation Budget)	Budget Increase
Fixed costs associated with projected state increases in salaries (2%), retirement (1%) and health insurance contribution rates (\$500/ person)	(\$745,000)
Local Supplement step increases for certified staff (Teachers, AP and Principals)	(\$250,000)
All non-payroll fixed cost increases (5%- Inflation)	(\$388,000)
Projected charter growth (based on 5 yr average)	(\$230,000)
Fixed Costs	(\$1,613,000)
2026-2027 Increased Expenses	(\$1,613,000)
Projected County Funding Formula Increase (<i>County Preliminary Funding Presentation</i>)	\$1,770,377
2026-2027 Increased Revenues	\$1,770,377
2026-2027 Projected Funding Change (Increased Expenses vs Increased Revenues)	\$157,377
Current Year Fund Balance Appropriation (FY 2025-2026)	(\$1,855,133)
2026-2027 Estimated Fund Balance Appropriation	(\$1,697,756)

Projected Local Fund Balance FY27 based on approved Preliminary Budget

Description	Fund Balance Scenarios		
	2%	3%	4%
Fund Balance as of 6/30/2025	\$4,651,054	\$4,651,054	\$4,651,054
Assigned Fund Balance (Inventories/Stabilization)	(\$310,746)	(\$310,746)	(\$310,746)
Assigned Fund Balance (FY 2025-2026)	(\$1,855,133)	(\$1,855,133)	(\$1,855,133)
Unassigned Fund Balance FY 2025-2026	\$2,485,175	\$2,485,175	\$2,485,175
Projected Fund Balance for June 30, 2026	\$4,829,090	\$4,829,090	\$4,829,090
Projected Fund Balance Appropriation (FY 2026-2027)	(\$1,697,756)	(\$1,872,756)	(\$2,037,756)
Projected Unassigned Fund Balance 2026-2027*	\$3,131,334	\$2,956,334	\$2,791,334

**The June 2026 Fund Balance remains a projection. While we utilized \$685,404 in fund balance during the 2024–2025 cycle, our current scenarios stay above the \$2 million minimum floor. However, we must remain cautious: a potential salary increase in 2025–2026 could impact our reserves enough to push the balance below that \$2 million threshold.*

Moore County Schools 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget

Fund Type	2026-2027 Proposed Local Budget
Fund 1 - State	\$102,425,037
Fund 2 - Local Expense	\$43,568,151
Fund 3 - Federal	\$11,095,952
Fund 4 - Capital Expense*	\$1,000,000
Fund 5 - School Nutrition*	\$6,383,000
Fund 8 - Restricted Revenue*	\$3,242,000
Proposed 2026-2027 Budget	\$167,714,140

**Funds 4, 5, and 8 do not include Appropriated Fund Balance (Carryover).*



Moore County Schools 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget Local Revenue (Fund 2)

Fund Type	2026-2027 Preliminary Proposed Local Budget
Local Current Operations - MCS	\$37,067,395
Charter Schools Operations	\$4,203,000
Projected County Allotment (Fund 2)	\$41,270,395
Fines & Forfeitures	\$450,000
Interest	\$150,000
Local Fund Balance Assignment	\$1,697,756
Proposed Fund 2 Budget	\$43,568,151

Projected 2026-2027 County Allotment by Fund Type

Fund Type	2026-2027 Allotment
Local Current Operations - MCS	\$37,067,395
Charter Schools Operations	\$4,203,000
Local Fund 2 Total	\$41,270,395
Capital Expense - Fund 4	\$800,000
NCDHHS - Fund 8 (PRC 069)	\$50,000
Total County Allotment	\$42,120,395

Proposed Budget Summary

- ❑ Reflects the vision, mission, core beliefs and strategic goals of our district.
- ❑ Enables us to take care of our people in order to accomplish our mission.
- ❑ Ensures current level of operations, while providing the highest level of service in an efficient and effective manner.
- ❑ Invests in the future of our community and ultimately the vibrancy of its economy.
- ❑ Utilization of a “conservative budget” approach to limit the local budget’s impact on the use of fund balance through budget efficiencies, conservatively projecting revenues with the County Funding Formula agreement and estimating fixed cost increases based on historical data.
- ❑ **Thank you to everyone who allocated time, effort and expertise in the development of the proposed budget.**



**Thank you for your support and
investment on behalf of our students.**

County of Moore
Sheriff Forensic Facility (Fund 438)
Capital Project Ordinance – Revision 1

Journal 110010

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

Section 1. The project authorized is the Sheriff Forensic Facility Capital Project.

Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the project within the term of the budget contained herein.

Section 3. The following amount is appropriated for the Sheriff Forensic Facility Capital Project Ordinance:

	GL Account	Budget	Incr./Decr.	Revised Budget
Architect	43819555 55805	\$ 123,000	\$ 160,050	\$ 283,050
Construction	43819555 55806	\$ 3,330,000	\$ -	\$ 3,330,000
Contingency	43819555 55807	\$ 211,000	\$ (160,050)	\$ 50,950
FF&E	43819055 56292	\$ 336,000	\$ -	\$ 336,000
Total		\$ 4,000,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000

Section 4. The following revenue is anticipated to be available for the Sheriff Forensic Facility Capital Project Ordinance:

	GL Account	Budget	Incr./Decr.	Revised Budget
Transfer from General Fund	43819056 32955	\$ 4,000,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000
Total		\$ 4,000,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000

Section 5. The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Project Fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the funding agency, North Carolina General Statutes, federal regulations, and any other applicable laws.

Section 6. The Finance Officer is directed to report the financial status of the project, as requested by the Board of Commissioners.

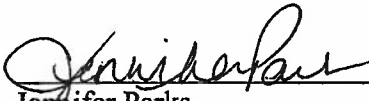
Section 7. Funds may be advanced from the General Fund for the purpose of making payments as due.

Section 8. This Capital Project Ordinance shall be entered in the minutes by the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and within five days after adoption of this Ordinance, copies shall be filed with the finance officer, and Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this 5th day of May 2026.



Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners



Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board





A RESOLUTION BY THE MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REPEAL
SESSION LAW 2010-64 ALLOWING MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF
EDUCATION TO MAINTAIN A POLICE AGENCY

WHEREAS, Session Law 2010-64 is a local act authorizing the Moore County Board of Education to provide a campus police agency; and

WHEREAS, Session Law 2010-64 is no longer needed because Moore County Schools and the Moore County Sheriff's Office have agreed that the Sheriff will provide school resource officers to Moore County school campuses beginning January 1, 2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Moore County Board of Commissioners requests the North Carolina General Assembly to repeal Session Law 2010-64.

Adopted this 5th day of May, 2026.

Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board





A RESOLUTION BY THE MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUPPORTING THE MOORE COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU
(CVB) TO USE OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUES TO SUPPORT
COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Moore County Airport Authority desires to offer commercial airline service; and

WHEREAS, the Moore County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) desires to use occupancy tax revenues up to \$300,000 to secure a commercial airline guarantee as a benefit to the community at large including residents and visitors of Moore County, our thriving golfing industry, and local businesses; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2025, the Moore County Board of Commissioners levied an additional 3% occupancy tax pursuant to Session Law 2015-256; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2025, the Moore County Board of Commissioners passed a Memorandum of Understanding (herein MOU), signed by all parties, between the County of Moore and the Pinehurst, Southern Pines, and Aberdeen Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (herein CVB) stating the County will consider increasing the occupancy tax rate up to and including the 3 % with the understanding that the CVB will not provide funding to the Moore County Airport Authority for a commercial airline(s). Further, the MOU stated that if the CVB provided funding to the Moore County Airport Authority for a commercial airline(s), the Moore County Board of Commissioners may repeal the additional occupancy tax rate increase that was levied; and

WHEREAS, the Moore County Board of Commissioners, upon consideration of new information presented, now believes that a commercial airline could be beneficial to the community at large and, accordingly, desire the CVB to provide funding to the Moore County Airport Authority for a commercial airline in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Moore County Board of Commissioners supports the CVB using up to \$300,000 of occupancy tax revenues to secure commercial airline service. Further, the Board resolves that this allocation of up to \$300,000 can only be used as a guarantee in securing commercial air service.

Adopted this 5th day of May 2026.

Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board





A RESOLUTION BY THE MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUPPORTING MOORE COUNTY SCHOOLS DISSOLVING THEIR POLICE
DEPARTMENT AND THE REPEAL OF S.L. 2010-64 AND, FURTHER,
SUPPORTING THE OFFICE OF THE MOORE COUNTY SHERIFF TO
ADMINISTER THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Session Law 2010-64 is a local act authorizing the Moore County Board of Education to provide a campus police agency; and

WHEREAS, Session Law 2010-64 is no longer needed because Moore County Schools and the Moore County Sheriff's Office have agreed that the Sheriff will provide school resource officers to Moore County school campuses beginning January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to continue to fund 38.5% pursuant to the funding formula agreement that is already in effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Moore County Board of Commissioners supports the Moore County Schools dissolving their Police Department and the repeal of S.L. 2010-64 and supports allowing the Office of the Moore County Sheriff to administer the SRO program for the Moore County Schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Moore County Board of Commissioners reaffirms its commitment to fund 38.5% to the Moore County Schools pursuant to the funding formula agreement that is already in place.

Adopted this 5th day of May, 2026.

Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board





A RESOLUTION BY THE MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUPPORTING THE PROPERTY TAX REFORM BILL (HOUSE BILL 1089)
PENDING BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REQUIRING VOTER APPROVAL OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly is proposing property tax reform in House Bill 1089, via a constitutional amendment requiring statewide voter approval in the November 3, 2026 general election in order for the new law to take effect. The proposed new law would cap local tax increases with a possible moratorium on 2026 revaluations due to rising home values. Key proposals also include limiting local government taxing authority, closing affordable housing property tax exemptions, and continuing pre-scheduled income and corporate tax rate cuts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Moore County Board of Commissioners supports HB 1089 and the NC Constitutional Amendment on Property Tax Reform as proposed by the North Carolina General Assembly.

Adopted this 5th day of May, 2026.

Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jennifer Parks
Clerk to the Board

