

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners convened for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday February 16, 2026 in the Hoke County Court Annex Building.

PRESENT:

Chairman James Leach
Vice Chairman Harry Southerland
Commissioner Tony Hunt
Commissioner Allen Thomas, Jr.
Commissioner Mary Blue McCollum

ALSO PRESENT:

County Manager Letitia J. Edens
County Attorney Grady Hunt
Clerk to the Board Shanetta Smith

ABSENT:

Chairman James Leach called the meeting to order, determined a quorum was present, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Karen McLean gave the Invocation.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Hoke County
Board of Commissioners

231 N. Main Street
Raeford, North Carolina
28376



February 16 2026
7:00 P.M.

Relocated to the Hoke County
Court Annex Building

A G E N D A

PLEDGE & INVOCATION: Chairman James Leach

ITEM

- 1. Adoption of Agenda**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of Board of Commissioners Meeting Regular Minutes January 20, 2026
 - b. Approval of Spark Good Local Grant
 - c. Approval of County Veterans Office State Grant
 - d. Resolution Request for Road Additions within the Timberland Ranch Subdivision to the State DOT System
 - e. North Carolina Pending Refund Report – January
 - f. Adjustments to Water Service Meter Bill
 - g. Finance: Surplus Property
 1. H.A.T.S
 2. Solid Waste
 - h. Finance: Budget Amendments
 1. Audio/Visual Department
 2. Medical Examiner
 3. Utilities
 4. Hoke County Health Department
- 4. Tax Administrator – Daphne Dudley**
 - a. Hoke County Tax Collector's Report – January
 - b. Release and Adjustment Report – January
 - c. Approval of Disabled Veteran Exclusion for 2025 Along with Reduction and Refund of Tax Bill
 - d. Approval of the Board of the 2026 Equalization and Review Meeting Schedule
- 5. Hoke County ABC Board Reappointment - Mike Summers (moved from 2-2-26)**
 - a. Mr. Alfred Leach
- 6. Industrial Park Pump Station for Project Orion – Will Wright, Executive Director Raeford-Hoke Economic Development**
 - a. Bid Summary and Tabulation
 - b. Industrial Park Sewer Post-Bid Project Budget
 - c. Resolution of Tentative Award for Hoke County, NC Industrial Park Sewer System

7. **Ms. Indian North Carolina Scholarship Pageant Sponsorship – Tessa Morgan**
8. **Mobile Crisis Services Presentation – Brent Gause, Southeastern Integrated Care Program Director (moved from 2-2-26)**
9. **Hoke County Health Department – Dr. Helene Edwards, Health Director**
 - a. The Hoke County Health Department Proposed Clinical Service Fee
 - b. Hoke County Health Department Proposed Environmental Health Specialist Contract (Sent to County Attorney)
10. **Surplus Property – Clerk to the Board**
 - a. Resolution Accepting Offer of Bid on Certain Property:
Location: 464 Alex Baker Road
PIN: 694251601021
Declared Surplus: 10/21/2024
County Cost: \$4,155.56
Bid Amount: \$7,000.00
Acreage: .21 Lot
11. **Manager's Report**
12. **Chairman's Report**
13. **Adjourn**

Motion: Upon motion by Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner McCollum, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.

2. Public Comment

Mrs. Kathy Leandro addressed the Board regarding the status of improvements to the Hoke County Animal Shelter. Mrs. Leandro expressed concern that little visible progress has been made on the shelter expansion despite prior discussions.

Mrs. Tubbs, Representative of Northwest Water, appeared before the Board regarding a previously discussed \$150,000 loan request. She inquired about the status of the loan approval process. County Attorney, Grady Hunt, explained that the delay was due to title issues and a fraudulent deed affecting the originally proposed collateral. The matter is pending court action.

Mrs. Cassie Harjala addressed the Board to share information about her recent appointment as Community Schools Coordinator at Upchurch Elementary School. She outlined plans to establish the school as a central resource hub for families. The Board expressed support for the initiative.

Note: Commissioner Hunt raised a point of order regarding public comment procedures, noting the importance of consistency in responding to speakers during public input. He also stated that if the Board engages in dialogue with some speakers, the same opportunity should be extended to all to avoid the appearance of bias.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes January 20, 2026

The official minutes of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on January 20, 2026 is on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board and available on the County's official website.

b. Approval of Spark Good Local Grant

To: Charles "Andrew" Jacobs <cjacobs@hokecounty.org>

Cc: Tonya Morrisey <tmorrisey@hokesherriff.org>

Subject: Spark Good Local Grant to Facility #5787 Status Update - Application [REDACTED]

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Spark Good Local Grant to Facility #5787 Status Update – Application ID [REDACTED]

Dear ANDREW,

Congratulations! Your Spark Good Local Grant request to Facility #5787 has been approved, and you will be receiving a \$2000 grant.

The grant funds will be sent via electronic payment to the bank account set up with JPM. Please save the payment ID [REDACTED] for future use.

We encourage you to share the positive impact this grant will have on our community. Before moving forward, please review the [Local Grant Recognition Toolkit](#). This provides brand and recognition guidelines agreed upon when applying for the grant as well as helpful tips for acknowledging Walmart or Sam's Club for this grant.

Visit [Walmart.com/nonprofits](https://www.walmart.com/nonprofits) to discover additional ways Spark Good may be able to support your organization.

Once again, congratulations on your grant, and thank you for your valuable contributions to the community.

Sincerely,
The Spark Good Team

c. Approval of County Veterans Office State Grant



North Carolina
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY
AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

APPLICATION-CONTRACT GRANT PROGRAM FOR COUNTY VETERANS OFFICES

BACKGROUND:

Session Law 2023-134, Section 33.13(a) directed the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NCDMVA) to establish a grant program for existing county veterans offices (CVOs) to provide services to veterans. A grant may be awarded up to \$20,000. To be eligible for the grant program, the CVO must be located in a county where there are eight (8) or less certified veteran service officers (VSOs). The VSO may be an employee of or volunteer with the federal government, State of North Carolina, county, or an entity in the county, including a nonprofit organization. NCDMVA will verify the presence of eight (8) or less certified VSOs in the county through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) prior to awarding a grant.

Instructions:

The County Veterans Office (the "RECIPIENT") will complete the **PART I – RECIPIENT SECTION** of this document, including Attachments. The RECIPIENT will have an authorized official complete the **PART IV – EXECUTION SECTION** of this document.

The RECIPIENT shall complete and submit the following documents:

- Attachment A - Scope of Work and Budget
- Attachment B - W-9 Form
- Attachment C - Electronic Payment/Vendor Verification Form
- Attachment D - Conflict of Interest Policy (sample)
- Attachment E - Sworn (notarized) Certification of No Overdue Tax Debts
- Attachment F - State Grant Compliance Reporting
- Attachment G - Grant Certification
- Attachment H - Closeout Reporting Document

Upon receipt and approval of this completed document and attachments, NCDMVA will complete the **PART II – DMVA SECTION** of this document and have an authorized individual complete the **PART IV – EXECUTION SECTION** of this document.

Upon the execution page being signed in the **PART IV – EXECUTION SECTION** by both the RECIPIENT and NCDMVA (referred to collectively as the "PARTIES"), this document and all required attachments are incorporated herein and together constitute the contract agreement (Agreement) between the PARTIES.

PART I – RECIPIENT SECTION:

Section 1: RECIPIENT Organization Information

County Name: Hoke
 County Address: 227 N Main St.
 Recipient Contact: Charles Andrew Jacobs
 Contact Phone: 910-585-0808
 Contact Email: cjacobs@hokeocounty.org

Grant Amount Request: \$ 20,000 (Up to \$20,000 - Final amount subject to allocation and appropriation of funds to NCDMVA)

Section 2: Award Amount

The award amount will not exceed \$20,000 per Session Law 2023-134, Section 33.13(a). The actual amount of the award is dependent on the number of eligible recipients as described in Part I, Section 4 of this document, and subject to the allocation and appropriation of funds to NCDMVA. The RECIPIENT’s award amount can be found in Part II – Section 2 of this document, which will be finalized after the RECIPIENT completes all requirements within Part I – RECIPIENT SECTION (including Attachments A - E) and signs the execution page. (Attachments F-H will be completed post award as described below.)

Section 3: Use of funds

As required by Session Law 2023-134, Section 33.13(a), CVO grant awards are for the purpose of providing services to veterans. A CVO may receive a grant award up to \$20,000 for this purpose. The RECIPIENT will use Attachment A: Scope of Work and Budget, to provide a scope of work regarding how grant funds will be utilized to serve veterans and a budget with a detailed description of proposed grant expenditures.

The RECIPIENT agrees to expend funds in accordance with the scope of work and budget cost items set forth in the RECIPIENT’s approved budget. Upon written notification to NCDMVA, the RECIPIENT may reallocate or redistribute funds among budgeted line items in an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the total approved budget without requiring NCDMVA’s prior written approval.

Any reallocation or redistribution of funds exceeding ten percent (10%) of the total approved budget shall require the prior written approval of NCDMVA, documented as a written amendment to the contract agreement (Agreement) as described in Part III, Section 3 of this document.

Section 4: Eligibility Requirements

The RECIPIENT confirms it meets the requirement as defined in Session Law 2023-134, Section 33.13(a) which dictates:

The CVO must be located in a county in which there are eight or less certified veteran service officers (VSOs). The VSO may be an employee of or volunteer with the federal government, State of North Carolina, county, or an entity in the county, including a nonprofit organization. DMVA shall verify the presence of eight or less certified VSOs in the county through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs prior to awarding a grant.

Section 5: Reporting Requirements

The RECIPIENT agrees and shall submit compliance reports and certify that all grant funds received or held are being used for the purposes for which the grant was awarded, and providing an accounting of all funds received. Such reporting shall be required at a minimum of once every six (6) months following the date on which funds are received and shall continue until all funds have been expended and accounted for to the satisfaction of NCDMVA. See Attachment F - Compliance Reporting and Attachment G- Grant Certification for fashion of reporting.

Upon project completion (i.e., once RECIPIENT has expended all grant funds) or No later than **August 3, 2026**, whichever is sooner, the RECIPIENT shall submit, as prescribed by NCDMVA, the following information to SVC_DMVA_FSD.grants@milvets.nc.gov :

- (1) The unduplicated number of veterans served by the CVO.
- (2) The number of times each individual veteran was served by the CVO.
- (3) The services that were provided to veterans using the grant funds awarded to the CVO.

See Attachment H: Closeout Reporting Document for form and fashion of reporting the information above.

PART II – NCDMVA SECTION:

Section 1: Eligibility Determination

It is the responsibility of NCDMVA to verify through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that the RECIPIENT has eight (8) or less certified veteran service officers (VSOs). The VSO may be an employee of or volunteer with the federal government, State of North Carolina, county, or an entity in the county, including a nonprofit organization.

Section 2: Award Amount

The RECIPIENT will hereby be awarded the amount of \$20,000.00. NCDMVA will disburse the full amount of the grant award to the RECIPIENT within 30 days of NCDMVA's receipt and approval of the RECIPIENT's required documentation, including attachments, in form and substance satisfactory to NCDMVA.

Section 3: Contract Information

Once executed, this document will serve as the Agreement between the PARTIES. The Agreement number is 2026-0033.

Section 4: Period of Performance

The period of performance shall begin on the date this Agreement is fully executed by all parties (Contract Execution Date) and shall continue through **June 30, 2026**.

PART III – OTHER CONTRACTUAL REQUIREMENTS:

Section 1: Compliance with Laws

All state grants are subject to corresponding statutes and rules, most notably the cost principles enunciated in the Code of Federal Regulations, 2 CFR, Part 200, N.C. Gen. Stat. 143C-6-23, and 09 N.C. Admin. Code 03M. The RECIPIENT shall be responsible for compliance with all laws, ordinances, codes, rules, regulations, licensing requirements and other regulatory matters that are applicable to the conduct of its business and work performance under this Agreement, including those of Federal, State, and local agencies having appropriate jurisdiction. Disbursement of funds is contingent upon RECIPIENT's compliance with the terms of this Agreement and any applicable federal or state requirements.

Section 2: Monitoring and Auditing

The RECIPIENT acknowledges and agrees that, from and after the date of execution of this Agreement and for five (5) years following its termination, the books, records, documents and facilities of the RECIPIENT are subject to being audited, inspected and monitored at any time by NCDMVA upon its request (whether in writing or otherwise). The RECIPIENT further agrees to provide NCDMVA staff and staff of the Office of State Auditor with access to financial and accounting records to support internal audit, financial reporting and related requirements.

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Section 3: Amendments

This Agreement may be amended in writing which documents approval of changes by both the NCDMVA and the RECIPIENT. NCDMVA, in its sole discretion, may approve amendment requests to this Agreement.

A RECIPIENT may submit one (1) written amendment request to NCDMVA for an extension of the period of performance established under this Agreement. Any such extension requests must be made prior to the expiration of the current performance period and shall include justification or explanation for the requested extension. If approved, no extension shall extend the period of performance beyond **July 31, 2026**.

Section 4: Sub-Recipients

If the RECIPIENT grants to any sub-recipient, any of the grant funds awarded to the RECIPIENT under this Agreement, the RECIPIENT or sub-recipient is not relieved of any duties and responsibilities of this Agreement. Additionally, the sub-recipient agrees to abide by the standards contained in this contract and to provide information in its possession to all the RECIPIENT to comply with these standards.

Section 5: SITUS

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of North Carolina and any claim for breach or enforcement of this Agreement shall be filed in State court in Wake County, North Carolina.

Section 6: Termination of Agreement

This agreement may be terminated by mutual consent upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other party, or as otherwise provided by law. As soon as possible following termination of this agreement, any residual, unexpended grant funds remaining at the end of the termination or the period of performance shall be returned to NCDMVA.

PART IV – EXECUTION:

The undersigned represent and warrant that they are authorized to bind their principals to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. In Witness Whereof, the RECIPIENT and NCDMVA have executed this Agreement electronically, with each party retaining an electronic version. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date of the last party's signature.

RECIPIENT NAME

Charles A. Jacobs II
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

Charles A Jacobs II Deputy Director
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE:

10/24/2025
DATE

NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Jessica Slider
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

Jessica Slider Whitehead, Chief of Staff
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE:

1/9/26
DATE

Attachment A

County Veterans Office State Grant - Scope of Work and Budget

Scope of Work and Budget with Detailed Description

Pursuant to Part I, Section 3 of the Agreement, please provide a scope of work and budget with detailed description for the use of the maximum amount of \$20,000 even though the award amount may be less.

Hoke County will use the entire \$20,000 North Carolina Department Military Veterans Affairs Grant for Brandon Flagg, Veterans Service Officer.

Brandon Flagg will serve as a full-time Veterans Service Officer responsible for providing comprehensive assistance to veterans, active-duty service members, and their families in navigating benefits and services available through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other veteran support programs. His work will ensure that veterans receive the benefits and services they have earned through their military service.

Payment: 2589

Business Unit	4000 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS	Payment Amount	20,000.00 USD
Payee	HOKE COUNTY	Payment Date	1/27/26
Payee Site	R.4000.01	Payment Type	Payment Process Request
Address	227 N MAIN ST, RAEFORDNC, 283762805, HOKE, US	Remit-to Account	
Payment Status	Negotiable	Payment Document	4000 1000

Paid Invoices

Number	Invoice Date	Type	Purchase Order	Receipt	Consumption Advice	Paid Amount	Invoice Amount	Invoice Status	Due Date	Paid Status
2026-0033	1/16/26	Standard				20,000.00 USD	20,000.00 USD	Workflow appro...	1/16/26	Fully paid

- d. Resolution Request for Road Additions within the Timberland Ranch Subdivision to the State DOT System

**North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Request for Addition to State Maintained Secondary Road System**

North Carolina

County: Hoke

Road Description: Timberland Ranch Subdivision: Turkey Trot Lane, Sweet Grass Lane
Rocking Horse Lane

WHEREAS, the attached petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hoke requesting that the above described road, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be added to the Secondary Road System, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above described road should be added to the Secondary Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the addition of roads to the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Hoke that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above described road, and to take over the road for maintenance if it meets established standards and criteria.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Hoke at a meeting on the 16 day of February, 2026.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the 16 day of February, 2026.

Official Seal



Clerk, Board of Commissioners

County: [Signature]

PLEASE NOTE:

Forward direct with request to the Division Engineer, Division of Highways



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

J.R. (JOEY) HOPKINS
SECRETARY

August 4, 2025

HOKE COUNTY

Ms. Shanetta Smith
Clerk to the Board
Hoke County Board of Commissioners
227 North Main St.
Raeford, North Carolina 28376

Dear Ms. Smith:

Attached are location maps and copies of petitions for the following roads:

- Local Name
- Turkey Trot Lane
- Sweet Grass Lane
- Rocking Horse Lane

These roads are located off of SR 1214 Calloway Road within the Timberland Ranch Subdivision and are being considered for addition to the State System. If the Hoke County Commissioners concur with this addition, please request the appropriate resolution and forward it to this office.

Thank you, and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at (910) 944-7621.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Dagoberto Juarez Pozos

Dagoberto Juarez Pozos, PE
District Engineer

Attachments

DJP: KSR
cc: Bradley Odom
File

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING PETITION:

1. Complete Information Section
2. Identify Contact Person (This person serves as spokesperson for petitioner(s)).
3. Attach two (2) copies of recorded subdivision plat or property deeds, which refer to candidate road.
4. Adjoining property owners and/or the developer may submit a petition. Subdivision roads with prior NCDOT review and approval only require the developer's signature.
5. If submitted by the developer, encroachment agreements from all utilities located within the right of way shall be submitted with the petition for Road addition. However, construction plans may not be required at this time.
6. Submit to District Engineer's Office.

FOR NCDOT USE ONLY:

Date Petition Received by NCDOT: 8/7/2024

Please check the appropriate block:

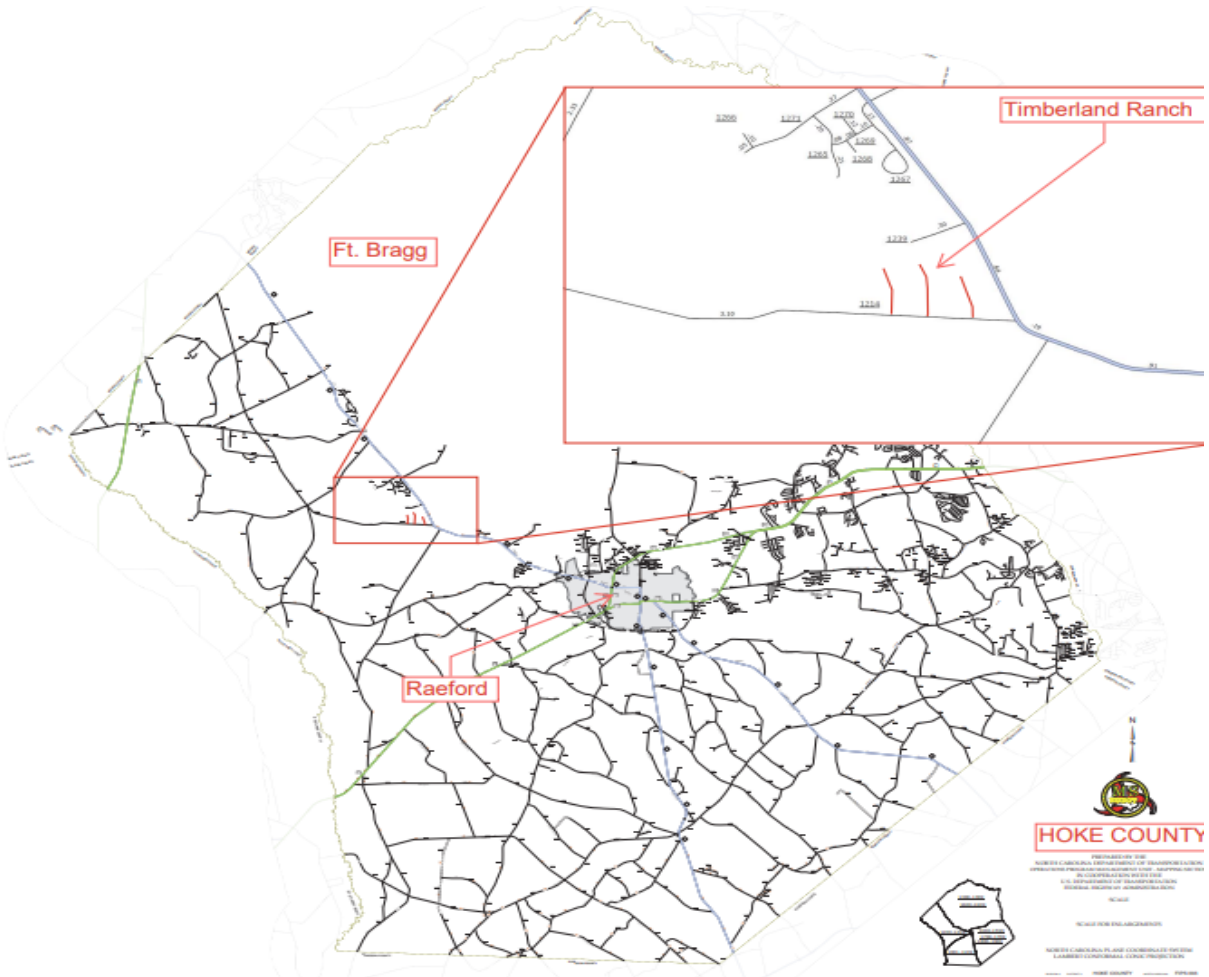
Rural Road Subdivision platted prior to October 1, 1975 Subdivision platted after September 30, 1975

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITION

If this road meets the requirements necessary for addition, we agree to grant the Department of Transportation a right-of-way of the necessary width to construct the road to the minimum construction standards of the NCDOT. The right-of-way will extend the entire length of the road that is requested to be added to the state maintained system and will include the necessary areas outside of the right-of-way for cut and fill slopes and drainage. Also, we agree to dedicate additional right-of-way at intersections for sight distance and design purposes and execute said right-of-way agreement forms that will be submitted to us by representatives of the NCDOT. The right-of-way shall be cleared at no expense to the NCDOT, which includes the removal of utilities, fences, other obstructions, etc.

General Statute 136-102.6 states that any subdivision recorded on or after October 1, 1975, must be built in accordance with NCDOT standards in order to be eligible for addition to the State Road System.

<u>ROAD NAME</u>	<u>HOMES</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>ROAD NAME</u>	<u>HOMES</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>
Sweet Grass Lane, 16 Homes, 0.28 mi., 1517.44'					
Rocking Horse Lane, 15 homes, 0.24 mi., 1300.13'					



e. North Carolina Pending Refund Report – January



North Carolina Vehicle Tax System

Pending Refund Report

Payee Name	Primary Owner	Secondary Owner	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Refund Type	Bill #	Plate Number	Status	Transaction #	Refund Description	Refund Reason	Grants State	Authorization Date	Tax Jurisdiction	Levy Type	Change	Interest Change	Total Change
BADLEY, JESSIE MICHAEL	BADLEY, JESSIE MICHAEL		11200 PEE DEE RD		GALDWATER, NC 28655	Proration	080541747	LE8A26	AUTHORIZED	22085894	Vehicle Sold	Vehicle Sold	1/2/2026	1/2/2026	FBI	TAX	(\$18.19)	\$0.00	(\$18.19)
BALDWIN, DWIGHT DWELL	BALDWIN, DWIGHT DWELL		712 ROCKINGWOOD HILL RD		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	080548938	LEH133	AUTHORIZED	23001509	due to proration on Vehicle Totalled	Vehicle Sold	1/5/2026	1/5/2026	FBI	TAX	(\$28.49)	(\$1.34)	(\$29.83)
BURNEY, COREY LOPEZ	BURNEY, COREY LOPEZ		829 WEST AVE		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment + \$100	087648863	EP9256	AUTHORIZED	24114876	due to adjustment on Bill 0807544863	Situs error	1/28/2026	1/28/2026	FBI	TAX	(\$12.77)	\$0.00	(\$12.77)
CARTER, MATTHEW ALLEN	CARTER, MATTHEW ALLEN		315 GROVER PL		CONSON, NC 28326	Adjustment + \$100	087648858	CE0803	AUTHORIZED	23094424	due to adjustment on Bill 0807544863	Military	1/4/2026	1/4/2026	FBI	TAX	(\$1.80)	\$0.00	(\$1.80)
COOK, JAMIETT ROBERT	COOK, JAMIETT ROBERT		2784 LOMLANDER DR		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment + \$100	0875148748	TK3424	PENDING	23080543	due to adjustment on Bill 0807544863	Military	1/2/2026	1/2/2026	FBI	TAX	(\$22.14)	\$0.00	(\$22.14)
COOK, MARILYN KATHERINE	COOK, MARILYN KATHERINE		2784 LOMLANDER DR		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment + \$100	0875148748	TK3424	PENDING	23080543	due to adjustment on Bill 0807544863	Military	1/2/2026	1/2/2026	FBI	TAX	(\$22.14)	\$0.00	(\$22.14)
CHEN, JOHN LEE	CHEN, JOHN LEE		485 CAROLINA RD		ASHEBORO, NC 28515	Adjustment + \$100	0801975234	LF1589	PENDING	261514542	Refund Generated on Bill 0801975234	Situs error	1/27/2026	1/27/2026	FBI	TAX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DEBESSIS, EDWARD HARRY JR	DEBESSIS, EDWARD HARRY JR		22784 ROCKSTEIN DR, UNIT K2		FORESTVILLE, NC 28644	Proration	0805117912	JF0481	PENDING	241807288	Vehicle Sold	Vehicle Sold	1/28/2026	1/28/2026	FBI	TAX	(\$26.41)	\$0.00	(\$26.41)
SUBANKS, ILLIANA VOISSE	SUBANKS, ILLIANA VOISSE		3936 ARABIA RD		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	0807778834	DR7086	AUTHORIZED	23080588	due to proration on Vehicle Sold	Vehicle Sold	1/2/2026	1/2/2026	FBI	TAX	(\$81.25)	\$0.00	(\$81.25)
FACETT, NICHOLAS TAYLOR	FACETT, NICHOLAS TAYLOR		284 GREENHEDGE DR		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	087936789	J32028	PENDING	23093468	due to proration on Vehicle Sold	Vehicle Sold	1/5/2026	1/5/2026	FBI	TAX	(\$91.43)	\$0.00	(\$91.43)
GEORGE, WANG ELIZABETH	GEORGE, WANG ELIZABETH		1308 THUNDER DR		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	080446564	3B3479	PENDING	240671462	due to proration on Vehicle Sold	Vehicle Sold	1/28/2026	1/28/2026	FBI	TAX	(\$46.75)	\$0.00	(\$46.75)
GRABER, JUSTIN TYLER	GRABER, JUSTIN TYLER		117 STOCKBRIDGE DR		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment + \$100	087936789	FAC2992	AUTHORIZED	240671464	due to adjustment on Bill 080446564	Military	1/28/2026	1/28/2026	FBI	TAX	(\$7.20)	\$0.00	(\$7.20)
HARRIS, KAREN SUE	HARRIS, KAREN SUE		117 STOCKBRIDGE DR		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment + \$100	0801881338	FAC1487	PENDING	23093588	due to adjustment on Bill 0801881338	Vehicle Totalled	1/5/2026	1/5/2026	FBI	TAX	(\$18.45)	\$0.00	(\$18.45)
HARRIS, LINDSEY SR	HARRIS, LINDSEY SR		365 MYOR CT		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Adjustment + \$100	0803934638	77N70V	PENDING	240772412	due to adjustment on Bill 0803934638	Situs error	1/22/2026	1/22/2026	FBI	TAX	(\$72.42)	\$0.00	(\$72.42)
HASSAN, WAFD SALAH	HASSAN, WAFD SALAH		222 CORAL LN		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	0804211448	WY7068	AUTHORIZED	24058899	due to proration on Errors	Other	1/16/2026	1/16/2026	FBI	TAX	(\$6.11)	\$0.00	(\$6.11)
HASSAN, WAFD SALAH	HASSAN, WAFD SALAH		222 CORAL LN		RAEFORD, NC 28376	Proration	080225988	LE8568	AUTHORIZED	24058894	due to proration on Errors	Other	1/16/2026	1/16/2026	FBI	TAX	(\$18.49)	\$0.00	(\$18.49)

Customer Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Account #	Service Type	Status	Effective Date	Due Date	Amount	Refund	Total
MULCE, RAYNE LAWRENCE	118 TILAM DR	RAEFORD, NC	28376		000850418	VF0620	PENDING	2/12/2026	2/12/2026	(\$18.25)	(\$18.25)	\$0.00
JACOBS, TERRY	108 PINECONE AVE	RAEFORD, NC	28376		007922747	TL9213	PENDING	2/12/2026	2/12/2026	(\$25.24)	(\$25.24)	\$0.00
LOVE, JOHN MICHAEL	288 GATSBY DR	RAEFORD, NC	28376		006202485	EE2967	AUTHORIZED	1/8/2026	1/8/2026	(\$9.59)	(\$9.59)	\$0.00
NEACON, JACOB DANIEL	111 STONESTOWN LN	RAEFORD, NC	28376		000902012	KE9887	PENDING	1/28/2026	1/28/2026	(\$18.13)	(\$18.13)	\$0.00
MORRIS, DANE MICHAEL	131 SWEET BRUSH LN	RAEFORD, NC	28376		007988289	KC2988	PENDING	1/6/2026	1/6/2026	(\$18.23)	(\$18.23)	\$0.00
DAWK, BREANN LYNN	212 SHERGIST DR	RAEFORD, NC	28376		007996714	KY5254	PENDING	1/12/2026	1/12/2026	(\$11.19)	(\$11.19)	\$0.00
SANTAGO, VICTOR NOAH	412 CIBSON DR	RAEFORD, NC	28376		000859789	MB8102	AUTHORIZED	1/22/2026	1/22/2026	(\$3.86)	(\$3.86)	\$0.00
SZCZUKA, PETER PAULINO	114 ROBIN PL	FAVETTVILLE, NC	28358		0087473871	DKX308	AUTHORIZED	1/21/2026	1/21/2026	(\$19.98)	(\$19.98)	\$0.00
											Refund Total:	\$0.00

f. Adjustments to Water Service Meter Bill



Hoke County Public Utilities
 James McQueen, Utilities Director
 Post Office Box 240/663 Palmer Road
 Raeford, North Carolina 28376
 (910) 848-0385 Ext. 1007

February 6, 2026

Hoke County Board of Commissioners
 227 N. Main Street
 Raeford, North Carolina 28376

Subject: Adjustments to Water Service Meter Bill at [REDACTED]
 Raeford, North Carolina 28376

Mr. Leach,

Ms. Tuesday Wittig has asked Hoke County Utilities to give her an adjustment on her water service meter located at [REDACTED], Raeford, North Carolina. The bill amount for the water meter service is \$4,509.13, which indicated that there had been a major leak on the customer side of the utility. Ms. Wittig has provided a written request for the leak adjustment.

Based on the current ordinance "Appendix B, Adjustment Policy" a customer is authorized a leak adjustment one per year. At the time of the leak Ms. Wittig stated that she could not afford to get the leak repaired because of her fix income status. The leak has since been repaired and the issue has been mitigated. The Utilities Department is submitting this request to the Board of Commissioners because of the dollar amount attached to this leak adjustment. Ms. Wittig will be enrolled in a payment plan to pay the adjusted balance if approved by the board.

If the Board of Commissioners elect to give an adjustment to this account; the adjustment amount was calculated based on current adjustment protocol. The adjustment will be in the amount of \$916.03 unless otherwise advised by the Board of Commissioners.

Sincerely,

James W. McQueen
 James W. McQueen
 Utilities Director
 Hoke County

g. Finance: Surplus Property
1. H.A.T.S

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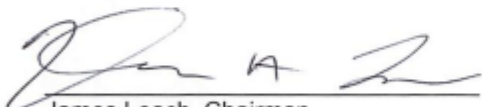
**RESOLUTION OF THE HOKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND
AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF SAID PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Hoke, North Carolina desires to dispose of certain vehicles located at the Hoke Area Transit Service as listed below that have been determined as no longer needed by the County.

Make/Model	VIN	Mileage
2019 Ford E-350 Starlite	1FDEE3FSXKDC21503	>166,000
2019 Ford E-350 Starlite	1FDEE3FS5KDC21506	>227,000
2019 Ford E-350 Starlite	1FDEE3FS9KDC21508	>184,000
2019 Ford E-350 Starlite	1FDEE3FS0KDC21512	>208,000

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hoke County Board of Commissioners that the listed property is hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the County and authorizes the disposition of the property in the best interest of the County of Hoke.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of February, 2026.


James Leach, Chairman


Shanetta Smith, Clerk to the Board



2. Solid Waste

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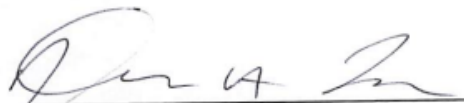
**RESOLUTION OF THE HOKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND
AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF SAID PROPERTY**


WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Hoke, North Carolina desires to dispose of certain equipment from the Solid Waste Department as listed below that has been determined as no longer needed by the County.

Make/Model	VIN	Mileage/HR Usage
2019 John Deere Backhoe	1T0410LXKKF363453	6,300 >hours

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hoke County Board of Commissioners that the attached described property list is hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the County and authorizes the disposition of the property in the best interest of the County of Hoke.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of February, 2026.


James A. Leach, Chairman


Shanetta Smith, Clerk to the Board



- h. Finance: Budget Amendments
 - 1. Audio/Visual Department
 - 2. Medical Examiner
 - 3. Utilities
 - 4. Hoke County Health Department

AMENDMENT TO THE HOKE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE

2025/2026

Amendment

Section 7 of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the Water & Sewer Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Appropriations:

Water Distribution	(50,000)
Water- Sewer	(100,000)
Water- Wastewater Treatment	(100,000)
Water Distribution	250,000

Total	<u>\$ -</u>
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Section 8 of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the Water & Sewer Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Revenues:

Total	<u>\$ -</u>
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This amendment:

- To transfer funds from capital outlay in distribution, sewer & sewer plant to increase, distribution supplies and material for increase cost in water meters and erts.

Funding Source: Transfer from capital outlay, no new money

Submitted: 02-16-2026

Respectfully Submitted by:

Martin Ferguson
 Assistant Finance Director

Approved by:

Shirley J. Edens
 County Manager



AMENDMENT TO THE HOKE COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE
2025/2026
Amendment

Section 1 of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Appropriations:

Audio Video Maintenance	120,000
Medical Examiner	30,000
Special Appropriations	(30,000)
WIC Client Services	4,496
NC Partnership for Children	756
Total	\$ 125,252

Section 2 of the Hoke County Budget Ordinance, pertaining to the General Fund operations of the County, shall be amended as follows:

Increase/(Decrease) Revenues:

Ad Valorem	120,000
Health Department Revenue	5,252
Total	\$ 125,252

To increase audio video budget by \$120,000 to cover internet service cost.

Funding Source: Additional ad valorem revenue

To transfer \$30K from Forestry budget to medical examiner budget to prevent overspending.

Funding Source: Lapse expenditure in Forestry budget.

To increase WIC Client Services budget and NC Partnership budget


Funding Source: Additional revenue

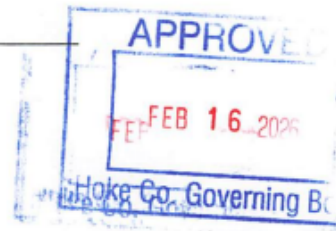
Submitted: 02-16-2026

Respectfully Submitted by:


 Assistant Finance Director

Approved by:


 County Manager



Motion: Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Hunt, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda (Items A-H).

4. Tax Administrator – Daphne Dudley

a. Hoke County Tax Collector’s Report – January

HOKE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Jan-26

Tax Levy 2026		\$38,567,270.20
Additions to Levy YTD		\$1,607,377.77
Total 2026 Levy to Date		\$40,174,647.97
Refunds 2026		\$45,300.36
Releases/Abatements		\$43,388.00
Discounts		\$547,234.06
Adjustments		\$1,543.16
Write Offs		\$2,846.89
Advertising Charged 2026 Tax Bills		\$0.00
Collectable Levy to Date		\$40,132,803.13
Collected To Date		\$37,156,497.47
Uncollected Balance 2026 Tax Levy		<u>\$2,976,305.66</u>

Collections January 2026		\$1,749,998.41
Releases January 2026		\$6,642.43
Percent of Levy Collected (Receipts)		92.58%
Percent of Levy Collected (Releases, Etc.)		0.11%

Prior Years Tax Levy January 2026		\$1,765,506.24
Prior Years Collected in January 2026 To Date		\$504,780.59
Uncollected Balance Before Releases		\$1,260,725.65
Refunds		\$4,382.19
Releases/Abatements		\$29,414.88
Discounts		\$5.04
Adjustments		\$3,708.00
Write Offs/Insolvent		\$1,020.18
Uncollected Balance Prior Years		<u>\$1,093,761.68</u>

Prior Years Collected in January 2026		\$38,556.81
Releases Prior Years January 2026		\$0.00
Percent Prior Years Collected (Receipts)		28.59%
Percent Prior Years Collected (Releases.Etc.)		2.33%
Total Uncollected Taxes		<u>\$4,070,067.34</u>

2025 Taxes

Tax Levy January 2025		\$38,541,857.28
Collections January 2025		\$2,813,703.82
Releases January 2025		\$1,445.13
Percent Collected (Receipts)	92.37%	
Percent Collected (Releases,Etc.)	0.03%	
Prior Years Tax Levy January 2025		\$1,802,223.66
Collections January 2025		\$91,001.70
Releases January 2025		\$0.00
Insolvent		
Percent Collected (Receipts)	38.04%	
Percent Collected (Releases,Etc.)	0.08%	

b. Release and Adjustment Report – January

RELEASE/ADJUSTMENT REPORT 2/16/2026								
OWNER	ACCOUNT	PROPERTY CODE	Category	BILL#	Year	REASON	AMOUNT	RELEASE/REFUND
Dream Finders Homes LLC	251756	58496-00-01-269	20	7039	2025	Home added to wrong property	\$2,293.48	Release/Refund
Jennifer & Michael Powell	252247	49464-00-01-146	20	20990	2025	Value Change	\$1,149.39	Refund
Wenona Lowery	104772	69415-00-01-007	20	14148	2022	Acreage Correction	\$228.09	Refund
Wenona Lowery	104772	69415-00-01-007	20	14402	2023	Acreage Correction	\$228.09	Refund
Wenona Lowery	104772	69415-00-01-007	20	14929	2024	Acreage Correction	\$227.67	Refund
Wenona Lowery	104772	69415-00-01-007	20	15317	2025	Acreage Correction	\$118.69	Release
							\$4,245.41	

Motion: Upon motion made by Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Southerland, the Board approved the releases and refunds of \$4,245.41.

- c. Approval of Disabled Veteran Exclusion for 2025 Along with Reduction and Refund of Tax Bill



Memo

DATE: February 16, 2026

TO : Hoke County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Daphne Graham-Dudley
Hoke County Tax Administrator

RE: Approval of Disabled Veteran Exclusion

Attached is a letter from Mr. Michael Smith. Mr. Smith purchased a home in Hoke County in June of 2024. He said that he called at that time to inquire about the exemption for 100% disabled Veterans. At the time, Mr. Smith was not eligible to receive the exemption until 2025, since he was not the owner of the home as of January 1, 2024. It all depends on when Mr. Smith called the office, and someone would have told him he was too late to apply. The exemption time frame is Jan 1 to June 1 each year. Mr. Smith is requesting that his exemption be approved for 2025 and that his tax bill be reduced and refunded. He has submitted his documents for 2026.

Respectfully,

Daphne Graham-Dudley
Tax Administrator

Motion: Upon motion made by Commissioner Hunt and second by Commissioner

Thomas, the Board unanimously approved granting the Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption for the 2025 tax year.

d. Approval of the Board of the 2026 Equalization and Review Meeting Schedule

**NOTICE OF MEETING
OF THE HOKE COUNTY
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION & REVIEW**

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-322, the Hoke County Board of Equalization and Review will meet as required by law.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To hear upon request, any and all taxpayers who own or control taxable property assessed for taxation in Hoke County, with respect to the valuation of such property, or the property of others, and to fulfill other duties and responsibilities required by law.

TIME OF MEETING

The board will convene for its first meeting on
Monday, April 6, 2026
Second Meeting Monday, April 20, 2026
Third meeting Monday, May 4, 20256
Meetings will be held in the Commissioners' Room of the Pratt building, 227 N. Main St, Raeford, NC, at 6 p.m.

The adjournment date is expected to be **Monday, May 4, 2026.**

The schedule for the hearing of appeals timely filed will be posted at the office of the Assessor, serving as Clerk to the Board, and will also be provided to individuals and organizations that have requested notice pursuant to G.S. 143-318.12

**All Requests for hearings should be made in writing to:
Hoke County Board of Equalization & Review**



Memo

DATE: February 7, 2026

TO : Hoke County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Daphne Graham-Dudley
Hoke County Tax Administrator

RE: Board of Equalization and Review Schedule

Attached is the proposed schedule for the 2026 Board of Equalization and Review. Meetings will be held one hour before regular monthly meetings.

First meeting April 6, 2026
Second meeting April 20, 2026
Third and final meeting (unless more are needed) May 4, 2026

I ask that you approve this schedule unless there is a conflict with the time and dates of the Board's agendas.

Respectfully,

Daphne Graham-Dudley
Tax Administrator


Motion: Upon motion made by Commissioner Hunt and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved the 2026 Board of Equalization and Review meeting schedule.

- 5. Hoke County ABC Board Reappointment - Mike Summers** (moved from 2-2-26)
 - a. Mr. Alfred Leach

Motion: Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Hunt, the Board unanimously approved the reappointment of Mr. Leach to a two-year term.

- 6. Industrial Park Pump Station for Project Orion – Will Wright, Executive Director Raeford-Hoke Economic Development**
 - a. Bid Summary and Tabulation

SUMMARY OF BID OPENING			
Bid Opening - January 29, 2026 Project Name: Industrial Park Sewer System (Project Orion) Owner Name: Hoke County LKC Project No: HoCo-23.01			
CONTRACTOR	ADDRESS	License Number	Total Base Bid Amount
J&K General Contractors, Inc.	Raeford, NC	78272	\$2,543,330.00
JYMCO Construction Company, Inc.	Smithfield, NC	76371	\$2,677,557.00
Burnette Enterprises of Wilmington	Wilmington, NC	80431	\$2,955,930.05
Driggers Construction, LLC	Hamer, SC	78674	\$3,120,723.75
Heath Grading and Utility, Inc.	Wilmington, NC	71507	\$3,161,305.00
ELJ, Inc.	Jacksonville, NC	47340	\$3,445,097.00
Columbus Utilities, Inc.	Fair Bluff, NC	33051	\$3,736,420.00
SKC, Inc.	Asheboro, NC	39936	\$3,992,254.00
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Reviewed and Certified as Presented Above			

		BID DATE: Thursday, January 29, 2026 TIME: 2:00 PM LOCATION: Hoke County		PROJECT: Industrial Park Sewer System (Project Orion) Rec'd By: Benjamin B. Wilkins, P.E.																	
						J&K General Contractors, Inc.		JFMCO Construction Company, Inc.		Burnette Enterprises of Wilmington		Driggers Construction, LLC		Heath Grading and Utility, Inc.		ELL, Inc.		Columbus Utilities, Inc.		SRK, Inc.	
Item Description	Quantity	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	
1. Mobilization, bonding, & insurance	1	LS	\$74,000.00	\$74,000.00	\$77,500.00	\$77,500.00	\$86,000.00	\$86,000.00	\$87,000.00	\$87,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$88,925.00	\$88,925.00	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$118,000.00	\$118,000.00	
2. Pump Station - Lump sum price that include all site work, excavation, concrete structures, site piping, station piping, coating, pumps, flow meter, electrical/SCADA systems, generator & ATS, water service, gravity sewer, fencing, and all other items depicted in PS drawings.	1	LS	\$1,120,000.00	\$1,120,000.00	\$1,045,672.00	\$1,045,672.00	\$1,300,000.00	\$1,300,000.00	\$1,332,051.00	\$1,332,051.00	\$1,270,000.00	\$1,270,000.00	\$1,149,612.00	\$1,149,612.00	\$1,149,612.00	\$1,149,612.00	\$1,795,000.00	\$1,795,000.00	\$1,775,000.00	\$1,775,000.00	
3. 8" DR18 C900 PVC Force Main	11,800	LF	\$38.00	\$448,400.00	\$44.00	\$519,200.00	\$75.00	\$885,000.00	\$66.50	\$784,700.00	\$59.15	\$697,970.00	\$100.00	\$1,180,000.00	\$76.00	\$896,800.00	\$95.00	\$1,121,000.00			
4. 8" Class 350 R.1 DTP Force Main	1,980	LF	\$200.00	\$396,000.00	\$145.00	\$287,100.00	\$150.00	\$297,000.00	\$207.25	\$410,355.00	\$150.00	\$297,000.00	\$200.00	\$396,000.00	\$164.00	\$324,720.00	\$175.00	\$346,500.00			
5. 18" Steel Casing, installed by Bore & Jack	300	LF	\$1,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$600.00	\$180,000.00	\$400.00	\$120,000.00	\$512.50	\$153,750.00	\$150.00	\$45,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$775.00	\$232,500.00	\$2,200.00	\$660,000.00			
6. 8" 90 Degree Bend	5	EA	\$5,500.00	\$27,500.00	\$1,815.00	\$9,075.00	\$1,200.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,513.25	\$7,566.25	\$1,400.00	\$7,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$12,000.00			
7. 8" 45 Degree Bend	16	EA	\$2,500.00	\$40,000.00	\$1,728.00	\$27,648.00	\$1,125.00	\$18,000.00	\$3,394.25	\$54,308.00	\$1,500.00	\$24,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$3,400.00	\$54,400.00	\$1,500.00	\$24,000.00			
8. 8" 22.5 Degree Bend	2	EA	\$9,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$1,725.00	\$3,450.00	\$1,125.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,394.25	\$4,788.50	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,400.00	\$8,800.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00			
9. 8" Plug Valve	4	EA	\$8,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$1,213.00	\$4,852.00	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$8,049.00	\$32,196.00	\$4,300.00	\$17,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00		
10. Combination Air/Vacuum Release Valve	4	EA	\$6,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$1,832.00	\$7,328.00	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$7,544.25	\$30,177.00	\$12,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$55,400.00	\$221,600.00	\$13,500.00	\$54,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$34,000.00			
11. Select Backfill	650	CY	\$5.00	\$3,250.00	\$46.00	\$30,100.00	\$10.00	\$6,500.00	\$11.50	\$7,475.00	\$8.00	\$5,200.00	\$25.00	\$16,250.00	\$34.00	\$22,100.00	\$15.00	\$9,750.00			
12. Gravel Driveway Replacement	25	TN	\$22.00	\$550.00	\$78.00	\$1,950.00	\$80.00	\$2,000.00	\$132.50	\$3,312.50	\$80.00	\$2,000.00	\$50.00	\$1,250.00	\$34.00	\$850.00	\$30.00	\$750.00			
13. Concrete Driveway Replacement	120	SY	\$30.00	\$3,600.00	\$28.00	\$3,360.00	\$35.00	\$4,200.00	\$189.50	\$22,740.00	\$110.00	\$13,200.00	\$110.00	\$13,200.00	\$130.00	\$15,600.00	\$125.00	\$15,000.00			
14. Asphalt Driveway Replacement	105	SY	\$90.00	\$9,450.00	\$150.00	\$15,750.00	\$85.00	\$8,925.00	\$83.25	\$8,741.25	\$200.00	\$21,000.00	\$100.00	\$10,500.00	\$130.00	\$13,650.00	\$115.00	\$12,075.00			
15. Connection to Headworks at WWTP (Including Temporary Bypass Pumping, See Special Provisions Item 40.1)	1	LS	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$33,535.00	\$33,535.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$49,542.75	\$49,542.75	\$41,500.00	\$41,500.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$48,200.00	\$48,200.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00			
16. Clearing & Grubbing - Sheet P5.1 & FM1.11	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$41,593.25	\$41,593.25	\$44,000.00	\$44,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$93,000.00	\$93,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00			
17. Frosion Control	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$17,345.00	\$17,345.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,508.75	\$24,508.75	\$78,000.00	\$78,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$70,625.00	\$70,625.00	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00			
18. Force Main Cleanup & Testing	13,780	LF	\$1.00	\$13,780.00	\$10.00	\$137,800.00	\$7.00	\$96,460.00	\$2.25	\$31,005.00	\$8.75	\$119,460.00	\$2.00	\$27,560.00	\$5.00	\$68,900.00	\$1.00	\$13,780.00			
TOTAL BASE BID AMOUNT:				\$2,543,330.00		\$2,677,557.00		\$2,955,930.00		\$3,120,723.75		\$3,161,305.00		\$3,445,097.00		\$3,736,420.00		\$3,992,254.00			

b. Industrial Park Sewer Post-Bid Project Budget

HOKE COUNTY REGIONAL SEWER SYSTEM INDUSTRIAL PARK SEWER POST-BID PROJECT BUDGET (UPDATED 2/4/2026)	
Low Bidder: J&K General Contractors, Inc.	\$2,543,330.00
Construction Subtotal:	\$2,543,330.00
Contingency (10%)	\$254,333.00
Engineering - Design Services	\$17,000.00
Surveying \$12,000 Design and Permitting \$0 Property / Easement Mapping \$5,000	
Engineering - Construction Management Services	\$211,000.00
Bid Management \$16,000 Construction Management & Inspection \$195,000	
Misc. Items	\$97,000.00
Legal Fees \$20,000.00 3-Phase Power to New PS Site \$35,000.00 Geotechnical Investigation at Bores and PS site \$15,000.00 Railroad Encroachment Agreement \$25,000.00 Permit Fees/Advertisements/Misc. \$2,000.00	
Total Project Budget	\$3,122,663.00
Project Funding	
NCDEQ-DWI SRP Funding (SRP-W-134-0025) \$1,182,000.00 Golden Leaf Funding (R-202512-09930) \$1,400,000.00 Industrial Development Fund (U560) \$1,400,000.00	
Remaining Project Funds	\$859,337.00

c. Resolution of Tentative Award for Hoke County, NC Industrial Park Sewer System

**RESOLUTION OF TENTATIVE AWARD
FOR
HOKE COUNTY, NC
INDUSTRIAL PARK SEWER SYSTEM
(PROJECT ORION)
(FUNDING NO. SRP-W-134-0025)**

WHEREAS, HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA ("County") has received bids, pursuant to duly advertisement notice therefore, for the construction of the INDUSTRIAL PARK SEWER SYSTEM (PROJECT ORION) project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, LKC ENGINEERING, PLLC ("Engineer") has reviewed the bids; and

WHEREAS, J&K General Contractors, Inc. was the lowest bidder for the Project, with a base bid amount of \$2,543,330.00; and

WHEREAS, the consulting Engineer recommends **TENTATIVE AWARD** to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; and,

WHEREAS, the bid price of the lowest responsive, responsible bidder was within budget; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that TENTATIVE AWARD is made to the lowest bidder of J&K General Contractors, Inc. in the Bid Amount of \$2,543,330.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such TENTATIVE AWARD be contingent upon the approval of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality.

Upon motion of _____, seconded by _____, the above

RESOLUTION was unanimously adopted.

This, the ___ day of _____ 2026.

(Letitia Edens, County Manager)

(Seal)

Attest:

(Town Clerk)



February 4, 2026

Ms. Letitia Edens
 County Manager
 Hoke County
 227 N. Main Street
 Raeford, NC 28376

Re: Hoke County
 Industrial Park Sewer System (Project Orion)
 Engineer’s Recommendation to Award

Dear Ms. Edens:

Bids were received for the Hoke County, Industrial Park Sewer System project on Thursday, January 29th, 2026. The Project consists of a new 413 GPM duplex submersible pump station, approximately 13,780 LF of 8-inch forcemain along Golf Course Rd, Arabia Rd, & Ellis Rd discharging at the Hoke County WWTP, as well as 32 LF of 12-inch gravity sewer.

Eight bids were received and accepted as summarized below:

CONTRACTOR	LOCATION	BID AMOUNT
J&K General Contractors, Inc.	Raeford, NC	\$2,543,330.00
JYMCO Construction Company, Inc.	Smithfield, NC	\$2,677,557.00
Burnette Enterprises of Wilmington	Wilmington, NC	\$2,955,930.05
Driggers Construction, LLC	Hamer, SC	\$3,120,723.75
Heath Grading and Utility, Inc.	Wilmington, NC	\$3,161,305.00
ELJ, Inc.	Jacksonville, NC	\$3,445,097.00
Columbus Utilities, Inc.	Fair Bluff, NC	\$3,736,420.00
SKC, Inc.	Asheboro, NC	\$3,992,254.00

The low bidder is J&K General Contractors, Inc. (“J&K”) from Raeford, NC. LKC as a company has experience working with J&K and is familiar with the company and their capabilities. We have discussed their bid with J&K staff and are comfortable with their understanding and ability to perform the project.

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Therefore, LKC recommends the award be made to J&K General Contractors, Inc. for their low bid amount of \$2,543,330.00 and authorize the execution of the construction contracts by the appropriate individuals.

Attached to this recommendation is a Bid Tabulation showing detailed results of the bid. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (910) 420-1437 or by email at ben@LKCengineering.com.

Sincerely,
LKC Engineering, PLLC



Ben Wibbens, P.E.

Mr. Will Wright, Executive Director of Raeford-Hoke Economic Development, appeared before the Board regarding Project Orion and the proposed sewer extension serving the Pennsylvania Transformer site.

Commissioner Hunt expressed the desire for the Utility Committee to review the bid tabulation and provide clarification on the evaluation process before formal award by the Board.

Vice Chairman Southerland discussed the importance of transparency in the bid process and ensuring that established protocols are followed. It was noted that sewer-related bids typically undergo review by the Utility Committee prior to final Board action.

The item was referred to the Utility Committee for review prior to final action.

7. Ms. Indian North Carolina Scholarship Pageant Sponsorship – Tessa Morgan

Ms. Tessa Morgan appeared before the Board to request sponsorship support in connection with her participation in an upcoming pageant. Ms. Morgan stated that she is a horticulture student at Sandhills Community College and a lifelong resident of Hoke County. She explained that her platform focuses on Indigenous agriculture, food sovereignty, environmental stewardship, and promoting traditional agricultural practices within the community.

Commissioner Hunt discussed that Hoke County cannot formally sponsor pageants using County funds. However, several commissioners expressed support for Ms. Morgan's efforts personally.

No formal Board action was taken, as sponsorship contributions were personal and not County funds.

8. Mobile Crisis Services Presentation – Brent Gause, Southeastern Integrated Care Program Director (moved from 2-2-26)

Mr. Brent Gause, representing Southeast Mobile Crisis Services, appeared before the Board to present information regarding the grant-funded mobile crisis response program operating in Hoke County. Mr. Gause reported that the program recently received approximately \$2 million in grant funding and began providing services in January. Since implementation, thirteen calls have been received, and seven individuals were diverted from hospitalization.

Mr. Gause explained that the program coordinates with 911 and emergency services to respond to mental health-related calls when appropriate. Commissioners discussed the benefit of having trained mental health professionals assist in crisis situations, reducing strain on law enforcement and connecting individuals with appropriate treatment resources.

The County Manager confirmed that the Memorandum of Understanding would not obligate County funds.

Motion: Upon motion made by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Hunt, the Board unanimously authorized the County Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for Mobile Crisis Services, provided no County funds are obligated.

9. Hoke County Health Department – Dr. Helene Edwards, Health Director

- a. The Hoke County Health Department Proposed Clinical Service Fee



**HOKE COUNTY
Department of Public Health**

683 East Palmer Road
Raeford, North Carolina 28376



Helene Edwards, MS, RD, LDN
Health Director

(910) 875-3717
FAX (910) 875-6351

To: Hoke County Commissioners
Shanetta Smith, Clerk to BOCC

From: Helene Edwards
Health Director

Date: February 6, 2026

Re: Hoke County Health Department Proposed Clinical Services' Fee

On January 12, 2026, the Hoke County Board of Health approved the following proposed clinical services' fee:

Description	CPT Code	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Flublok	90673	--	\$100.00

The Hoke County Board of Health would like you to approve the proposed clinical services' fee for Flublok at the Hoke County Commissioners' meeting on February 16, 2026. Please contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at 875-3717 ext. 2111 or (910) 751-5482 (*mobile*).

Dr. Helene Edwards
Board of Health Secretary
Hoke County Health Department

2/6/2026
Date

Motion: Upon motion made by Commissioner McCollum and second by Vice Chairman Southerland, the Board unanimously approved establishing a \$100 fee for the Flu Block vaccine.

- b. Hoke County Health Department Proposed Environmental Health Specialist Contract (Sent to County Attorney)

The Hoke County Health Department Proposed Environmental Health Specialist Contract is incorporated herein by reference as Appendix A and made a part of these minutes.

Motion: Upon motion made by Commissioner McCollum and second by Vice Chairman Southerland, the Board unanimously approved the Environmental Health Specialist Contract.

10. Surplus Property – Clerk to the Board

- a. Resolution Accepting Offer of Bid on Certain Property:
 Location: 464 Alex Baker Road
 PIN: 694251601021
 Declared Surplus: 10/21/2024
 County Cost: \$4,155.56
 Bid Amount: \$7,000.00
 Acreage: 0.21 lot

James Leach
Chairman

 Harry Southerland
Vice Chairman

 Tony Hunt
Commissioner

 Allen Thomas, Jr.
Commissioner



Mary Blue McCollum
Commissioner

 Grady Hunt
County Attorney

 Letitia Edens
County Manager

 Shanetta Smith
Clerk to the Board

HOKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

ACCEPTING OFFER OF BID FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Hoke County Board of Commissioners declared the following property as surplus:
 Parcel #694251601021 – 464 Alex Baker Road – Raeford Township; and

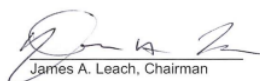
WHEREAS, the Hoke County Board of Commissioners has received and proposes to accept an offer to sell to Roy Brown for \$7,000.00 for 464 Alex Baker Road – Raeford Township – Parcel ID Number 694251601021; and

WHEREAS, public notice of the intent to sell the above described property was published as required by law; and

WHEREAS, no upset bid has been received;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hoke County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the execution of the necessary documents in order to sell the above described property to Roy Brown, 4598 Phillippi Church Road, Raeford, North Carolina, 28376 for the purchase price of \$7,000.00 and to deliver and receive the appropriate documents.

Adopted this 16th day of February, 2026.


James A. Leach, Chairman


Shanetta Smith, Clerk to the Board



Motion: Upon motion made by Commissioner Hunt and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously approved accepting the \$7,000 bid for the surplus property surplus (PIN 694251601021).

11. Manager's Report

County Manager Letitia J. Edens advised the Board that an Affordable Housing Open House is scheduled for the following day at 10:00 a.m.

County Manager Edens further reported that she met with PWC on January 30, 2026, to discuss matters related to the County's water agreement. As PWC is conducting long-term infrastructure improvements along the Rockfish and U.S. 401 corridor, they requested the County's 20-year water study to assist in forecasting future capacity needs. The County has submitted the study to ensure that projected growth and water demand over the next two decades are incorporated into PWC's planning efforts.

Mrs. Edens also provided an update on Rockfish Sewer Phase 2, which pertains to commercial expansion in that area. The County Manager recommended moving forward with the engineering and design phase of the project. A formal contract for those services will be presented at the next meeting to allow the project to continue progressing.

12. Chairman's Report

Chairman Leach noted that the County has not implemented a tax increase in several years and continues to work diligently to keep rates low, particularly to support senior citizens living on fixed incomes. Chairman Leach also highlighted that growth and development, including residential "rooftops," play a critical role in attracting business and generating sales tax revenue. Increased development, particularly in areas such as Rockfish, was noted as essential to supporting future school construction and sustaining economic growth.

Board Comments:

Commissioner Hunt also discussed ongoing water planning efforts, emphasizing the need to protect existing customers while evaluating future allocations. He noted that the County is exploring additional water supply options, including coordination with PWC and potential partnership discussions with Robeson County.

Commissioner Thomas expressed appreciation to the County Manager for ongoing coordination with PWC and emphasized the importance of negotiating effectively to secure adequate water allocations to support responsible growth. He stated that smart growth is necessary to sustain the County's financial stability, noting that rising expenses such as employee salaries, cost-of-living adjustments, and increasing health insurance costs must be supported by a growing tax base.

13. Adjourn

Motion: With there being no further business to come before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, and upon motion made by Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Southerland, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting.

/JL/

James Leach, Chairman

/SS/

Shanetta Smith, Clerk to the Board