

Board of Commissioners Agenda Packet

September 14, 2020

5:00 Call to Order

A) Approval of Agenda

New Business

- A) 2905 : Budget/Staffing Review and Discussion-Amended, moved to Item A from Item C
- B) Legislative Goals Discussion
- C) Local Legislation Discussion

Closed Session

Closed Session Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to Consult with the County Attorney and Preserve the Attorney-Client Privilege

<u>Adjourn</u>

Motion to Adjourn Meeting



Agenda ID Number – (ID # 2905)

Agenda Item Title: Budget/Staffing Review and Discussion

Submitted By: Leeann Walton - County Manager

Presenter of Item:

Board Action: Discussion

Brief Description of Agenda Item:

Budgeting and staffing information requested by Commissioners after the initial budget review at the September 8, 2020 regular meeting will be presented to the Board for consideration and discussion.

Potential Budget Affect: Unknown

Is this item regulated by plan, regulation or statute? No



Agenda ID Number – (ID # 2906)

Agenda Item Title: Legislative Goals Discussion

Submitted By: Leeann Walton - County Manager

Presenter of Item:

Board Action: Discussion

Brief Description of Agenda Item:

Board members will review and discuss Legislative Goals they would like to recommend to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners for possible consideration during the next Legislative Session of the General Assembly.

Potential Budget Affect: N/A

Is this item regulated by plan, regulation or statute? No

Attachment: Legislative Goals-Sept 14 2020 SpecMtg (Legislative Goals)

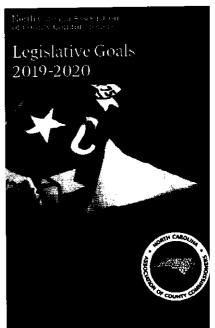
2019-2020 Legislative Goals

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As Approved by the Legislative Goals Conference

Top Five Priority Goals

- 1) Seek legislation, funding, and other efforts to expand digital infrastructure/broadband capability to the unserved and under-served areas and residents of the state.
- 2) Seek additional revenue sources, including a statewide bond and lottery proceeds, to equitably address statewide public school and community college capital challenges.
- 3) Support efforts to preserve and expand the existing local revenue base of counties and authorize local option revenue sources already given to any other jurisdiction to all counties. Oppose efforts to divert to the state, fees or taxes currently allocated to the counties or to erode existing county revenue streams.



- **4)** Support provision of state resources to ensure county ability to provide essential public health, behavioral health and social services, with specific consideration to the challenges of incarcerated persons, the continued county role in behavioral health governance, and programs addressing substance use disorder, throughout Medicaid transformation.
- 5) Seek legislation to repeal the statutory authority under N.C. Gen. Stat. 115C-431(c) that allows a local school board to file suit against a county board of commissioners over appropriations to the local board of education's capital outlay fund.

Tax and Finance Goals

- **TF-1:** Support efforts to preserve and expand the existing local revenue base of counties and authorize local option revenue sources already given to any other jurisdiction to all counties. Oppose efforts to divert to the state fees or taxes currently allocated to the counties or to erode existing county revenue streams.
- TF-2: Support legislation to remove inequities and inconsistencies in the current state economic tier system.
- TF-3: Support reinstatement of affordable housing tax credits.

TF-4: Seek legislation to maximize remote sales tax collection for counties, including sales tax collection frethird-party online sellers.

TF-5: Seek legislation to increase funding for the state's current film grant program and review existing legislation to allow tax incentives and other measures that would encourage expansion of the statewide film industry.

General Government Goals

- **GG-1:** Seek legislation, funding, and other efforts to expand digital infrastructure/broadband capability to the unserved and under-served areas and residents of the state.
- **GG-2**: Support increased state funding for transportation construction and maintenance needs, and support legislation to ensure that the Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) funding formula recognizes that one size does not fit all and that projects in both rural and urban areas are prioritized and funded.
- **GG-3:** Seek legislation to authorize counties to require developers to post maintenance bonds on new construction for subdivision roads
- **GG-4:** Support maintaining county authority and revenue streams associated with the current ABC system, including the flexibility to determine locations of sales and number of outlets.

Health and Human Services Goals

- HHS-1: Seek funding to increase access to high quality childcare and early childhood education.
- **HHS-2:** Support legislation and state resources for social service reform efforts as identified by the Social Services Working Group to improve outcomes for individuals, families, and children and to continue the NCACC's opposition to mandated regionalization.
- **HHS-3:** Support provision of state resources to ensure county ability to provide essential public health, behavioral health and social services, with specific consideration to the challenges of incarcerated persons, the continued county role in behavioral health governance, and programs addressing substance use disorder, throughout Medicaid transformation.
- **HHS-4:** Support continued state funding of Medicaid and support legislation and state funding to close the Medicaid coverage gap.
- **HHS-5**: Seek to revise the provision in G.S. 108A-74 requiring counties to enter into annual written agreements for all social services programs other than medical assistance.

Public Education Goals

- **PE-1:** Seek additional revenue sources, including a statewide bond and lottery proceeds, to equitably address statewide public school and community college capital challenges.
- **PE-2:** Support legislation to provide exceptions to the K-3 class size mandate including but not limited to lack of school facility space and availability of qualified teachers.
- PE-3: Support legislation providing flexibility to align K-12 and community college calendars.

PE-4: Seek legislation to repeal the statutory authority under N.C. Gen. Stat. 115C-431(c) that allows a log school board to file suit against a county board of commissioners over appropriations to the local board of education's capital outlay fund.

Justice and Public Safety Goals

- JPS-1: Seek legislation to reinstate funding for Drug Treatment and Mental Health Courts.
- JPS-2: Support legislation and state funding to provide early intervention services for juveniles and fully fund the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act.
- **JPS-3**: Support efforts to provide greater flexibility to local governments in expenditure of 911 surcharge funds and ensure adequate funding for next-gen technology.

Agriculture Goals

- **AG-1:** Support state funding and staffing for agricultural research, Cooperative Extension services and other agriculture-related efforts, including Community Conservation Assistance Program, to support the largest economic driver in North Carolina.
- **AG-2:** Support legislation to protect farming operations from nuisance lawsuits including those as defined by the state and small farms in rural counties.

Environment Goals

- **ENV-1:** Seek legislation to restore county authority over solid waste management and oppose any further shift of authority away from local governments.
- **ENV-2:** Support legislation to help improve water quality in the state, including increased funding and resources for state agencies to develop health advisory levels for emerging contaminants, and increased funding for water and wastewater expansion as well as capital projects.
- ENV-3: Support additional funding to assist local governments in managing electronics recycling.



Agenda ID Number – (ID # 2907)

Agenda Item Title: Local Legislation Discussion

Submitted By: Leeann Walton – County Manager

Presenter of Item:

Board Action: Discussion

Brief Description of Agenda Item:

Board members will review and discuss any Local Legislation for recommendation and consideration by the General Assembly. Unlike the Legislative Goals, which are statewide initiatives, Local Legislation is geared specifically toward the needs of Currituck County.

Potential Budget Affect: N/A

Is this item regulated by plan, regulation or statute? No



Agenda ID Number – (ID # 2904)

Agenda Item Title: Closed Session Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to Consult with the

County Attorney and Preserve the Attorney-Client Privilege

Submitted By: Leeann Walton - County Manager

Presenter of Item: Donald (Ike) I. McRee Jr

Board Action: Information

Brief Description of Agenda Item:

Attorney-client privilege

Potential Budget Affect: N/A

Is this item regulated by plan, regulation or statute? No