



# THE RANDOLPH RECAP

JANUARY 3, 2023

COMMISSIONER MEETING AGENDA SUMMARY

## AGENDA ITEMS:

- Special Recognition
- Public Comment
- Business Gym Update
- Randolph Heritage Conservancy
- Trinity Museum Request
- Consider Request for Sheriff's Office Vehicles
- County Growth Management Plan
- Departmental Positions/Reclassifications
- Building Inspections Budget Amendment
- Duke Endowment Grant Subcontract
- I-74 Sewer Line Grants
- Consider Sheriff's Office Parking Lot Paving
- Building Reuse Grants



Critical issues facing our community and county government have never been greater as we progress in the 3rd decade of the 21st Century. The Randolph County Board of Commissioners holds regular public meetings on the first Monday of each month, beginning at 6:00 pm, in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room at the Historic Courthouse, 145 Worth Street, Asheboro, N.C. At each meeting, issues impacting our county and citizens are presented and evaluated by the County Commissioners.

Randolph County government is committed to providing citizens with the opportunity to access information and obtain the latest news and public updates regarding the county and its government. The Randolph Recap is a new addition to the Randolph County web page. It will provide monthly highlights and summaries from County Commissioner meetings. It will also highlight information on current issues facing the County Commissioners and the Departments and agencies of Randolph County government. The Randolph-Recap will serve as one of the various communication outlets, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and print media, that will update and communicate with our Randolph County citizens.

We hope the Randolph Recap is helpful to you and would appreciate your input and comments as we move forward.



Hal Johnson  
Randolph County Manager



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## Special Recognitions

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners presented recently retired North Carolina State Rep. Allen McNeill with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award.

McNeill served nearly 30 years with the Randolph County Sheriff's Office before beginning his political career. Rep. McNeill's District 78 seat included Randolph County and a small portion of Moore County.

"Allen gave us the representation that Randolph County citizens have come to expect and appreciate. We have been very blessed as a County," said Commissioner Frye.

## Public Comment

- Ken Rhoads, Randolph County resident, shared concerns about clear-cut burning in the Asheboro areas of Pinecroft Village and Stoney Creek. Rhoads asked commissioners to develop a policy addressing the issue. **"I would like commissioners to come up with a policy preventing clear-cut burning on land that has been plowed over,"** said Rhoads.
- Larry Cahoon, Randolph County resident, also shared concerns about clear-cut burning and its impact on surrounding homeowners. **"I want to validate the concerns Mr. Rhoads brought up. What we are looking for is help. We need to know what to do and how to correct this,"** said Cahoon.
- Dwain Roberts, Commander, Sons of Confederate Veterans, thanked commissioners for their handling of the recent vandalism of the Confederate Statue. **"Thank you so much for your prompt action in cleaning up the memorial,"** said Roberts.
- Clyde Foust, President, Randolph County NAACP, shared that he received a call from Lydia's Place seeking shelter for homeless citizens. Mr. Foust asked commissioners to consider thinking of a formal plan for homeless citizens when there is inclement weather.

## Presentation of Annual Audit Report

April Adams, Engagement Partner at Chery Bekaert, shared the results of the 2022 audit with the Board of Commissioners. Audit results included an unmodified opinion on the financial statements and no findings in the report on internal controls over financial reporting and compliance on other matters. To view the full audit presentation, click [HERE](#).

**"There are many requirements, disclosures, and no material misstatements is quite an accomplishment. I'd like to thank Will and his staff for their work. I really appreciate all they do,"** said Vice-Chairman Allen.



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## Business Gym Update

In 2022, Commissioners awarded \$50k of Strategic Planning Grant funding to the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber to support the launch of its Business Gym. The Business Gym is a learning portal developed in response to a 62.5% increase in new business start-ups in Randolph County during the COVID-19 pandemic. The platform provides training and materials for business owners at no cost.

To continue operating the Business Gym, the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber is requesting a second and final grant of \$50k.

*Commissioners voted to table the request until receiving further detail on a potentially similar project.*

## Randolph Heritage Conservancy Inc., Request

In 2021, the North Carolina General Assembly accepted the recommendations of a feasibility study to create a North Carolina Textile Museum in Randolph County. An initial grant of \$1M was given to Randolph Heritage to develop a suitable facility on its property in Cedar Falls and Franklinville. Currently, the collection is housed in the former Cedar Falls Manufacturing Mill, an approximately 14,000 square ft. space built in 1846. The Randolph Heritage property in Franklinville is home to the 1838 Franklinville Manufacturing Company cotton mill. Future planning to explicitly link the two sites through the Deep River Trail intends to maximize visitation and increase overnight stays. Despite Randolph Heritage sponsoring the development of the museum, it will ultimately operate with the combined revenues of state support and private nonprofit earned income and fundraising. Randolph Heritage requested \$152,265 to address immediate capital needs such as professional, electrical, and plumbing/utility work.

*Commissioners approved the request to fund the Randolph Heritage Conservancy Museum Project in the amount of \$152,265 and approved the associated Budget Amendment.*

## Trinity Museum Request

Trinity Museum requested funding for long-term maintenance and repairs to its train station building and museum house.

*Commissioners approved funding for the Trinity Museum in the amount of \$25k and approved the associated Budget Amendment.*



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## Request for Sheriff's Office Vehicles

The Sheriff's Office wishes to purchase three 2023 Chrysler 300 Touring's through the NCSA Procurement Program. The Sheriff's Office also wishes to purchase six 2023 Ford F-150's. The total cost for purchase of the nine vehicles is \$416,501. Funding for these purchases was included in the Sheriff's 2022-2023 budget.

*Commissioners approved the purchase of 6 Ford F-150s and 3 Chrysler 300s for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$416,501.*

## County Growth Management Plan

The location and current construction of Toyota Battery at the Greensboro/Randolph Megasite and the pending development of the Chatham County Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) site will have significant growth impacts on Randolph County. As a result, the existing Randolph County Growth Management Plan will need to be updated. The County Manager asked the Board to consider approving a Scope of Services contract with the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) in the amount of \$58,500. Services outlined in the contract include report development, public involvement and consensus building, committee meetings, and public meetings including municipal meetings. The initial scope of the update will focus on the northeastern portion of Randolph County. To view a Randolph County Map with project focus areas shaded, click [HERE](#).

*Commissioners approved the contract with Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) for updating the Randolph County Growth Management Plan in the amount of \$58,500 and approved the associated Budget Amendment.*

## Departmental Positions/Reclassification Request

Due to the County's growth and development as well as increased requests for services, departments are faced with the challenge of having sufficient staff. The County Manager asked the Board to consider several requests for new positions and reclassifications, to support departments in providing services more efficiently.

*Commissioners approved the requested new positions and position reclassifications, the associated changes to the 2022-23 Randolph County classification Plan, and the associated Budget Amendment.*



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## Building Inspections Budget Amendment

Per the performance-based incentive agreement with Toyota Battery Manufacturing, any building inspection permits are refundable once a year. For the 2022 calendar year, Toyota initiated construction on three buildings. The total permits assessed in this fiscal year were approximately \$200,000. These fees were not included in normal budget estimates because they were unavailable.

*Commissioners approved the Budget Amendment for building inspections for \$200,000.*

## Duke Endowment Grant Subcontract

In 2021, the Duke Endowment approved a grant to Randolph County for \$375k to support the expansion of a comprehensive school-based oral health program. When the County applied for this grant, the health department intended to use these funds to develop an in-house program. However, the department has been unable to find an in-house dentist.

In December, Commissioners supported the development of a partnership between Randolph County Public Health and Kintegra Family Dentistry. Because the County no longer plans to provide dental services directly through an in-house program, it will be necessary to subcontract the Duke Endowment to Kintegra.

*Commissioners approved the subcontract of the Duke Endowment Grant funds to Kintegra Family Dentistry to be used for the provision of school-based oral health services in Randolph County and authorized the Chairman to sign related documents.*

## I-74 Sewer Line Grants

A multi-year capital project fund has been established for the I-74 Industrial Center Sewer Extension costs. Original plans for the project were to be fully funded by ARPA. However, the project recently received two supporting grants to assist in funding.

Redesign of the I-74 sewer connection to Randleman instead of Asheboro is underway, and estimated costs are lower than planned. Because of this, the Commerce IDF Grant request decreased from \$1M to an award of \$800k. The Golden LEAF Foundation has awarded the County a \$1M grant.

*Commissioners accepted the revised Commerce IDF Grant and Golden LEAF grant, authorized the Chairman to sign the related documents, and approved the associated project and Budget Amendments.*



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## Sheriff's Office Parking Lot Paving

In 2022, the Randolph County Sheriff's Office began looking into improvements for its Fleet Maintenance Garage. Challenges include the need for regular maintenance of the gravel lot and ongoing issues with poor drainage and standing water. To correct these issues the lot will need to be graded, paved, and to provide for site drainage. A low bid was received by Smith and Allen, LLC for \$161,450. However, the project was postponed, and the contract was never presented for approval.

Recently, the Sheriff's Office decided to reengage the project. However, the initial contractor is no longer in business. DBM Construction has submitted a proposal for the paving and drainage work, as well as an additional 20-ft. extension along the east side of the building, at the same price as before (\$161,450).

*Commissioners awarded the contract to DBM Construction, LLC. in the amount of \$161,450 and authorized the County Manager to sign the contract.*

## Building Reuse Grants

In February 2022, Commissioners approved a building reuse application for Kraftsman Trailers. In April, the Department of Commerce approved the project. The grant will be a \$140k pass-through to the company, with 20 new jobs required.

In December 2022, Commissioners approved a building reuse application for Mid-State Trailers. Later that month, the Department of Commerce approved the project. The grant will be a \$100k pass-through to the company, with 19 new jobs required.

There is no longer a County match for these grants.

*Commissioners accepted the Building Reuse Grants for Kraftsman Trailers and Mid-State Trailers, authorized the Chairman to sign any documentation, and approved the associated Budget Amendment.*