



Wayne County, North Carolina

Board of Commissioners

May 27, 2025
224 E. Walnut Street
Courthouse 4th Floor
Goldsboro, NC 27530

MINUTES

RECONVENE/CALL TO ORDER - Chairwoman Barbara Aycock

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners reconvened on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 1:36 p.m., in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Wayne County Courthouse Annex, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Members present: Chairwoman Barbara Aycock; Vice-Chairman Bevan Foster; Joe C. Daughtery; Chris Gurley; Tim Harrell; and Antonio Williams.

Members absent: George Wayne Aycock, Jr.

BUDGET WORK SESSION (Continued)

County Manager Chip Crumpler added the following to the agenda:

- Motion to Establish a Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m., on June 17, 2025, in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Wayne County Courthouse Annex, 224 E. Walnut Street, Goldsboro, NC, to receive public comments regarding an economic incentive agreement to Pelsan Tekstil (Project Istanbul) and the sale of approximately 31.83 acres containing two shell buildings valued at \$7,726,200 located at 404 and 408 Gateway Drive, Goldsboro, NC, 27534. The Board of Commissioners will consider the sale of the property at a price of \$5,186,400 in exchange for the company's commitment to invest a total of \$82,600,000 in capital improvements and create 216 jobs in Wayne County.

Upon motion of Commissioner Antonio Williams, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the Motion to Establish a Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m., on June 17, 2025.

Mr. Crumpler reviewed the items discussed on May 20, 2025, including additional School Resource Officers (SROs) for the public schools, longevity pay for county employees, teacher supplements, and increasing capital small projects for the public schools. Commissioner Chris Gurley spoke on the need for SROs, stating every school needs a full-time SRO. He and Commissioner Tim Harrell discussed the number of schools with part-time SROs, stating the county provided 19 full-time and 5 part-time SROs, the city 3 full-time SROs, but there are 30 schools in total. Commissioner Gurley recommended the county provide and fund the SROs for the public schools in the county's jurisdiction and the city provide and fund SROs for the public schools in the city's jurisdiction.

The board discussed the funding and Finance Director Angie Boswell said only 19 full-time positions are being paid under the SRO budget and the 5 part-time positions are paid out of the Sheriff's budget. Commissioner Joe C. Daughtery recommended \$500,000 in funding for additional SROs, with any deficit covered by the Board of Education, and possibly the City of Goldsboro. He also told Mrs. Boswell to recapture the funds from the Sheriff's budget and realign them under the SRO budget.

Chairwoman Barbara Aycock discussed the recent loss of detention officers and stated she believed this was due to the pay scale.

Commissioner Chris Gurley made his recommendations for the budget, including, building the fleet maintenance shop at the Highway 117N property, at a cost of \$900,000; attempting the sales and use tax on the next ballot; and holding off on teacher supplements until the sales and use tax is voted on. Commissioner Tim Harrell stated he would not vote on holding off the supplements because the sales and use tax is a gamble and has not passed the last 3 or 4 times it was attempted.

At 2:11 p.m., Commissioner Antonio Williams left the meeting.

At 2:14 p.m., Commissioner Antonio Williams rejoined the meeting.

County Manager Chip Crumpler discussed paying for the fleet shop and possibly one capital project out of the general fund. The board discussed the Sheriff's Office vehicles request, a total of 15 for this year, along with moving a Sheriff's Office payroll increase from January 2026 to July 2026.

Commissioner Joe C. Daughtery asked for the sale of the Dixie Trail building to be included in revenues for the upcoming budget.

The board discussed the Sheriff's Office's request for salaries and wages increasing 11.5%, as well as the \$145,000 cost to add four detention officers. Commissioner Harrell recommended leaving the budget as it is currently and have the Sheriff come back and ask for additional funding if needed.

Commissioner Antonio Williams asked about Community Development and the funding for a digital library in Dudley. Commissioner Harrell recommended using school libraries, and Vice-Chairman Bevan Foster agreed. Commissioner Williams stated he wanted a library in Dudley and asked for \$500,000 and then \$400,000 to accomplish this goal, though he stated he did not know the cost.

Vice-Chairman Foster asked if repainting the Maxwell Center parking lot could wait a year and asked for the T-Hangar to be removed from the budget, stating the \$1 million cost would serve only 12 individuals versus using those funds for the 120,000+ residents of the county.

Following additional discussion, County Manager Chip Crumpler asked the board to give head nods towards the following proposed changes to the budget:

- Fund SROs at \$500,000 - four or more responded affirmatively.

- Unrestrict all school funding and put in current expenses (SROs will still not show in the school's total funding by the county because they are salaried employees and it shows in that budget line item) - four or more responded affirmatively.
- Increase capital small project funding from \$2 million to \$2.5 million - four or more responded affirmatively.
- Provide Teacher Supplements to the Wayne County Public Schools - four or more responded affirmatively.
- Additional detention officers for the jail - leave at the 8 additional.
- Build the fleet maintenance shop for \$900,000 at Hwy. 117N property - four or more responded affirmatively.
- Additional vehicles for the sheriff's office - no additional vehicles.
- Hire a Haitian/Creole interpreter for DSS at \$65,000 - four or more responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Williams spoke about the passing of Johnston County Councilman Marlon Lee, and Commissioner Daughtery spoke about the passing of former County Commissioner and NC House Representative Efton Sager.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:58 p.m., Chairwoman adjourned the Meeting of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carol Bowden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Carol" is written with a large, looped 'C' and the last name "Bowden" is written with a large, looped 'B'. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Carol Bowden, Clerk to the Board