The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in the Meeting Chamber Conference Room 267 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, North Carolina at 5:00 p.m. and in Formal Session in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4, 2021.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chair George Dunlap and Commissioners Leigh Altman, Mark Jerrell, Vilma D. Leake, Laura J. Meier, Elaine Powell, and Susan Rodriguez- McDowell.
County Manager Dena R. Diorio
County Attorney Tyrone C. Wade
Interim Clerk to the Board Kristine Smith

Absent: Commissioners Cotham and Scarborough

-INFORMAL SESSION-

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dunlap, after which the matters below were addressed.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT

The Board identified item(s) to be removed from Consent and voted upon separately. The items identified were Items: 21-6821, 21-6822, 21-6823, 21-6824, 21-6841, and 21-6873.

STAFF BRIEFINGS - NONE
CLOSED SESSION

21-6834

The Commissioners voted unanimously to go into Closed Session for the following purpose(s): Land Acquisition and Consult with Attorney

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:05 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 6:24 p.m.

The Board then proceeded to the Meeting Chamber for the remainder of the meeting.

-FORMAL SESSION-

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dunlap called this portion of the meeting to order, which was followed by introductions.

Chair Dunlap said there was a request from Commissioner Scarborough to participate remotely in the meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jerrell to allow Commissioner Scarborough to participate in the meeting remotely. Motion died for lack of a second.

The invocation was done by Commissioner Meier, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; after which, the matters below were addressed.

Motion was made by Meier, seconded by Commissioner Altman to add an item to the Agenda to discuss and make a decision as to whether or not someone can participate remotely when the Board is meeting in person. The vote was 6-1 with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell, voting yes and Commissioner Leake voting no. Motion was not unanimous, therefore the item was not added to the agenda.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION
21-6800 PROCLAMATION - FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

Background: In conjunction with the National observance of May as Foster Care Awareness Month, the Board is asked to adopt a proclamation to that effect in Mecklenburg County.

Commissioner Altman read the Proclamation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, and carried unanimously (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to adopt the Proclamation designating May 2021 as “Foster Care Awareness” Month in Mecklenburg County.
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21-6807 PROCLAMATION - OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Background: Mecklenburg County includes a growing number of more than 150,000 residents aged 60 and older who make countless contributions to our community every day and recognize May 2021 as "Older Americans Month" in Mecklenburg County.

Commissioner Leake read the Proclamation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell, and carried unanimously (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to adopt the Proclamation declaring May 2021 as "Older Americans Month" in Mecklenburg County.
PUBLIC ART MOMENT – N/A

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

21-6830 PUBLIC APPEARANCE

The following persons appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the agenda:

1. Rev. Jordan Boyd  Topic - CMS
2. Cedric Dean    Topic - CMS
3. Rev. Dr. Ricky Woods  Topic - CMS

APPOINTMENTS

21-6853 APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITIZEN’S CAPITAL BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Appointments needed to fill one unexpired term expiring July 31, 2022, one unexpired term expiring July 31, 2023 and two three-year terms expiring July 31, 2024, to the Citizen’s Capital Budget Advisory Committee.

Round One

- Horton, Jacquelyn   Commissioner Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell
- Hyland, Steven    Commissioner Altman, Meier, Rodriguez-McDowell
- Massalee, Abe      Commissioner Dunlap, Jerrell, Powell
- Mathless, Gabriel Commissioner Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell
- Reece, Linda       Commissioner Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell

Round Two

- Hyland, Steven  Commissioner Altman, Meier, Rodriguez-McDowell
- Massalee, Abe   Commissioner Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell
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Round Three

- Hyland, Steven  Commissioner Altman, Meier, Rodriguez-McDowell
- Massalee, Abe  Commissioner Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Powell

Jacquelyn Horton, Gabriel Mathless, and Linda Reece were appointed to the Capital Budget Advisory Committee to fill one (1) unexpired term expiring July 31, 2022 , one (1) unexpired term expiring July 31, 2023 and one (1) three-year terms expiring July 31, 2024.

21-6854  APPOINTMENTS TO THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVISORY BOARD

Appointments needed to fill three, three-year terms expiring April 30, 2024, to the Domestic Violence Advisory Board.

Round One

- Camilo, Benita  Commissioner Leake, Dunlap
- Green, Jamilah  Commissioner Jerrell, Powell, Dunlap, Meir, Altman, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell
- Hunt, Christian  Commissioner Jerrell, Powell, Dunlap, Meir, Altman, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell
- Turner, Tyjuan  Commissioner Meier, Altman, Jerrell, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell

Jamilah Green, Christian Hunt, and Tyjuan Turner were appointed to the Domestic Violence Advisory Board to fill three (3) three-year terms expiring April 30, 2024.

21-6852  APPOINTMENTS TO THE WOMEN’S ADVISORY BOARD

Appointments needed to fill three, three-year terms expiring April 30, 2024 to the Women’s Advisory Board.

Round One

Sarah Edwards  Commissioners Powell, Dunlap, Altman, Leake
Laphaedra Howard  Commissioners Jerrell, Leake, Meir, Rodriguez-McDowell
Tameka O’Neal  Commissioner Powell
Sara Seegers   Commissioner Jerrell, Powell, Dunlap, Meir, Altman, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell
Shalinda Williams Commissioner Jerrell, Dunlap, Meir, Altman, Leake, Rodriguez-McDowell

**Round Two**

Sarah Edwards Commissioners Powell, Altman
Laphaedra Howard Commissioners Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meir, Rodriguez-McDowell

Sara Seegers, Shalinda Williams, and Laphaedra Howard were appointed to the Women’s Advisory Board to fill three (3) three-year terms expiring April 30, 2024.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**21-6836 BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT- ARRIVAL AUTOMOTIVE USA, INC.**

*Background: Arrival is a London based technology company with a US headquarters in Charlotte, NC, focused on creating zero emission, sustainable transportation solutions.*

Arrival’s manufacturing platform utilizes “microfactories“ for production of its vehicles - lean, strategically located operations that are equipped to assemble any of the vehicles within Arrival’s portfolio.

Arrival’s proposed project will initially manufacture the Arrival Van - an electric cargo delivery van that uses modular architecture & can be configured based upon a client’s specific commercial requirements.

Arrival has announced its intent to locate in Charlotte in newly constructed “microfactory” facility in Charlotte, NC.

Arrival’s proposed project meets all the following grant guidelines for a 90% Business Investment Grant over five years, specifically:

- A taxable investment of $40,950,000 to be completed in the next two years
- Creation of 281 new jobs with an average wage of $42,171, which is equal to 100% of the average SOC codes for each job position for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill M.S.A.
- There is competition for this project from Rock Hill, SC.
The general terms and condition of this grant include:
- A portion of the grant must be repaid if the company moves this investment from Charlotte within 5 years of the end of the grant term.
- Actual grant payments are based on the value of the investment as appraised by the Mecklenburg County Tax Office.
- All property taxes due from the company must be paid before a grant payment is made.

The Board of County Commissioners indicated its intent to approve this grant in a closed session on March 2, 2021.

The Charlotte City Council intends to approve the City’s share of the grant at its May 10, 2021 regular business meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to open a public hearing to receive comments on a proposed Business Investment Program grant to Arrival Automotive USA, Inc.

There were no speakers.

Peter Zeiler, Director of Economic Development, gave the presentation.
Arrival Automotive USA, Inc.

About the Company

Arrival is a UK-based electric vehicle manufacturer

- Buses, vans, car sharing, taxis, delivery robots
- ‘Microfactory’ assembly points that allow for flexible assembly of all products in portfolio at each location
- North American HQ in South End Oct. 2020

Project driven by major new contract

- UPS has ordered 10,000 ‘Generation 2’ vans
- Vehicles developed as joint venture
- Option for additional 10,000
Arrival Automotive USA, Inc.

- **281** New Jobs
- **$42,171** (Average Salary)
- **$41,200,000** Investment ($3.2m Real, $3.8m Personal)
- **5 Year Grant Term** (3 Year Standard Grant + 2 Year Extension for Existing Business.)
- **90% Grant Percentage** (Located in Opportunity Area)
- Project located at Billy Graham Pkwy. and W Tyvola Rd. at former Charlotte jail site

- **Competing Sites**
  - Fort Mill, SC: Fee in Lieu of Taxes (FILOT)- $9,500,000

Arrival Automotive USA, Inc.

**Community Engagement and Corporate Culture**

- Engaged in support of Environmental Leadership Action Plan initiative net zero carbon fleet goal.
- Diversity & Inclusion Board and diversity & inclusion policies for employees.
- Working to develop a local disadvantaged business enterprise program.
- Exploring workforce training and educational partnership with local schools and universities (public and private, including HBCUs).
Arrival Automotive USA, Inc.

Project Impacts

- Arrival is expected to induce an additional 440 jobs by the end of the five-year term.
- Arrival is expected to induce an additional $357,639 in sales tax revenue by the end of Year 5.

Arrival is expected to net the County $15,006 in revenue in the final year of the grant term for a cumulative net of $206,182 over five years.
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**Business Investment Grant Program**

**Arrival Automotive USA, Inc.**

**Partner Incentives**

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- The project meets BIP guidelines for a 5-year, 90% grant
  - Located in Opportunity Area
  - Existing business in Mecklenburg
- The City of Charlotte indicated intent to approve a 7-year, 90% grant in February 2021
- State of North Carolina is offering:
  - Customized Training – Est. $365,000
  - Roadway fee credit - $800K - $1M

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**Business Investment Grant Program**

**Arrival Automotive USA, Inc.**

**BOCC Action**

Adopt a resolution approving a Business Investment Program grant to Arrival Automotive USA, Inc., for a not to exceed amount of $906,824 and authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute the contract.
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Comments

Director Zeiler answered the Commissioners’ questions.

Chair Dunlap said, it was not a County owned property, but a State-owned prison site.

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and carried unanimously (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to close public hearing, and adopt a resolution approving a Business Investment Program grant to Arrival Automotive USA, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $906,824 and authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute the contract.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
APPROVING BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT
FOR ARRIVAL AUTOMOTIVE USA, INC.

WHEREAS, Arrival Automotive USA, Inc. is seeking to establish a new electric automotive advanced manufacturing facility in Charlotte, NC; and

WHEREAS, the company evaluated sites in Fort Mill, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, this project as described by the company was determined to meet all of the criteria for a Business Investment Program grant from the County of Mecklenburg, the Board of Commissioners voted its intent to provide a Business Investment Program grant to the company during a closed session meeting on March 2, 2021 and as authorized by the Board, the County communicated this information to the company; and

WHEREAS, taking into consideration the Board’s stated intent to make an economic development grant, the company subsequently decided to expand in Charlotte. The project will include a capital investment of approximately $40.95 million and will create 281 new jobs within two years at an average annual salary of approximately $42,171. The Business Investment Program grant is a 90% grant over 5 years, with a not to exceed amount of $906,824. The grant will be subject to the County’s standard contract provisions, including compliance requirements for the company related to job creation targets and claw back provisions; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners has determined that this grant will provide new employment, new taxable property and new economic activity within the County, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners does hereby approve the Business Investment Program grant as described above and authorizes the County Manager to execute a contract for the same, with any necessary or helpful nonmaterial changes.
Resolution recorded in full Ordinance Book________, Document#________.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

MANAGER’S REPORT

21-6831 COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Gibbie Harris, Public Health Director gave a COVID-19 Response update.
COVID-19 Update

Daily COVID-19 Cases Reported to MCPH by Date*

*Beginning June 22, case counts were updated using a new reporting function in the state communicable disease management system. These counts include cases reported after the daily cut-off time of 5p.m. This approach ensures case counts are not artificially impacted by delays in lab results and case investigations.
These data only include ELRs for molecular (PCR) tests submitted to NC DHHS for laboratories electronically submitting negative and positive COVID-19 results. Delays in ELRs may affect daily testing counts and positivity rates. Data reported within the past week should be considered preliminary and will be updated as new information becomes available.

Data include all patients hospitalized at Atrium Health and Novant Health acute care facilities in Mecklenburg County.
COVID-19 Testing

Daily COVID-19 Testing (as of April 28, 2021)

These data only include ERs for molecular (PCR) tests submitted to NC DHHS for laboratories electronically submitting negative and positive COVID-19 results. Delays in ERs may affect daily testing counts and positivity rates. Data reported within the past week should be considered preliminary and will be updated as new information becomes available.
COVID-19 Testing

- Residents should not have out-of-pocket costs for COVID-19 testing
- No cost molecular (PCR) and rapid antigen testing widely available throughout the county
  - Rapid testing for patients with symptoms now available at all StarMed testing sites
- Demand for testing is stable; turnaround times are averaging < 2 days

Where to Get NO COST COVID-19 Tests

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED:

- StarMed
  - Testing Locations:
    - HUMA, 100 N. Sugar Creek Rd.
    - NCHEC, 3810 Independence Blvd.
    - Mecklenburg Co. Health Dept.
    - Starmed Healthcare, 9051 Teague Rd.
  - Hours: Mon. - Fri., 10am - 2pm

BY APPOINTMENT:

- Afric unity: www.africunity.org
- Reapre: www.reapre.org
- WPP: www.wpp.org
- Vaxad: www.vaxad.com

Get more information about COVID-19 at www.nc.gov/covid19

COVID-19 Vaccine
COVID-19 Vaccine Update

- Vaccine supply continues to outpace vaccine demand.
- Public Health continues to coordinate efforts across vaccine providers to ensure access points are available throughout the County.
- Many providers have opened clinics to walk-in appointments and are offering weekend/evening hours.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

- Public Health efforts are focused on reaching the hardest to reach individuals and those not actively looking for a vaccine:
  - Partnering with existing community events and venues to offer pop-up clinics where people are:
    - Black Food Truck Friday Event (5/7)
    - Catawba Brewing (5/7)
    - Camp North End (5/8)
    - Simmons – YMCA (5/10)
  - Continuing vaccinations for homebound residents and their families.
  - Launched canvassing campaign with Action NC this week.
  - Continuing mass media campaign with equity focus.
COVID-19 Vaccine Update

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COVID-19 Vaccine Data: Percent of Total Population Vaccinated, Mecklenburg

(based on all Vaccination Programs administering doses to Mecklenburg Residents)

Data as of May 2, 2021

Percent of Total Population At Least Partially Vaccinated

- 450,461 residents 40.6%

Percent of Total Population Fully Vaccinated

- 339,912 residents 30.6%

COVID-19 Vaccine Data: Partially Vaccinated Residents, Mecklenburg
(based on all Vaccination Programs administering doses to Mecklenburg Residents)

Note: Percent of population metrics are calculated using the entire zip code population (i.e., all ages) and are based on 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year population estimates. U.S. Census Bureau.
Current Response Efforts

- Administrative Leadership
- Vaccine Distribution – Clinics, transfers
- Case Investigation/Contact Tracing
  - CD Team – LTC Outbreaks, Reinfections, Daycare/Schools
  - Training Team
- Hotline
- Q&I Hotel
- Logistics
- Testing
- Social Work
- Surveillance
- Ambassadors
- Plan Review
- Data Entry
- Reports
- Communications
- Community Engagement/Outreach
Planning Considerations

- State/federal government planning and funding for 2-3 year response to COVID
- Mental Health of staff/burnout/retention issues
- Inability to sustain ongoing response with current staffing and structure
- Funding available to support additional staffing and new structure
- Limited to no need to continue EDP

COVID Response - 6 Month Focus

- Vaccine Distribution
  - Close Bojangles on 5/22
  - Continue Medic site thru June
  - Maintain small clinic at SFHD several days/week
  - Continue community events (3/week)
  - Continue transfers/training new providers
  - Continue homebound
- CI/CT efforts
  - Reduce to 6 days/week
  - Consider 5 days/week if numbers decline
- CD Team – continue focus on outbreaks/clusters
- Hotline – Continue but restructure (all things COVID)

- Q&I Hotel – continue thru end of contract (September)
- Testing – leadership/coordination role only
- Social Work – transition all to State CHW contract staff
- Surveillance – coordination role with community and State partners
- Ambassadors – role will change as EO restrictions change
- Plan Review – centralize review; involve Env Health if food related
- Data Entry – work towards further automation and access to all data
COVID Response - 6 Month Focus (continue)

- Reports – increase epidemiology capacity to further analyze and report on the past year while continuing to make information up-to-date
- Communications
  - Continue to work with PI on campaign
  - Respond to media requests
  - Potential funding (health literacy grant)
- Logistics – supplies, delivery, support
- Community Engagement/Outreach
  - Community efforts – contract
  - Potential funding (health literacy grant)
- Targeted population/community efforts – health disparities grant

Proposed Organization Structure:

NEW TERM-LIMITED POSITION REQUESTED
TEMPORARY STAFFING
Director Harris asked for permission to create 26 term-limited positions. She said people would be hired for two or three years, depending on the available dollars. She said they would receive benefits. She said they would receive a letter just like it was a grant, making sure they understood and agreed that they were signing on for a term-limited position. She said out of the 26 positions that were being asked for only 8 were currently vacant.

Comments

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked what had been learned from working with Action NC.
Director Harris said Action NC had some specific questions that she had not considered providing answers for. She said they just needed information on the vaccine, and more education on what the vaccine provided. She said this came out of a training and they looked at it as not just an opportunity to get people out into the community providing information but also a learning experience for them to build on.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked why the full-time positions had not been offered before since money was available already. Mrs. Harris said all of the money was not available all at once to Public Health, but came in bits and pieces, and was why it was quicker to offer temporary positions initially.
Commissioner Meier asked if pharmacies were included in the slide with the zip codes. *Director Harris said yes.*

Commissioner Meier asked how the motorcycle vaccine clinic turned out. *Mrs. Harris said it went well and it showed that vaccines needed to be taken to were people where.*

Commissioner Meier thanked the social media staff and Star Med.

Commissioner Leaked asked how Village Heartbeat could be a part of the process. She said they knew the people in the various communities and would be an asset. *Director Harris said they were already having conversations with the Village Heartbeat Inc and were looking at partnering up with Theresea Elders Leadership Academy.*

Commissioner Leaked asked what was being done to increase the number of people being vaccinated, especially in the African American Community. *Director Harris said there was an event planned at Faith CME, as well as other events in the community. She said both of the hospital systems were also doing a lot of mobile sites. She said she was also working with different churches in the community.*

Commissioner Leaked asked if vaccinations were available for school children. *Mrs. Harris said that they were working with schools to figure out the best way to get vaccines to eligible children.*

Commissioner Altman asked how the transmission of Covid was occurring or not occurring in County schools, and what type of non-covid Public Health work was being done and what had to take a backseat. *Director Harris there was a slight uptick in cases in schools but that it was expected as the children all went back. She said the increase was not significant through schools or related to a particular activity. She said they continued to see clusters in sports every so often but the school system was handing it really well. She said as it related to non-COVID work, the number of people seen in the clinics were down. She said the people they were seeing were the ones most in need of care. She said telehealth was being used as much as possible but said that was not sufficient for everything and therefore were having conversations on ways to expand what could be done in the clinics. She said WIC numbers had gone up significantly due to the availability of telehealth appointments, which was exceeding the State expectancy. She said there was an uptick in TB cases recently and immunizations were a challenge because the focus was on COVID vaccines at the moment.*

Director Harris said they were working with Human Resources to fill the vacancies that still existed for nurses in the School Health Program. She said home visiting programs had been extremely limited. Director Harris said they had not been as active with the CDCP program,
which was clinicians who go out with the law enforcement when there were children involved in trauma situations. She said they were starting to pick that back up again.

Director Harris said Environmental Health was affected because of all of the restaurant closures. She said the HIV programs, especially, those where they were doing testing out in the field were curtailed for quite a bit because of Covid. She said she wanted to get staff focused back on all of that work.

Commissioner Powell said partnering with Sugaw Creek Recreation Center and other recreation centers to get vaccines out was a good plan. She said she was very excited to see Director Harris’ work efforts and partnerships in the local community.

Commissioner Jerrell asked Director Harris for clarification with regard to the percentages of people being vaccinated. He said that a tremendous amount of resources should be shifted and moved into the high priority zip codes. He said he was a huge fan of Action NC and was very glad they were involved.

Commissioner Jerrell asked with regard to the 26 position, if there was room for consideration for someone who was a point of contact for organizing community volunteers, mobilizing them and putting them into action for Covid as well as other issues. Director Harris said there was a position on the list for community engagement.

Chair Dunlap asked if high vaccination rate of white citizens in Mecklenburg County was “bucking” the national trend. Mrs. Harris said yes to some extend that was the case.

Chair Dunlap asked if people who declined their employment with the County because they didn’t want to do the Covid work were still eligible for re-hire. Mrs. Harris said she would have to think about that because it was written in every one of the job descriptions in Public Health that a person is hired with the expectation that they respond when needed when there is a public health emergency that needed to be addressed. She said when people quit because they didn’t want to do that work, it was hard for her to hire them back because she wouldn’t expect them to act any differently the next time there was a public health emergency.

Chair Dunlap said he hoped to see future plans on some sort of event that recognized the staff and volunteers and community partners that had been valuable to the County with work that had been done with regard to Covid.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell said the percentages on slide 14 didn’t seem to make sense. Director Harris said she understood her concern. She said those were the numbers they received from the State data. She said they were asking to get the data directly.
Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to develop a COVID-19 response unit moving 26 temporary positions to two to three-year term-limited positions.

DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS’ MONTHLY REPORTS – NONE

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS

21-6842 AMEND COUNTY STORM WATER FEES FOR FIXED, MINOR AND MAJOR SYSTEM COMPONENTS

W. Dave Canaan, County Storm Water Director, LUESA- Storm Water Services presented information on proposed changes in Storm Water Fees for the FY22 budget.

Background: In 1994, the County implemented a Storm Water fee to fund the administration of storm water management programs to improve water quality, reduce flood losses and repair/maintain the storm drainage system. By Interlocal Agreement between Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte, the storm water fee has three components. A description of the components, the reasoning for the request for an increase in revenue and the proposed increase in fees are as follows:

Fixed Fee (Countywide): The Fixed and Administrative Cost component (Fixed Fee) is limited to specific administrative expenses, including but not limited to the cost of producing bills and collecting fees, and operating expenses associated with customer service functions. The Fixed Fee also funds a portion of the LUESA - GIS program which maintains the impervious area data - a critical element in accurately billing storm water charges. The Fixed Fee is applied to all storm water accounts on a per bill basis. The last time the Fixed Fee was modified was FY 18. To address the increases in administrative and operational costs associated with the billing and collection of the fee and customer service functions, Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services (MCSWS) is proposing an increase in the Fixed Fee. The proposed change will increase the current Fixed Fee $0.15 per bill. Currently the Fixed Fee is $0.95 per bill.

Minor System Component (unincorporated area only): By Interlocal Agreement, the minor system of the storm water system is defined as ditches, swales, pipes, etc. that drain less than 1 square mile and is the responsibility of the County in the unincorporated areas of the County. The revenue generated from the minor system component of the storm water fee charged in unincorporated areas is returned to the County to fund the storm water management programs. Additional revenue will be used to respond to the negative
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consequences from years of growth in Mecklenburg County. The additional revenue will be used to address the following:

- Initiate a Catawba River cove monitoring and protection program (50% of the funding), and
- Maintain water quality features constructed in single-family subdivisions.

The proposed fees for the Minor System Component are as follows:

- Tier I: $1.17 to $1.32, per month
- Tier II: $1.74 to $1.92, per month
- Tier III: $2.47 to $2.87, per month
- Tier IV: $4.88 to $5.30, per month
- Commercial: $29 to $33.98, per acre of impervious area

Major System Component (Countywide): The major system of the storm water system is defined as large creeks and rivers (examples: Little Sugar Creek, McDowell Creek, West Branch Rocky River, Catawba River, etc.) that drain more than 1 square mile and is the responsibility of the County throughout the County. Similar to the minor system in the unincorporated area, the major system has been negatively impacted by years of growth. Additional revenue will be used to address the following:

- Expand County Storm Water’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP) consistent with the Environmental Leadership Action Plan (ELAP),
- Monitor and protect coves on the Catawba River (50% of the funding),
- Address increased major stream bank failures,
- Create a dedicated funding source for the floodplain re-mapping program, and
- Initiate a Catawba River cove monitoring and protection program (50% of the funding).

The proposed fees for the Major System Component are as follows:

- Tier I: $0.77 to $0.92, per month
- Tier II: $1.20 to $1.40, per month
- Tier III: $1.73 to $2.13, per month
- Tier IV: $2.96 to $3.96, per month
- Commercial: $20.00 to $24.57, per acre
County Storm Water
FY22 Proposed Budget

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County Storm Water – Fees and Services

Three Components

**Fixed/Administrative:**
- Billing/collection
- Charged per bill, countywide

**Minor System:**
- Maintain ditches/pipes, water quality features
- Charged based on impervious area, jurisdiction specific

**Major System:**
- Maintain creeks, water quality, buyouts, stream restoration
- Charged based on impervious area, countywide

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## Proposed FY22 Budget

### Fixed/Administrative Fee Request (Countywide)

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<th>Expanded Level of Service</th>
<th>Cost of Service (additional)</th>
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<th>Results from Analysis</th>
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<td>Prepare for technology enhancements</td>
<td>$290,000 - $770,000 each year (capital costs)</td>
<td>$0.15 per bill</td>
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*Note: July 2018 fee increased from $0.85 to $0.95 per bill.*

## Proposed FY22 Budget

### Minor System Fee Request (Unincorporated area only)

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**Expanded Levels of Service:**
- Maintain Water Quality Features in Single-Family Subdivisions
- Monitoring/Protecting Coves on Catawba River
- Ensure Funding for Minor System Repairs

*Note: No revenue-positive fee increase since inception in January 1994*
Proposed FY22 Budget

Major System Fee Request (Countywide)

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Expanded Levels of Service:
- Support ELAP Goals – Requires Future Funding
- Fund Major System Spot Repairs
- Dedicated Funding Source for Floodplain Mapping
- Monitoring/Protecting Coves on Catawba River

Note: No revenue-positive fee increase since July 2008

Proposed FY22 Budget

Summary:
- LUESA & Finance reviewing future funding options to meet ELAP goals
- Unanimous support by City-County Storm Water Advisory Committee
- Charlotte, Mint Hill, Cornelius & Huntersville considering fee increases

Catawba River

Stewart Creek

Little Sugar Creek
### FY22 Budget – All Fees Combined

#### Accounts in Unincorporated Area (7% of accounts)

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#### FY22 Budget – All Fees Combined

#### Accounts in City of Charlotte (74% of accounts)

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* Assumes no adjustment to City's minor system component of the fee.
The Commissioners made comments in support of the proposed amendments and how important this was.

Chair Dunlap asked why there was an increase needed for administrative fees. Director Canaan said from a services standpoint it would be more focused on security of their personal data that was in the billing system and would provide alternatives to pay their bills.

Chair Dunlap asked, since the County was responsible for overall security, why there was an additional charge to the citizens for security. Mr. Canaan said the billing system resided with the City of Charlotte. He said the County was the utility and the City was the County’s contractor for billing and collecting the stormwater fee. He said the County directed the City in exactly what to charge in each municipality and County-wide. He said it was their system, and their security. He said the County sat on a billing collection executive team and had a detailed cost allocation plan. He said Charlotte Water paid about 67% of the utility system and the County paid 33%, and that was just to keep technology up to date, secure, and to offer residents other options to pay their bills accurately and securely.

The Commissioners continued to asked questions which Director Canaan answered.
May 4, 2021

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, and carried unanimously (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to schedule a public hearing for May 18, 2021 for comments on proposed amendments to the County Storm Water Fees for Fixed, Minor and Major System components.

21-6843  MECKLENBURG COUNTY SOLID WASTE FEE ADJUSTMENTS FOR FY 2022

The Board received information from Jeffrey M. Smithberger, Director, Solid Waste, LUESA on proposed changes to the Mecklenburg County Solid Waste Fee Ordinance.

Background: Annually, LUESA Solid Waste proposes changes to the Mecklenburg County Solid Waste Fee Ordinance by revising certain fees in the Solid Waste Program to respond to inflation and contract service fees charged to Mecklenburg County. These changes include, but are not limited to:

1. Increasing fees for non-residential/out of county customers using Mecklenburg County Full-Service Centers from $75 to $80 annually
2. Increasing the disposal fee for use of the Speedway Landfill by $1.15 per ton, pursuant to contractually required increases
3. Increasing the cost for out-of-county jurisdictions to use recycling processing services at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) by $3 per ton
4. Decreasing residential mulch cost to $5 per cubic yard

The Waste Management Advisory Board (WMAB) unanimously recommended the BOCC approve these changes to the Solid Waste Fee Ordinance at its March 16, 2021 meeting. The BOCC will be asked to approve the changes to the Solid Waste Fee Ordinance at its May 18, 2021 Regular Meeting.
LUESA FY22 Proposed Fee Modifications
Solid Waste Management Program

May 4, 2021

FY22 Proposed Fee Adjustments

Proposed tip fees associated with *contractual expenses*:

- **Speedway Landfill**: $1.15/ton increase to $36.75/ton
- **Non-County Recyclables**: $3.00/ton increase to $108.00/ton
- **Construction Debris**: $1.50/ton increase to $52.50/ton
- **Concrete (Clean)**: $1.50/ton increase to $9.50/ton
- **Drywall (Un-Painted)**: $1.50/ton increase to $32.50/ton
FY22 Proposed Fee Adjustments

Proposed fees associated with operational expenses:

- Yard Waste: Un-bagged: $1/ton increase to $28/ton
- Yard Waste: Bagged: $2/ton increase to $35.50/ton

- Annual **Out of County** Residential Stickers:
  - $5/vehicle increase to $80 for entire year; $40 for half year

- Reduce mulch prices for Mecklenburg County residents from $10 per cubic yard to $5 per cubic yard

FY22 Additional Fee Information

- Residential Solid Waste Availability Fee will remain the same at $39.50.

- Residential Flat Fees will remain the same at the Full-Service Centers.
Comments

Commissioner Meier asked when the last time there was an adjustment. *Director Smithberger said the fees were adjusted annually.*

Commissioner Altman asked how many square acres a landfill was. *Director Smithberger said the foxhole landfill facility was 500 acres but the waste burial area was 250 acres of that.*

Chair Dunlap asked if they were reducing cubic yard waste for mulch because there was an overabundance with mulch. *Director Smithberger said yes that was one of the reasons. He said during the pandemic they processed about 50% more yard waste materials which left them with a little bit more mulch products in the last year than expected He said this would be a give back to the community and he hoped that lots of people could get their gardens and flower beds mulched.*

Chair Dunlap said it should be advertised.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS & REQUESTS – NONE**

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez- McDowell, seconded by Commissioner Meier and carried unanimously (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to approve the following item(s):

**21-6811 BUDGET AMENDMENT - DSS: FY21 SMART START CHILD CARE**

Approve to amend the 2020-2021 Annual Budget Ordinance to recognize, receive, and appropriate an increase in revenue and expenses of $4,200 from State childcare allocations in the General Fund (0001) within the Department of Social Services.

*Background: Mecklenburg County contracts with Child Care Resources, Inc. (CCRI) to provide administrative services for processing applications and determining eligibility for the Smart Start Child Care Subsidy Program. These changes reflect changes in actual State allocations received from NC Division of Child Development & Early Education and Smart Start and is the third increase received this fiscal year.*
21-6819  BUDGET AMENDMENT - COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES - REVENUE DECREASE (CSS)

Approve to reduce Substance and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant Project Uplift budget in the amount of $48,922 in the General Grants Fund (G001) in year 2 of a 3-year grant within Community Support Services. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and under spending, Duke University submitted a subcontract modification to reduce the contract.

*Background: Community Support Services previously received an additional grant through Duke University's Project Uplift that will expand Substance Abuse Services offered by their Community Resources for Empowerment and Wellness (CREW) Program. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, Substance Abuse Services will only be able to provide limited services at this time. Duke University will reallocate funds in the amount of $48,922 to other services.*

21-6820  TAX REFUNDS

Approve refunds in the amount of $4,406.52 for registered motor vehicles as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor and approve refunds in the amount of $3,111.18 as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

*Background: This Board action is necessary to approve registered motor vehicle tax refunds resulting from clerical errors, value changes and appeals processed in the statewide vehicle tax system. This Board action is necessary to approve tax refunds resulting from clerical errors, audits and other amendments, including revaluation appeals. There is no accrued interest in the $1,988.06 Meck refunds and accrued interest of $56.16 included in the $1,123.12 refunds. Refunds total $3,111.18.*

*A list of taxpayer recipients is on file with the Clerk to the Board.*

21-6825  DUKE LIGHTING SERVICE CONTRACT - INDEPENDENCE PARK PHASE I

Approve a contract with Duke Energy in the amount of $145,190.40 for a 10-year service contract ($1,209.92 per month) for lighting at Armory Drive area (i.e., renovated Independence Park - Phase I).

*Background: Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation will contract with Duke Energy to install and maintain new lighting fixtures at Independence Park. Contract covers 32 fixtures in Phase I of park renovation which stretches from Charlottetowne Ave to Hawthorne Lane. Lighting for*
Phase II will be requested when construction begins on this section of park. Duke Energy is only light provider for this area. Service contract with Duke Energy allows County to pay installation cost over 10 years and includes service when needed on poles and lighting fixtures.

21-6832 MINUTES

Approve the February 23, 2021 Budget/Public Policy Meeting and March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes.

THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT

21-6829 PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioners may remove agenda items from the Consent Agenda for separate vote, to bring public awareness or to make comments. The following items were pulled and voted upon separately:

21-6821 SET PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT TO THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to set a public hearing to be held at the May 18, 2021 BOCC meeting to receive comments on proposed revisions to the Mecklenburg County Zoning Ordinance.

Background: The North Carolina General Assembly has adopted a new statute (N.C.G.S 160D) that requires local zoning ordinances be made compliant with the requirements of the statute by July 1, 2021 including Mecklenburg County’s zoning ordinance. This date is mandated by State statute and all jurisdictions with zoning authority in Mecklenburg County including Mecklenburg, Charlotte, Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, and Pineville must comply with the requirements of N.C.G.S 160D.

The County Attorney has reviewed the proposed text amendments to the Mecklenburg County Zoning Ordinance and has indicated that the text changes do not constitute policy changes. After the public hearing, the Zoning Committee of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission will review the draft text amendment and provide a recommendation to the
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**Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners who will make the final decision on the proposed text amendment.**

The Mecklenburg County Zoning Ordinance only applies to approximately one square mile of land within the unincorporated area of the County that lies outside of the planning jurisdictions (and associated zoning jurisdictions) of the City of Charlotte and the six towns.

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the item is reached on the agenda. The public hearing will be regarding proposed text amendments to the Mecklenburg County Zoning Ordinance on the following petition: Petition No. 2021-107 by Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency. Interested parties and citizens have an opportunity to be heard and may obtain further information on the proposed changes from the Charlotte Planning, Design & Development Department office by visiting www.rezoning.org or by calling 704-336-2205. Due to COVID-19, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center remains closed to the public; therefore, this public hearing will be conducted remotely. Members of the public can access and view the meeting on the Government Channel or online at: [https://watch.mecknc.gov](https://watch.mecknc.gov) or on Twitter at [https://twitter.com/meckcounty](https://twitter.com/meckcounty) or online on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/user/meckgov/live](https://www.youtube.com/user/meckgov/live). Persons desiring to address the Board of County Commissioners at the public hearing can register to speak with the Clerk’s Office. Please complete the online form at: [https://mecknc.seamlessdocs.com/f/clerk](https://mecknc.seamlessdocs.com/f/clerk). If you are unable to complete the online form, please contact the Clerk’s Office at 980-314-2914 or send an email to clerk@MeckNC.gov. Speakers requesting to address the Board of County Commissioners at the public hearing must register to speak by Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Speakers must be available to call or log into the meeting between 5:45 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 18, 2021 to ensure you are connected to the remote meeting to address the Board of County Commissioners. call-in/log-in information will be sent to you the day of the Hearing. Anyone needing special assistance when participating in this meeting or if this information is needed in an alternative format should contact the Clerk to the Board at 600 East Fourth Street, in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center (CMGC), 4th Floor; 980-314-2914 or email clerk@mecknc.gov at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

21-6822 **GRANT APPLICATION - SECOND CHANCE ACT PAY FOR SUCCESS INITIATIVE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Altman and carried unanimously (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to affirm the submission of a grant application in the amount of up to $1,500,000 to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) with the intention of contracting with Roof Above to expand MeckFUSE to serve 15 additional households over a 54-month period. If awarded, recognize, receive, and appropriate the awarded amount to the General Grants Fund (G001) within Community Support Service for the duration of the award.

**Background:** The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance is seeking applications for funding for local governments to enhance or
implement performance-based and outcomes-based contracts with reentry, permanent supportive housing, or recovery housing providers to reduce recidivism and address the substance use disorders impacting formerly incarcerated people.

If awarded, Mecklenburg County Community Support Services (CSS) will contract with Roof Above to expand the existing MeckFUSE program to serve 15 additional households. MeckFUSE is a housing program for homeless men and women with behavioral health issues who have been frequent users of Mecklenburg’s jail, street camps and shelters. FUSE stands for Frequent User Systems Engagement, a proven national model from the Corporation for Supportive Housing. MeckFUSE helps clients stay in stable, affordable apartments and offers support for their needs. The program uses public dollars responsibly by reducing costs associated with the criminal justice system and emergency shelters. If awarded, the grant start date would be October 1, 2021 and will be used over a 54-month grant period. The application to the DOJ will be submitted by CSS no later than April 30, 2021.

21-6823  GRANT APPLICATION- DUKE ENERGY GREEN INVADERS VIDEO GRANT

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and carried unanimously (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to approve a grant application of up to $5k with Duke Energy for development of a Public Education Video on Non-Native Invasive Species.

Background: In 2002, the Park and Recreation Department developed a video entitled “Green Invaders” to be used as an educational tool regarding non-native invasive species. The video was used in schools and for the public to communicate the dangers invasive species pose to our natural environment in Mecklenburg County. The department would like to update the video with new information to help the public understand their role in this issue and how they can help.

21-6824  CAPITAL RESERVE- HISTORIC DOWD HOUSE AND FORMER FIRE STATION MOU (PARK AND RECREATION)

Motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Leake, and carried (6-1) with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, and Powell voting no to recognize, receive, and appropriate $345,000 to Capital Reserve (9002) funding from the sale of the Historic Dowd House and fire station.
May 4, 2021

Background: Board of County Commissioners approved a Memorandum of Understanding and all other documents necessary between the County, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission, and Red Leg 6, LL for the conveyance of tax parcel 067-061-02 to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission for a price of $345,000. The sale has been completed. The funds will be used for repairs and additional amenities to parkland.


Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and carried unanimously (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, to set a public hearing on May 18, 2021 for comments on proposed changes to the Minor System component of the Storm Water Services fee for the City of Charlotte, the Town of Cornelius, the Town of Huntersville, and the Town of Mint Hill.

Background: In 1994, the County implemented a Storm Water fee to fund the administration of storm water management programs to improve water quality, reduce flood losses and repair and/or maintain the storm drainage system. Minor System Component for municipal jurisdictions: By Interlocal Agreement, the minor system of the storm water system is defined as ditches, swales, pipes, etc. that drain less than 1 square mile and is the responsibility of the City inside the City limits and each Town inside the town limits. The revenue generated from the minor system component of the storm water fee charged within each municipal jurisdiction is returned to that jurisdiction to fund their storm water management programs. To address the substantial increase in unfunded projects and citizens' requests, projects in the right-of-way and aging infrastructure, the City of Charlotte is proposing a change to the minor system component of the Storm Water fee. The Towns are experiencing similar challenges and request increases to the minor system component for their jurisdictions. This will be the first time the Towns of Cornelius, Huntersville and Mint Hill have increased the minor system components since the inception of the utility in 1994. Public Hearing Request: As part of the City and Town’s budgeting processes, the City and Towns are considering changes to their minor system rates. The County’s public hearing will provide interested parties an opportunity to comment to the Board of County Commissioners on changes to the minor system components of the Storm Water fee for those properties located in the City of Charlotte and the Towns of Cornelius, Huntersville, and Mint Hill. Each municipality either has or will conduct their own public hearing prior to altering their minor system component of the fee. MCSWS requests a public hearing be scheduled in accordance with the Storm Water Management Interlocal Agreement for considering such increases. The County will not take any action in the adoption of the City and Towns minor system fees until request by the City and Towns. On February 18, 2021, the
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Advisory Committee (SWAC) voted on the City’s FY22 Operating and Capital budgets, which included a request for a fee increase, and forwarded its recommendations to the City Manager and City Council.

MECKLENBURG BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, THE TOWN OF CORNELIUS, THE TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE, AND THE TOWN OF MINT HILL’S MINOR SYSTEM COMPONENT OF STORM WATER FEES

Notice is hereby given that the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center is currently closed to the public; therefore, the public hearing will be conducted remotely. Members of the public can access and view the meeting on the Government Channel or online at: https://mecklenburg.ravnur.com. Members of the public can access and view the meeting on the Government Channel or online at https://mecklenburg.ravnur.com or follow us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/meckcounty or on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/user/meckgov/live.

The minor system fee funds storm water management programs to improve water quality, reduce flood losses and repair/maintain the storm drainage system that drain less than one square mile within the municipalities and the unincorporated areas of County. By Interlocal Agreement, the minor system of the storm water system is defined as ditches, swales, pipes, etc that drain less than 1 square mile and is the responsibility of the City inside the City limits and each Town inside their town limits. The revenue generated from the minor system component of the storm water fee charged within the City and Towns is returned to the City and Towns to fund their storm water management programs. The purpose of the public hearing is for the Board to receive public comments on proposed changes to the City of Charlotte’s and the Towns minor system component charged within the City’s and Town’s Limits. Additional information can be found at www.charmeck.org/stormwater. The public hearing by the Board of County Commissioners is in accordance with the provisions of the “AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A SINGLE STORM WATER SYSTEM IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY.” Persons desiring to address the Board in person should register to speak online at https://mecknc.seamlessdocs.com/f/clerk or call 980-314-2914. The deadline for online registration is 12:00 p.m. the day of the scheduled meeting. Speakers must be able to call in or log into the meeting before 6:30 p.m. on the day of the Hearing to ensure you are connected to the remote meeting to address the Board of County Commissioners. Call-in/log-in information will be provided to speakers on the day of meeting. Anyone needing special accommodations when attending this meeting and/or if this information is needed in an alternative format because of a disability please contact the Clerk to the Board. The Clerk is located at 600 East Fourth Street, in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, 11th floor, (704) 336-2472, fax (704) 336-5887 or by email: Kristine.Smith@mecklenburgcountync.gov. We request at least 72 hours notice prior to the meeting to make the appropriate arrangements.

21-6873 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM – 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (FY 2021-22) SUMMARY

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Jerrell and unanimously carried with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez
May 4, 2021

McDowell voting yes, to approve the 2021 Annual Action Plan for Mecklenburg County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; and recognize, receive, and appropriate up to $834,295.00 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the Grants Special Projects Fund (GRNT) for the duration of the award.

Background: As an entitlement community, Mecklenburg County receives an annual share of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In order to receive its CDBG entitlement funding, the County must submit the Annual Action Plan (AAP) to HUD. The AAP describes the funding levels and projects/activities to be undertaken during the upcoming program year. The 2021 Annual Action Plan includes the funding application for CDBG funds for approximately $834,295.00. The 2021 Annual Action Plan reflects the County's continued efforts and commitment to address public facility and infrastructure improvements, sustaining affordable owner-occupied housing and needs for childcare assistance for low to moderate income persons. All activities and funding priorities included in Mecklenburg County's Annual Action Plan will address three statutory goals set by HUD:

- Provide Decent Housing, provide A Suitable Living Environment, and provide Expanded Economic Opportunities.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

21-6833

Commissioners shared information of their choosing within the guidelines as established by the Board, which included, but not limited to, past and/or upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Powell, and unanimously carried (7-0) with Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 9:07 p.m.