

Board of Commissioners

Mark Jones, Chair
Benita Finney, Vice Chair
Richard Poindexter
Terry Renegar
M Brent Shoaf



Commissioners Room
123 S. Main Street
Mocksville, NC 27028
July 1, 2024
6:00 PM

MINUTES

**Davie County - Board of Commissioners
Regular Session**

1. Meeting Called to Order - Chair Jones

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

2. Invocation - Deacon Jason Ijames - Mount Zion Community Church

The invocation was offered by Deacon Jason Ijames.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Randy Johnson

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Randy Johnson.

4. Ethics & Conflicts Disclosure - County Attorney, Ed Vogler

County Attorney Ed Vogler stated: "Pursuant to NCGS 160A-86 and the Davie County Board of Commissioners Code of Ethics adopted December 2, 2019, I would ask each of you before you adopt the agenda if there is any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest with respect to any matter on the proposed agenda which will come before the Board for a vote at this meeting today. If so, please speak up and let the Board know at this time before the agenda is adopted." No Commissioner spoke. Vogler then stated, "It is therefore concluded that there are no actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest by any Board member."

5. Adopt Agenda - Chair Jones

Commissioner Finney made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Renegar seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed 5-0 (Mark Jones, Benita Finney, Richard Poindexter, Terry Renegar, M Brent Shoaf)

6. Presentations - County Manager, Brian Barnett

a. 4-Her Presentation - Leah Frick

Leah Frick, age 15, is the youth 4-H representative for Davie County. She informed the Commissioners of a few of the accomplishments within 4-H she has completed and her future goals.

b. Introduction of Medical Director - Dr. Cameron Weekley

Director of Davie County EMS, Joseph Ashburn, introduced the new medical director, Dr. Cameron Weekley.

c. Partners Update - Jackie Copeland

Jackie Copeland presented the Partners update.

d. May 2024 Financial Presentation - Robin West

Robin West spoke about the May 2024 financial summary report.

7. Public Comment Period - County Attorney, Ed Vogler

a. Public Comment Period Rules

There were 9 individuals signed up to speak tonight during public comment.

- Wendy Vernon, a 30-year Davie County resident and a member of PFL4G (National Organization for the LGBTQ Community and their families) addressed the Library Assault Incident and requested support in protecting the library from further incidents.
- Julie Wood is the executive director of Impact of the Piedmont. She would like to express her appreciation of the library and the staff, and she wants to ensure all the individuals in the library are safe at all times.
- Julie Whittaker spoke about Davie County Public Library safety and her feelings on the appointment of members to the Library Board of Trustees.
- Alice Brown spoke about the Library Board of Trustees and her own experience of resolving issues when she was on this board years ago.
- Belinda Brewer spoke about the freedom to read any books. She spoke about the Library Board of Trustees applicants and requested more information about what their views are about the Library and the books within.
- Marcia Phillips is a staff member of the Davie County Public Library. She spoke about the safety concerns of herself and the other library staff. She requested more information on the process of choosing members of the Library Board of Trustees and voiced her opinion of who should be on this board.
- Nathan Lineville, a current student of NC State, is here to speak about the Davie County Public Library and his concerns about the potential new members of the Library Board of Trustees. He spoke about his lifestyle and wanted to ensure books would continue to be available to anyone or any orientation.
- Hazel Marian spoke about what the Davie County Library meant to her as a child and why she would like it to continue to be a safe place for Davie County.
- Kevin Marion spoke about the Davie County Library safety concerns and expressed his

support of the Library Board of Trustees' recommendations for appointments.

Chair Jones addressed Davie County Library Director, Derrick Wold. He was asked if there was a book that was removed from the Davie County Library and made unavailable by the Davie County Commissioners.

Derrick Wold stated no one on the Board of Commissioners had requested the removal of books and the book in question could be made available through NC Cardinal.

Chair Jones stated that security updates have been added to the Library, and more implementations on safety have been discussed for the Library and other County offices.

Chair Jones asked if Mr. Brent Ward or Mr. Glenn Mace, the Board of Commissioner's recommendation to the Library Board of Trustees, had ever requested that a book be removed from the Davie County Library.

The response from Derrick Wold was that Mr. Ward had never requested the removal of materials, and he has had no contact with Mr. Mace.

8. County Manager's Report - County Manager, Brian Barnett

County Manager, Brian Barnett, thanked the public utilities employees for working in the heat to be sure we had clean water in Davie County.

He announced that Cameron Webb had issued a county-wide burn ban until the conditions improved.

He thanked the individuals of the Heritage Alliance Project for their Juneteenth program that was held at the Masonic picnic grounds over the weekend.

He thanked Chief Rodney Miller and the Advance Fire Department for allowing him to speak to the youth at their annual summer camp.

He spoke about the first annual concert at the Community Park that 10,000 individuals attended and the 150–200 people who participated in the drive-in movie.

He announced the roundabout that will be constructed on Hwy 158 and Farmington Road and detours will be in place from July 9–August 2.

Finally, he wanted to address staff and patrons' safety and that the Davie County government would not tolerate any negative behavior and would take the necessary steps to ensure the well-being of all staff, contractors, and volunteers.

9. Consent Agenda - Chair Jones

Vice Chair Finney made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Shoaf seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed 5-0 (Jones, Finney, Poindexter, Renegar, Shoaf)

a. Approval of Minutes

i) Regular Scheduled Meeting June 3, 2024

- ii) Closed Session Meeting June 3, 2024
- iii) Special Called Meeting June 24, 2024
- b. Board Re-Appointment - Aging Services Community Advisory Committee - Sandi Winston
- c. Board Appointment - Agricultural Advisory Board - Tracy Sanchez
- d. Board Re-Appointments - Agricultural Advisory Board - Robert Crews, Henry Walker, Justin Miller, Holly Miller
- e. Board Appointment - Planning Board - Justin Miller
- f. Budget Transfers / Amendments - Finance
- g. Community Child Protection/Child Fatality Team Annual Report
- h. July Recreation and Parks Month Proclamation
- i. Resolution to Update Opioid Litigation
- j. Tax Reports, Releases, and Refunds

10. Old Business - Chair Jones

There was no old business.

11. New Business - Chair Jones

- a. Board Appointments - Library Board of Trustees - Glenn Mace; Brent Ward (Re-Appoint)

Vice Chair Finney made the motion to approve the Library Board of Trustees Appointment - Glenn Mace; and Brent Ward (Re-Appoint). Commissioner Shoaf seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2 (Jones, Finney, Shoaf)

Commissioner Renegar stated that he has no issues with the 2 individuals presented to this

Library Board of Trustees. Still, he does not favor the process where members are brought to the Commissioners by the Library Board for recommendations, and everyone is not heard. He recommended that a formalized process be initiated to allow the other boards to recommend candidates to add transparency.

Chair Jones stated that the role of the County Commissioner is to appoint and make the final decision to appoint members of boards and commissions.

12. Commissioners' Comments

All the Commissioners thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. They all wanted to express that employee safety is a top priority. Several Commissioners expressed the importance of respecting other individuals' opinions or thoughts.

Vice Chair Finney thanked Leah Frick and Dr. Cameron Weekley for coming tonight and for all they have and will do for Davie County. She stated how impressed she was with the Juneteenth program that was held at the Davie County Senior Center and wanted to thank everyone involved. She also wanted to make it known that she stated she is for employees getting raises and has always advocated for such, and she encourages anyone to watch the meeting from June 23, 2024, to see what she said.

13. Closed Session - Chair Jones

Vice Chair Finney made the motion to enter into a closed session. Commissioner Shoaf seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed 5-0 (Jones, Finney, Poindexter, Renegar, Shoaf).

- a. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded.
- b. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge,

or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.

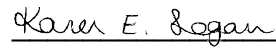
14. Adjourn - Chair Jones

At 7:46 P.M., Vice Chair Finney made the motion to enter into an open session. Commissioner Renegar seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed 5-0 (Jones, Finney, Poindexter, Renegar, Shoaf)

Commissioner Poindexter made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Renegar seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed 5-0 (Jones, Finney, Poindexter, Renegar, Shoaf)



Mark Jones
Board of County Commissioners Chair



Karen Logan
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

✓ APPROVED

**PUBLIC COMMENT PUBLIC HEARING COMMENT SIGN UP
SHEET
PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME**

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic of Concern</u>
✓ 1.	Wendy Vernon	library
✓ 2.	Julie Wood	library
✓ 3.	Julie Whittaker	library
✓ 4.	Alice Brown	Library
✓ 5.	Belinda Brewer	Library
✓ 6.	Maria Phillips	library
✓ 7.	Nathan Linville	Library
✓ 8.	Hazel Marion	library
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Please be advised that this sign-up sheet is a public record and subject to disclosure under the public records law of the State of North Carolina.

To: Davie County Commissioners

Date: July 1, 2024, 6pm

From: Julie Whittaker

Subject: Library Board of Trustees

Regarding the Davie County Public Library, there are two major issues I'm here to address: the ongoing threats on library materials and staff members, and the appointment of members to the Library Board of Trustees.

A recent incident at the library with a patron, who had engaged in restricted behavior to deny access to library materials to others and the Director, who had asked to speak with this person is a concerning development in a multi-year assault on certain library materials and staff members. I expected the County Administration and Commissioners to issue statements in support of the library staff and policies regarding shared materials, intellectual freedom and personal safety. No statement demonstrates a lack of respect for the library staff, their personal safety and the rights and safety of your citizens.

At this meeting, you are scheduled to appoint two new members to the Library Board of Trustees. Advisory trustees work with library administration on planning and policy formulation for the library and advocate for the library to the public. An advisory board is defined as a body providing missing insights and skill sets for you as members of the Board of Commissioners. Trustees, of any department, are in the best position to assess board candidates that are best suited to fulfill the role stated above.

The Board of Trustees does not need administrative, moral, or political monitors. It needs people who understand or are willing to learn and uphold the mission and values of public libraries, which are charged with serving all members of the public regardless of their personal circumstances, beliefs, morals or values.

I urge you to appoint from the nominees of the current Board of Trustees. They have offered you highly qualified candidates who have been involved at the library, understand library policies, the tenets of academic and intellectual freedom, and are respectful of our diverse society with differing needs, eclectic beliefs, morals and values.

Our public library provides excellent services, resources, and programs to our community. Commissioners should recognize and support such a valuable community asset.