



**Gates County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Agenda**

6:00 PM Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Commissioners Chamber – 1836 Historic Courthouse
115 Court Street
Gatesville, NC 27938

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order 6:00 p.m.
- II. Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Approval of Minutes October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting
 - B. Approval of Tax Refund Requests
- V. Public Comment
- VI. New staff introduction by HR Director Warren Perry
- VII. Reports and Presentations:
 - A. Revaluation 2025 Update --- Ms. Renee McGinnis of Piner Appraisal & Associates will present the “Schedule of Values” and review the process for approval to include a public hearing and adoption by the Board of Commissioners prior to December 31, 2024.
 - B. OPIOID Taskforce Update & Recommendations by Commissioner Emily Truman
 - C. Connecting Minority Communities Broadband, US Dept. of Commerce by Dr. Althea Riddick
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Budget Amendment(s)
 - a. F25-012 Allocate Restricted Funds to the Office of the Sheriff \$2,800
 - b. F25-013 DSS Donation for Community Baby Shower program \$1,095
 - c. F25-014 Allocate School Lottery Funds-Renovations & Repairs \$25,830
 - d. F25-015 Reallocate ARPA Funds, CAB Funds, and interest earned \$453,443
 - B. 2025 Calendar recommendations and approval
 - a. 2025 Schedule of Board Meetings
 - b. 2025 Holiday and Office Closings

C. Department of Public Utilities project reports and updates

1. Mutual Aid And Assistance Agreement
North Carolina Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network
Authorized Representative: Mr. Brad Arnold
2. Resolution to Accept and Approve NCDEQ Funding Offers in the amount of \$9,992,825 as revised by the State's reduction of administrative fees to 1.5% S.L. 2023-134 Grant Appropriations Act, Directed Projects
3. Project Ordinance 24-005, Revised to establish Capital Project Fund 64 to proceed with capital projects consistent with the County's Joint Resolution with the Town of Gatesville for S.L. 2023-134 Directed Projects.
4. Resolution to accept NCDEQ State Revolving Fund, Funding Offer in the amount of \$2,217,816 with \$1,500,000 Principal Forgiveness and \$717,816 loan repayable in twenty years at zero percent interest.
5. Project Ordinance 24-004, Revised to reflect reduction in professional engineering fees per contract amendment at October 16th 2024 meeting.
6. Interlocal Agreement to Consolidate Wastewater Systems serving Buckland and T.S. Cooper Elementary Schools, transferring ownership and operational responsibilities from the Board of Education to the County of Gates, facilitating the sewer connection for both schools.
7. Career Development Plan for Public Utilities staff with expanding responsibilities for water & wastewater certifications and licenses.

IX. County Manager Report/Updates

X. Commissioners' Updates

XI. Chair Update

XII. Adjourn

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes, members of the Gates County Board of Commissioners must abstain from discussion and voting on matters where a legal conflict of interest is present. Members who suspect they may have a potential conflict of interest in a matter shall confer with the County Attorney prior to the meetings for legal opinion. A Commissioner who requests to abstain from any given matter otherwise requiring their lawful duty to act shall state the nature of their conflict to the Board. The Board, after hearing from the County Attorney on the same, shall vote upon whether a legal conflict or a substantial appearance thereof exists. If found present, the Board by majority vote shall excuse the Commissioner from all participation in the matter.