

MINUTES
WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 6, 2021

PUBLIC HEARING – PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CLOSE OUT – CDBG PROJECT # 13-D-2946 – MULBERRY SCHOOL EXTENSION – Chairman Eddie Settle declared the Public Hearing open regarding the Performance Assessment Close Out for the Mulberry School Sewer Extension CDBG Project #13-D-2946 at 6:01 P.M. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 with the following members present: Chairman Eddie Settle, Vice Chairman Brian S. Minton, Commissioner Keith Elmore, Commissioner David Gambill. Commissioner Casey Joe Johnson attended the meeting remotely audio and video through WebEx.

Also present were Tony Triplett, County Attorney; John Yates, County Manager; Kelly Coffee, Senior Planner High Country Council of Governments; and Sarah Call, Clerk to the Board.

Chairman Settle recognized Kelly Coffee, Senior Planner High Country Council of Governments. Mr. Coffee stated CDBG requires the public hearing to review all project activities which he will do at this time:

Wilkes County
CDBG Infrastructure Grant #13-D-2946
Closeout Public Hearing April 6, 2021

The purpose of this public hearing is to give the opportunity for citizen input concerning the closeout of the Wilkes County CDBG Infrastructure Grant #13-D-2946. The grant provided funds to connect Mulberry Elementary School to the Town of North Wilkesboro's wastewater system. The project serves all 370 students and staff persons at the school.

Wilkes County received a total of \$1,193,114 in Community Development Block Grant-Infrastructure (CDBG-I) funds from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ) for the project. The original grant was for \$1.0 million. The low bid was over the amount of the grant award. Therefore, the budget was amended on 10/07/19 with the addition of \$163,114 in grant funds to cover the difference, as well as the cost of bid advertisements. The budget was amended again on 05/04/20 to add \$30,000 to the grant award for the demolition of the existing septic system on the school grounds. In addition to the CDBG-I funds the County contributed \$87,500 toward the project for engineering and grant administration; expenses that weren't eligible for grant funding, bring the total budget to \$1,280,614.

Construction consisted of 14,500 linear feet of 6" diameter force main sewer line, 2,520 linear feet of 8" gravity sewer line, 520 linear feet of 12" bored steel encasement, 11 manholes, a pump station, and related appurtenances.

The project had three construction change orders:

03/16/20 – \$29,950.00 – demolish and remove existing sand filter septic system Leaving the old infrastructure in place would have been problematic. It would have required some level of maintenance for an indefinite time after it was decommissioned. Whether or not the health agencies expected it to be demolished was not known, but there would have remained some degree of environmental health risk even after it was disconnected. Removing it should have been part of the original project scope as a site recovery activity, but the maximum grant amount was \$1.0 million, which was the cost of construction itself. As mentioned, this change order was paid for with additional grant funds.

02/28/20 – \$865.98 – install ductile iron pipe in lieu of PVC pipe at crossing over existing water main. This change was necessary because state regulations require ductile iron where water and sewer lines cross. The existence of the water main was not known at the time the project was designed.

10/12/20 – \$24,543.15 – final adjusting change order (17 various items). This change order consisted of various adjustments in material quantities and activities that are to be expected, as the project design cannot anticipate every contingency with precision. Individual costs are relatively minor, with two exceptions. There was a specification inadvertently omitted in the bid documents that would have instructed the contractor to include pipe stabilization stone in the bid price of pipe; i.e. pipe stabilization stone (No. 57 washed stone) was not listed separately on the bid form. Consequently, the contractor's bid price was for pipe alone. To be compensated for the price of stone, it was included in the final adjusting change order. Most of the driveway repair that was anticipated in the project design was avoided by the contractor by boring underneath the driveways, so there was a substantial savings in that line item.

In addition to the change orders, the cost of construction inspection was \$12,287 less than budgeted.

These two change orders were paid for with savings from construction inspection, the sales tax refund, and a reimbursement from the engineering firm to cover their omission in the bid documents.

All grants funds and local funds were expended.

CDBG-I funding must assist areas that have at least a 51% low- and moderate-income (LMI). The households of all students and staff were surveyed at the application phase of the project and it was determined that the school has an area-wide LMI of 60.71%. The number of persons in the households of students and staff numbered 1,514 persons, who are benefitting from the project.

No comments have been received in writing prior to the public hearing and no opposition for the Performance Assessment Close Out. Chairman Settle asked if anyone in attendance had any comments, hearing no comments and no comments received in writing on the proposed Performance Assessment Close Out for the Mulberry School Sewer Extension CDBG Project, Chairman Settle declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:09 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG – NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION GRANT # 17-C-3026 – LINE ITEM BUDGET TRANSFER – Chairman Eddie Settle declared the Public Hearing open regarding the CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant # 17-C-3026 Line Item Budget Transfer at 6:09 P.M. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 with the following members present: Chairman Eddie Settle, Vice Chairman Brian S. Minton, Commissioner Keith Elmore, Commissioner David Gambill. Commissioner Casey Joe Johnson attended the meeting remotely audio and video through WebEx.

Also present were Tony Triplett, County Attorney; John Yates, County Manager; Eddie Barnes, Planning Director; and Sarah Call, Clerk to the Board.

Mr. Barnes stated this public hearing is to consider a line item transfer within the Community Development Block Grant Neighborhood Revitalization project. They are requesting to transfer \$79,000 from the relocation line to the acquisition line, which will bring the total of the acquisition line to \$99,000. He added all funds are internal transfers and will not increase or decrease the total grant budget of \$635,000. Mr. Barnes stated pursuant to N.C.G.S. the Notice of Public Hearing was advertised on March 17, 2021.

Chairman Settle asked if anyone in attendance had any comments, hearing no comments and no comments have been received in writing on the proposed CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant # 17-C-3026 Line Item Budget Transfer, Chairman Settle declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:10 P.M.

The Wilkes County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:10 P.M. at the Wilkes County Agricultural Center located 416 Executive Drive, Wilkesboro, NC 28697 with the following members present: Chairman Eddie Settle, Vice Chairman Brian S. Minton, Commissioner Keith Elmore, and Commissioner David Gambill. Commissioner Casey Joe Johnson attended the meeting remotely audio and video through WebEx.

Also present for the meeting were Tony Triplett, County Attorney; John Yates, County Manager; and Sarah Call, Clerk to the Board.

Chairman Eddie Settle welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION – Commissioner David Gambill led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairman Settle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Vice Chairman Brian S. Minton, seconded by Commissioner Casey Joe Johnson and unanimously adopted to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 16, 2021.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS/TRANSFERS – Motion was made by Commissioner David Gambill to approve Budget Amendment No. 32 (Health – Programs – Wilkes Community Health Center Promotions received \$700 from Project Lazarus. These funds will be used to prevent

substance abuse for Wilkes County residents. No county money involved. Wilkes Community Health Center received \$2,200 from Wilkes Agricultural Fair. These funds will be used to promote Primary Care of uninsured/underinsured Wilkes County patients. No County money involved); and Budget Amendment No. 33 (Garage – This budget request in the amount of \$21,484 is for insurance reimbursement for damage to county owned vehicles. No County money involved). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Elmore and unanimously approved.

MULBERRY SCHOOL SEWER EXENTION – CDBG-I #13-D-2946 – GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE – Chairman Settle welcomed Kelly Coffee, Senior Planner High Country Council of Governments. Mr. Coffee stated CDBG requires the applicant to officially appropriate the funds for a project. He added this was done before, except as stated at the public hearing there was an omission in the bid documents that caused the project to be over budget \$5,014. The Engineer has reimbursed the County to cover this error. Mr. Coffee said these funds need to be official obligated to keep the records in order.

Motion was made by Commissioner Keith Elmore to adopt and approve the Wilkes County Grant Project Ordinance, CDBG # 13-D-2946 as presented at tonight’s meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Brian S. Minton and passed unanimously.

Wilkes County
Grant Project Ordinance
CDBG #13-D-2946

BE IT ORDAINED by the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project is hereby adopted:

Section 1. The project authorized is the Community Development Block Grant – Infrastructure Project described in the work statement contained in the Grant Agreement between this unit and the NC Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ)

Section 2. The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the terms of the grant documents, the rules and regulations of NCDEQ, and the budget contained herein.

Section 3. This ordinance augments the previous \$1,087,500 million grant project ordinance of the same name and CDBG number dated 07/03/18 and an additional grant amount of \$193,114 dated 04/07/20.

Section 4. The following additional revenues are available to complete this project:

<i>Wilkes County</i>	<i>\$5,014</i>
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Section 5. The following additional amounts are appropriated for the project:

Mulberry School Sewer Extension Project – CDBG #13-D-2946

Public Sewer Improvements \$5,014

Section 6. The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain within the Grant Project Fund sufficient, specific, and detailed accounting records to provide the accounting to the grant agency required by the grant agreement and federal and state regulations.

Section 7. Requests for funds should be made to the grantor agency in an orderly and timely manner as funds are obligated and expenses incurred.

Section 8. The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of each project element in Section 5 and on the grant revenues received or claimed.

Section 9. The Budget Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this grant project in every budget submission made to this board.

Section 10. Copies of this Grant Project Ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out this project.

ADOPTED this 6th day of April, 2021.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Clerk

WILKES COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION – PART F APPLICATION – Chairman Settle welcomed Kelly Coffee and Kevin Anderson, Recreation Director. Mr. Coffee said he met with Mr. Anderson and Mr. Yates in regards to the County applying for a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant to construct a bathhouse, picnic shelter, and restrooms at Rivers Edge Park. He added this would consist of showers to service MerleFest Campers, picnic shelter and restrooms on the east end of the park. These are needed due to the distance to the restrooms and picnic shelter located on the west end of the park. Mr. Coffee stated this grant requires a 50% match, the grant would be \$191,194 and the match would be the same \$191,194.00 The Parks and Recreation Trust Fund is a State Grant program, there is an appointed Board of Trustees that makes the funding decisions. He added the application is due May 3rd and they will meet over the summer to make the awards. This is a very competitive grant, they have many more requests that they are able to fund. Mr. Coffee stated they are requesting approval from the Board to submit the application and approve the match of the funds if awarded.

Commissioner Gambill asked if the showers would just be used for MerleFest, or would Parks and Rec use them too. Mr. Anderson replied they will be used the most during MerleFest, they do expect Recreation Travel sports to start back and the Umpires will use these. They do not expect the general public to use the showers on a daily basis. He added as Mr. Coffee stated these grants are very competitive and hard to get. Commissioner Gambill asked where would the

match come from. Mr. Yates replied their chances of getting the grant are not great, they are not asking for a budget amendment at this time, they are asking for approval to apply. He added the YMCA has a problem with leasing shower facilities during MerleFest and it would be a cost saving to have this facility.

Commissioner Elmore stated the Y gets the proceeds from camping and the county does not charge them. He asked if the county pays for the showers they lease now. Mr. Yates replied no the Y pays the lease from the proceeds. He added the lease renewal for the YMCA will come before the Board soon. Mr. Triplett added it will be at the next meeting. Mr. Anderson stated the Y is willing to contribute toward the match annually. Commissioner Gambill said he would like to know the amount they can contribute. Commissioner Elmore added that seems fair and he asked if this will be completed this year before MerleFest or next year. Mr. Anderson replied next year. Commissioner Elmore asked if Parks and Recreation would like to move forward on this. Mr. Anderson replied yes, there is no amenities like this on that end of the park and they have a large number of Greenway walkers and bike riders, and the Greenway is fabulous to have in Wilkes. He added it will be a good addition and they hope to start development at that end of the park for an athletic facility of some type in the future. This area has been vacant since the flying club moved out years ago and they would like to develop it.

Commissioner Elmore stated this would be a nice addition. Commissioner Gambill added he does not disagree. He would like to know about security, cameras, who would secure and lock it and also cleaning. Mr. Yates stated Mr. Anderson's department unlocks the restroom during baseball, soccer currently. Mr. Anderson added if they Board feels these facilities should be locked at a certain time each day/night they can make sure this is done. Chairman Settle asked what does the Greenway folks have access to currently. Mr. Anderson replied there is restroom facilities at the soccer fields, but this is a little way off the Greenway. There are bathroom facilities on the western end toward the Y. He added this is 90 acres and it is a long distance between the facilities currently. Commissioner Elmore stated there is no cost to apply for the grant and he would like to move forward. Commissioner Johnson stated he has talked to many folks about the Park at Rivers Edge, it provides many opportunities now and this will only help to provide more great opportunities for people to come and use these facilities.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to apply for the Part F Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant as presented at tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Casey Joe Johnson. Voting on the motion:

Ayes: Chairman Eddie Settle
Commissioner Keith Elmore
Commissioner Casey Joe Johnson

Nays: Vice Chairman Brian S. Minton
Commissioner David Gambill

Chairman Settle and the Board thanked Mr. Coffee and Mr. Anderson.

ELKIN VALLEY TRAILS ASSOCIATION – CARTER FALLS BRIDGE OF DREAMS RFQ – Chairman Settle welcomed and recognized Mr. Bob Hillyer and Dr. Bill Blackley. Mr. Hillyer thanked them for the opportunity to talk about the Bridge of Dreams at Carter Falls. It is a 165' suspension bridge that will allow the Mountains-to-Sea Trail to continue to Stone Mountain. He added last month Mr. Yates ran the ad for Request for Qualifications for a design firm. They received two inquiries and last week the Elkin Valley Trails (EVTA) Bridge Committee met and reviewed both with a score sheet and checklist. Mr. Hillyer stated they want to recommend the Commissioners approve them to go with Mattern and Craig to design the Bridge of Dreams and why they are before the Board tonight. He added the first step is the design and then the engineer will take it through the State requirements. EVTA expects to pay for all the cost and they are not asking for any funds, they only need the Board to approve the Design Firm. They want something stellar, the packet they received from this company was impressive, they have a great track record and think this will be a winner. A representative from Mattern and Craig, Mr. Ed Evans is here tonight, he is in Boone and the office he works out of is in Hickory. Dr. Blakely stated this Bridge will open up the other side of the trail and it will be placed at the lower falls. He explained where the bridge would go, why it will be placed at the lower falls and details about the project at this time.

Mr. Triplett stated the County has a grant award from Division of Water Quality, Water Resources to pay for a portion of the Bridge. The County has a grant contact with DEQ and the funds will go through the County for the Bridge. He added the County has a Management Agreement with EVTA and they manage this for the County and take all the steps the County would normally take to interview, decide, and recommend the Engineer. This is a recommendation; the County is not bound by it and this is why they are here. Mr. Triplett said as part of the Management Agreement they are responsible for the matching funds for the grant. He added tonight the Board will decide if they want to accept the recommendation being made by EVTA to select Mattern and Craig as the Engineer to design the project. Mr. Hillyer added they picked this firm because they wanted someone with experience and they have the staff to build it.

Commissioner Elmore asked about the matching funds by EVTA and if their fundraising is complete. Mr. Hillyer stated they have raised a lot of funds and completed one bridge already. They are selling dream ribbons as a fund raiser for this bridge and handed out ribbons at this time. They have raised a lot of money and are confident they have these matching funds already and will continue to rise more. He added they have other plans and stated a new trail today and briefly discussed details about that trail at this time. Commissioner Elmore stated EVTA does great work. Chairman Settle agreed it is high quality. Commissioner Elmore asked how do folks donate and get the ribbons back to EVTA. Mr. Hillyer replied they can mail to EVTA at P.O. Box 91, Elkin, NC 28621, folks can donate on their website, and can click on the dream ribbons tab to get more information. Mr. Yates added they can bring the to the County Office Building and he will get them to EVTA.

Motion was made by Commissioner David Gambill to approve the recommendation of Mattern and Craig as the Engineer Firm for the Design of the Carter Falls Bridget as presented at

tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Brian S. Minton and passed unanimously.

TAX DEPARTMENT:

1. TAX RELEASES – LISTING – Mr. Hamilton asked the Board to approve tax releases for listing in the amount of \$23,045.42.

Commissioner David Gambill made a motion to approve the tax releases for listing as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Brian S. Minton and unanimously approved.

A detailed listing of tax releases is maintained in the Wilkes County Tax Administrator's office.

2. TAX RELEASES – COLLECTIONS – Mr. Hamilton asked the Board to approve tax releases for collections in the amount of \$1,645.46.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to approve the tax releases for collections as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Brian S. Minton and unanimously approved.

A detailed listing of tax releases is maintained in the Wilkes County Tax Administrator's office.

3. 2021 APPOINTMENTS TO THE WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW – Mr. Hamilton stated the Board of Commissioners passed a Resolution in 2001 that established a special Board of Equalization and Review as allowed in North Carolina General Statute Section 105-322. He added it is time to appoint members to the Board for the 2021 tax year. The following: Commissioner Eddie Settle, Steve Crysel, Carmen James, Andrew Casey, and Janie Cheek have agreed to serve this year if that is the Board's desire. Mr. Hamilton stated Board Application No Change Forms have been completed and he asked for the Board's consideration at this time. He added Chairman Settle is the only new Board member, all the others have served prior. Commissioner Elmore asked the term they serve. Mr. Hamilton replied one year. Commissioner Elmore asked if they have alternates. Mr. Hamilton replied no, three is a quorum, and there are not many cases at this time. He added they will probably have two meetings, most are late applications and they have to formally take these to the Board of E & R.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to appoint Commissioner Eddie Settle, Steve Crysel, Carmen James, Andrew Casey, and Janie Cheek to the 2021 Wilkes County Board of Equalization and Review, as presented and requested. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Brian S. Minton and unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE – Chairman Settle welcomed John Blevins, DSS Director. Mr. Blevins said he has a few updates before they go over the reports. April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month; their staff has placed pinwheels at the DSS Office in recognition of this month. It is something everyone needs to be aware of, when this

happens it is very sad. They want folks to think about this and be mindful of this during the month. In Wilkes they have 13,873 children in the county; 30% under age 6, 54.3% of children in Wilkes live in poor or low income homes; 23.8% lives in households with food insecurity; and 4.5% of children have no health insurance. Mr. Blevins added people can help by becoming Foster parents or help to recognize and respond to suspicions of child maltreatment by calling their office. They can help with what to look for or make a report if needed. The next update the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed March 11th which gives a 15% increase to food and nutrition allotments through September 2021.

Mr. Blevins said the first pamphlet in the packet is the P-EBT benefits that will go through the rest of this school year for students enrolled in school and eligible for free or reduced school meals. Mr. Blevins said in addition NC has a new plan that will provide this benefit for children under age 6 that receive Food and Nutrition benefits and do not currently get P-EBT. He added the next page is the Family First Preservation Services Act (FFPSA), this has the potential to create a budget problem, but they do not know the extent of this act at this time. Mr. Blevins stated this act incentivizes family like settings, the Federal Government want to make sure kids are placed in a family like setting and not an institution setting. This is the IV-E reimbursement, which is Federal reimbursement and the one they get this highest amount from. The county pays 17% and they pick up the rest. The State Foster home is the other funding source and it is 50/50. He added it is to the County's advantage if kids are IV-E eligible, there is a lot of restrictions and it's hard to qualify for, but when they do it is good. Mr. Blevins said this Act puts money on the front end to prevent children from going into Foster Care, this is good and what DSS would like as well. They will continue to recruit and look for more family Foster Homes in Wilkes because that will always help. He added they need services available to work with these families to prevent this, this is the good part. The drawback is when that doesn't work and they are placed on congregate care IV-E will only pay for two weeks of placement. Unfortunately, most children that go in this placement are there much longer. He added the Feds would continue to pay if the facility is a qualified residential treatment program, but currently there is not any in the state, and actually there is no definition of what qualifies at this time. A lot of the facilities they work with are trying to qualify, but getting the feds to approve them is an issue.

Mr. Blevins said the approved Family Foster Homes can continue to get IV-E funding, this will not change. He added the state sent out a survey and they are going through this now for each child that is in facility placement at this time. This could be very difficult for them when and if it happens. They are trying to get in front of this and one thing they are doing is working with VAYA and they are placing a worker in their office 2-3 days per week. Youth Villages will place an accessor in their office a few days a week as well. He added this is a great benefit to DSS to access VAYA services and work on the front end to try to keep these kids in their home and not have to place them in Foster Care. This will help, because they do not know how to access all the service Mental Health has, it is a complicated system. He added they have many services and are bringing more to Wilkes. Mr. Blevins stated they are working with Wilkes much more than they have in the past and they are very appreciative. VAYA will help with assessments and case meetings on the front end and DSS can walk down the hall at their office and talk with them to get help immediately. They have a home in Cherokee and can work with a

family and get intensive services to the child and family quickly. He added Wilkes continues to pay the family foster home as they do now and VAYA will pay for the services they provide. They hope this will help prevent this change from be too disruptive, but if the state does not help and pick up with the ones that lose IV-E funding after 14 days the county pays 100% after. It could cost over \$4,000 per month per child. They feel the state will pick this up, but do not know and when they get more information on this, he will share with the Board.

Mr. Blevins went over the monthly caseload reports for February at this time. Next, he went through the Foster Care financial report, Adoption Services financial report, Child Development and Subsidized Child Care financial reports for February. Mr. Blevins went over the CPS Foster Care monthly report for February at this time.

Chairman Settle and the Board thanked Mr. Blevins for the update.

RECESS – Chairman Settle declared the meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners recessed at 7:17 P.M. He stated the meeting will reconvene in a couple minutes.

RECONVENE – Chairman Settle reconvened the meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners at 7:20 P.M. on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

1. SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY – Mr. Barnes stated the Planning Department is requesting to list a 30 x 100-foot greenhouse located at 582 Poplar Grove Road, Wilkesboro as surplus property. The greenhouse was formerly part of the old landfill gas extraction project and now out of commission. The greenhouse was damaged in a tornado that struck Wilkes county in 2017, which ripped off the polyethylene cover. He added the sale will include that the purchaser will dismantle and remove the frame and contents. Mr. Yates stated this will be sold on gov deals. Commissioner Gambill added he was out there and this is in bad shape and needs to be removed. Commissioner Elmore asked if they ever tapped into the methane at this site. Mr. Barnes replied they tried, but accessibility was an issue to sustain this for the greenhouse. They did do the methane gas extraction for energy until about 1.5 years ago and had an engine problem. He added they did sale energy to Duke Power for several years from the extracted gas. Commissioner Elmore asked if this is something they need to talk with Duke Power about continuing or look into a turbine or something along these lines. Mr. Yates stated they flair off and monitor it with the engineer company, it is tracked and reported to the state. He added it would cost far more to do this than the benefit due to many restrictions. Mr. Barnes stated they did work with Duke Energy, but does not think they would have interest because the site is downhill, to capitalize on this more wells would be needed and probably would not be financially feasible. They received a state energy grant to put the equipment there originally and that was what made it feasible at the time.

Commissioner David Gambill made a motion to declare the 30 x 100-foot greenhouse located at 582 Poplar Grove Road, Wilkesboro to be surplus property to be sold on gov deals as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Brian S. Minton and unanimously approved.

2. SPECIAL INTENSITY ALLOCATION – MILLERS CREEK STORAGE – Planning Director Eddie Barnes said they have a request for a Special Intensity Allocation and passed out information to the Board. He added under the WS-IV Watershed Ordinance anytime a development project exceeds 36% they are required to obtain approval in order to go up to 70% of impervious surface. The Wilkes Joint Planning Board reviewed and approved a Special Intensity Allocation (SIA) from Barry Brothers, Inc. Mr. Barnes said the Planning Board did unanimously approve this request and it meets all the conditions of the Wilkes County Watershed Ordinance. The project is located in a WS-IV Yadkin River watershed area and located at 248 Kite Road, Millers Creek. The project consists of 1.86 acres to be developed to a 58% maximum of impervious surface. He added as the handout shows there are already 3 self-storage units on the current site, this was allowed under the general watershed provision that allowed 36%. The second page shows the proposed site plan indicated it will not go over 58% of impervious area. Mr. Barnes stated the third page is the points legend the Planning Board reviewed to make sure the application met the criteria to apply for the 10/70. The last page is the criteria. He asked for the Boards consideration at this time.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to approve the Special Intensity Allocation (SIA) for Millers Creek Storage – Barry Brothers, Inc., up to 58% of the property as requested and presented at tonight’s meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Gambill and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN – Motion was made by Commissioner Keith Elmore, seconded by Vice Chairman Brian S. Minton and by unanimous vote adopted to adjourn the meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners at 7:41 P.M.

Sarah D. Call, Clerk

Eddie Settle, Chairman

WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved: April 20, 2021