

Cherokee County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Agenda
May 26, 2026
5:30 P.M.

- I. Call to Order by Chairman**
- II. Invocation**
- III. Pledge**
- IV. Ethics Statement**
- V. Modification of Agenda**
- VI. Adopt Agenda**
- VII. Public Hearing for Comments on FY 27 Proposed Budget**
 - Open Public Hearing
 - Receive Comments
 - Close Public Hearing
- VIII. Public Comment Period**
- IX. Budget and Finance**
 - a) Cherokee County Schools request for Use of Article 40/42 Sales Tax in the Amount of \$9,125 for HVAC Control Software Upgrade at AMS and MC
- X. New Business**
 - a) Appoint Sandra Daley as Chair of Tourism Development Authority (TDA approved on April 21st)
 - b) Commissioner Appointment to Southwestern Rural Planning Organization (RPO)
 - c) Commissioner Appointment to VAYA Health Board
 - d) Board of Health Appointment for Veterinarian Position (DVM) (One position, one request for re-appointment – Dr. Grady Hester)
 - e) Board of Health Appointment for Community Member (One position, one request for re-appointment – Mike Bradberry)
 - f) Tri-County Community College Board of Trustees Appointment (One position, one request for re-appointment – Al Lovingood)
 - g) Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Annual Plan and Certification
 - h) Juneteenth Proclamation

i) Teresa Ricks - Resolution Rescinding July 2025 Policy and Adopting New Policy for Residual Tax Value of Personal Property ([Current policy](#) and [proposed policy](#) attached)

j) [Tax Releases](#), [Tax Refund Report](#), and [NCVTS](#)

k) [Proposed Rule for Consideration and Adoption of Resolutions](#) - Vice-Chair Adams

l) [Letter to SBA Communications Corporation](#) (requesting engagement and inventory review in an effort to bridge critical infrastructure gaps) - Commissioner Ledford

m) [Contract for Office of the Sheriff Attorney](#)

XI. County Manager Items

XII. Chairman/Commissioner Items

XIII. Closed Session (Representation Agreement and Appeal of Ambulance Billing)

XIV. Open Session

XV. Adjourn



CHEROKEE COUNTY

75 Peachtree Street
Murphy, NC 28906
825-837-5527

Randy Wiggins, County Manager
Maria Hass, Asst. County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Candy R. Anderson, CPA, CGMA, Chief Financial Officer

Board of Commissioners
Alan Bryant, Chairman
Ben Adams, Vice Chairman
Dr. Jeana Conley
Dr. Sue Ledford
Mark Stiles

BUDGET REVISION

		5/26/2026
		(DECREASE)
		INCREASE
1010000-39993	School Designated FB *** (See Balance Below)	9,125.00
1095911-46342	Article 40 42 Sales Tax Expense	9,125.00

*** School Restr'd/Des Article 40/42 Bal (as of 5/08/26)	8,139,393.00
Less: Requested Expenses	(9,125.00)
New School Restricted/Designated Fund Balance	<u>8,130,268.00</u>

Use of Restricted/Designated Article 40/42 School Capital Sales Tax Fund Balance for HVAC Control Software Upgrade at AMS & MC (see request attached).

Chairperson

5/26/2026

Cherokee County Schools

Dr. Kevin G. Woods, Superintendent
2230 Airport Road, Marble, NC 28905
(828) 837-2722 Fax (828) 837-5799
www.cherokee.k12.nc.us

May 7, 2026

Ms. Candy Anderson, Finance Officer
Cherokee County
75 Peachtree Street
Murphy, NC 28906

Re: Use of ½ Cent Sales Tax Funds

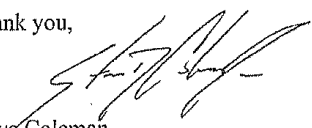
Dear Ms. Anderson,

The Board of Education, at its May 7, 2026 meeting, approved a budget amendment to use ½ cent sales tax funds in the amount of \$9,125 as follows pending approval of the Commissioners:

1. Harris Integrated Solutions – HVAC Control Software Upgrade (AMS & MC)

Please add these items to the agenda for consideration of approval at the next Commissioners Meeting.

Thank you,


Steve Coleman
Board Chair
Cherokee County Board of Education

Board of Education

Mr. Steve Coleman, Chair, Mr. Jeff Tatham, Vice Chair, Mr. James Ellis,
Ms. Jeannie Gaddis, Mr. Arnold Mathews, Mr. Jason Murphy, and Ms. Shannon Raper



Meeting Minutes: April 21st, 2026

The Cherokee County TDA met on April 21st at Murphy Visitor Center at 3:02pm.

Members Present were Sandra Daley, Jeana Conley, Joan Posey, Steve Dickey, and Hank Parker Jr.

Others Present: Miram Foster, Chastity Ledford, Debra Vanderlann, Mark Pickens, Cindy Chastain, Jordan Mixon, Sara Posey Davis, and director Casey Kerr.

The meeting was called to order by Sandra Daley, after which there was a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

Motion to approve the February agenda was made by Hank Parker Jr, seconded by Joan Posey, and unanimously approved.

Motion to amend the April 21st agenda to include the Cherokee Scout Ad was made by Hank Parker Jr, seconded by Steve Dickey and unanimously approved.

Motion to approve the February 9th meeting minutes was made by Steve Dickey, seconded by Joan Posey Neumann, and unanimously approved.

New Business:

A motion was made by Steve Dickey to amend the budget to transfer 2,308.00 funds from Outdoor Adventure to our CC TDA Community Grant budget was made by Steve Dickey, seconded by Hank Parker Jr and unanimously approved

A motion was made to table amending the Events and Entertainment budget by moving \$20k in funds from Outdoor Adventure by Steve Dickey, seconded by Hank Parker Jr, and unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Joan Posey to appoint Sandra Daley as the TDA Chair, seconded by Steve Dickey, and unanimously approved.

Rural Planning Organizations (RPO)

In 2000, the State of North Carolina recognized the need for more coordinated transportation planning in rural North Carolina areas not within an MPO by enacting Chapter 136, Article 17, Section 136-210-213 of the General Statutes. This provided for the development of **Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RPO)**. There are 20 Rural Planning Organizations in the State.

Although organized and tasked in a manner very similar to MPO's, RPOs are grounded in state law rather than federal, and are intended to address and improve rural area transportation planning processes. RPOs assist the North Carolina Department of Transportation by carrying the following four core duties:

- Develop, in cooperation with the NCDOT, comprehensive transportation plans.
- Provide a forum for public participation in the transportation planning process.
- Develop and prioritize suggestions for projects that the organization believes should be included in the State's Transportation Improvement Program.
- Provide transportation-related information to local governments and other interested organizations and persons.

A **Lead Planning Agency** is designated for each RPO as staff from the COG (Council of Government), County, City or other entity to provide staff support for RPO functions. The LPA develops the draft documents, prepares Transportation Advisory Committee and Technical Coordinating Committee meeting materials, schedules meetings, administers the distribution of state transportation planning funds to member governments, and carries out the directives of the TAC and TCC.

The **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)** is the governing policy board for the RPO. The TAC's membership includes elected officials, members of the local governments, the area's representative on the Board of Transportation and other members as may be designated. The Transportation Advisory Committee provides policy direction for the planning process, facilitates communication and coordination among the member jurisdictions, and guides the development of a comprehensive multi-modal transportation program for the rural area.

The **Technical Coordinating Committee's (TCC)** role is to support and advise the TAC. It is comprised of staff representatives of the various member governments, NCDOT, transit providers, and other agencies with an interest in transportation planning. The TCC has the responsibility of supervising and coordinating the four core duties by making technical recommendations to the Transportation Advisory Committee on decisions pertaining to that process. The TCC, in conjunction with the Transportation Planning Branch, is responsible for providing guidance to the development, review, and recommendation for approval and changes to the Prospectus, Planning Work Program, and the Comprehensive Transportation Plan; for planning citizen participation; and for reviewing transportation study documents. .

Board of Health

Members serve 3-year terms, and can serve no more than 3 consecutive terms. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 128-1.2, elected officials appointed to county boards serve in an ex-officio position, and terms do not extend beyond elected office.

NAME	EXPIRATION DATE	Term
C.B. McKinnon-Community Member	3/31/2027	Re-appointed to 2nd term on 4/1/2024
Michael Bradbery-Community Member	6/30/2026	Re-appointed to 2nd term on 6/26/2023
Robin Sargent-Community Member	4/30/2027	Re-appointed to 2nd term on 5/20/2024
Whitney Eller, Pharmacist	4/30/2027	Re-appointed to 2nd term on 7/15/2024
Registered Nurse - Vacant		
Teresa Heavner, MD	11/1/2027	Appointed 12/01/2025 to fill the remainder of Dr. Sonnenburgs term
Dr. Grady Hester, Veterinarian	5/20/2026	Re-appointed to 3rd and final term on 5/20/2023
Verle Thompson	10/20/2028	Appointed 10/20/2025
Lynn Carringer Taylor, O.D.	3/31/2027	Re-appointed to 2nd term on 4/1/2024
Graham Raxter, Professional Engineer	11/30/2028	Re-appointed to 2nd Term on 12/01/2025
Commissioner Dr. Sue Lynn Ledford	Ex-Officio 12/2026	Pursuant to NCGS 30A-35

Tri-County Community College Board of Trustees

This is a statutorily-created board pursuant to §115D-12 and appointments are made pursuant to Session Law 2015-12. The Tri-County Community College Board of Trustees is a thirteen (13) member board; eight (8) appointed by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners (divided equally between Cherokee and Clay County, per a 2020 joint agreement), four (4) appointed by the Governor, and one (1) is a non-voting, ex-officio seat held by the current student body president or the chairman of the executive board of the student body. Trustee terms are 4-year terms, beginning on July 1 of each respective term year. If a trustee seat is filled by a County Commissioner, the commissioner serves in an Ex-Officio capacity, pursuant to §115D-13 and §128-1.2.

NAME	APPOINTMENT EXPIRATION DATE	NOTES
Jackie Sellers	6/30/2027	County Commission Appointee for Clay County per Agreement
Ray Cook	6/30/2028	County Commission Appointee for Cherokee County
Al Lovingood	6/30/2026	County Commission Appointee for Cherokee County
Roy Dickey	4/21/2026	County Commission Appointee for Cherokee County Filling the vacant 6/30/2025 seat. This appointment will expire 6/30/2029

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council County Annual Plan

Cherokee County

2026-2027

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Attachments:

FY 2026-2027

Executive Summary

The Cherokee County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC), in fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities as set forth in the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, has completed the activities required to update this County Plan for FY 2026 through FY 2027.

The JCPC has reviewed the issues and factors which have an influence and impact upon delinquent youth, at-risk youth, and their families in Cherokee County. Further, the JCPC has identified the strategies and services most likely to reduce/prevent delinquent behavior.

Priorities for Funding: Through a risk & needs assessment and a resource assessment, the JCPC has determined that the following services are needed to reduce/prevent delinquency in Cherokee County (The list is ranked in priorities for funding).

1. *Temporary Shelter Care/Long-Term Residential Care*
2. *Program or initiative targeting substance abuse/Multi-Systemic Therapy*
3. *Mediation/Sentencing Circles, FFT Services*
4. *Structured activities that provide for positive peer interaction opportunities, mentors, interpersonal skill building including conflict resolution, tutoring and academic enhancement, experiential skills, vocational skills and the capacity to provide weekend services.*
5. *Restitution or Community Service Programs for court involved youth (would not be available without JCPC funding) are a necessary dispositional option.*

Monitoring and Evaluation: Each program funded in the past year by the JCPC has been monitored. The monitoring results and program outcomes evaluations were considered in making funding allocation decisions. The JCPC continues to conduct implementation monitoring of its action plan and its funded programs on a quarterly basis.

Funding Recommendations: Having published a Request for Proposals for these needed services for a minimum of thirty (30) days, the JCPC has screened the submitted proposals and has determined which proposals best meet the advertised needed services. As required by statute, the JCPC recommends allocation of the NC Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (NC DJJDP) Funds to the following Programs in the amounts specified below for FY 2026-27 (See JCPC Funding Allocations page):

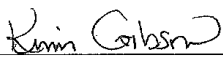
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| 1. Hawthorn Heights | \$23,612 |
| 2. Western Carolina Pacesetters/CORE | \$55,926 |
| 3. HIGHTS | \$18,589 |

The JCPC further recommends that the following amount be allocated from the NC DJJDP funds for the administrative costs of the Council for FY 2026-27 \$8,000.

The JCPC makes the following additional recommendations to the Commissioners of Cherokee County to continue to provide 20% cash match to the following JCPC programs:

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| 1. Hawthorn Heights | \$4,722 |
| 2. Western Carolina Pacesetters | \$11,185 |
| 3. Mountain Mediation Services | \$3,718 |

Respectfully submitted,



JCPC Chairperson
Cherokee County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Cherokee County NC DPS - Community Programs - County Funding Plan

Available Funds: \$ 106,127 Local Match: \$ 19,877 Rate: 20%

DPS JCPC funds must be committed with a Program Agreement submitted in NC Allies and electronically signed by authorized officials.

#	Program Provider	DPS-JCPC Funding	LOCAL FUNDING			OTHER State/Federal	OTHER Funds	Total	% from DPS-JCPC Program Revenues
			County Cash Match	Local Cash Match	Local In-Kind				
1	Hawthorn Heights	\$23,612	\$4,722				\$28,334	17%	
2	JCPC Administrative	\$8,000					\$8,000		
3	Western Carolina Pacesetters	\$55,926	\$11,185				\$67,111	17%	
4	HIGHTS - Restorative Justice Services (formerly Mt. Mediation)	\$18,589	\$3,718		\$252		\$22,559	18%	
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TOTALS:		\$106,127	\$19,625		\$252		\$126,004	16%	

The above plan was derived through a planning process by the Cherokee County
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and represents the County's Plan for use of these funds in FY 2026-2027.

Amount of Unallocated Funds _____

Amount of funds reverted back to DPS _____

Discretionary Funds added _____

check type Initial plan update final

---DPS Use Only---

Reviewed by _____	Date _____
Area Consultant	
Reviewed by _____	Date _____
Program Assistant	
Verified by _____	Date _____
Designated State Office Staff	

Kevin Gibson 04/24/26
Chairperson, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (Date)

Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners (Date)
or County Finance Officer

**Cherokee County
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Organization**

	Name	Organization	Title
Chairperson	Maria Hass	Cherokee County	Assistant County Manager
Vice-Chairperson	James Jallah	Department of Juvenile Justice	Court Counselor Supervisor
Secretary	James Jallah	Department of Juvenile Justice	Court Counselor Supervisor
Treasurer	Jenni Irwin	Vaya Health	Counselor
Assessment Committee Chairperson	Colton Millsaps	Department of Juvenile Justice	Juvenile Court Counselor
Funding Committee Chairperson	Maria Hass	Cherokee County	Assistant County Manager

Number of members: 19

List meeting dates during the current fiscal year and identify the number of JCPC members in attendance for each.

Meeting Date	Number of Members in Attendance	Quorum Present? Yes/No
8.20.25	6	NO
10.22.25	11	YES
12.17.25	9	NO
2.18.26	11	YES
4.15.26	TBD	TBD
6.17.26	TBD	TBD

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

Instructions: N.C.G.S. § 143B-846 specifies suggested members be appointed by county commissioners to serve on local Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils. In certain categories, a designee may be appointed to serve. Please indicate the person appointed to serve in each category and his/her title. Indicate appointed members who are designees for named positions. Indicate race and gender for all appointments.

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Specified Members	Name	Title	Designee	Race	Gender
1) School Superintendent or designee	Kim Gibson	Associate Superintendent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	Female
2) Chief of Police or designee	Tim Lominac	Police Chief		White	Male
3) Local Sheriff or designee	VACANT				
4) District Attorney or designee	VACANT				
5) Chief Court Counselor or designee	Dusty Snider	Chief Court Counselor		White	Male
6) Director, Local Management Entity/ Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO), or designee	Jenni Irwin	VAYA		White	Female
7) Director DSS or designee	VACANT				
8) County Manager or designee	Maria Hass	Assistant County Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	Female
9) Substance Abuse Professional	Morgan Mathis	Appalachian Community Services		White	Female
10) Member of Faith Community	David Fuller	Retired Minister		White	Male
11) County Commissioner	Mark Stiles	County Commissioner		White	Male
12) A Person Under the Age of 21	VACANT				
13) A Person Under the Age of 21, or a member of the public representing the interests of families of at-risk juveniles	David Lance	Guardian Ad Litem		White	Male
14) Juvenile Defense Attorney	Andria Duncan	Attorney		White	Female
15) Chief District Judge or designee	Amanda Carroll	Clerk of Court	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	Female
16) Member of Business Community	Kyle Smith	Business Community		White	Male
17) Local Health Director or designee	VACANT				
18) Rep. United Way/other non-profit	Silas Shield	HAVEN		White	Male
19) Representative/Parks and Rec	David Ott	Parks and Rec Director		White	Male
20) County Commissioner appointee	Callie Radford	Dean of Adult Education		White	Female
21) County Commissioner appointee	Colton Millsaps	Juvenile Court Counselor		White	Male
22) County Commissioner appointee	James Jallah	Court Counselor Supervisor		Black or African- American	Male
23) County Commissioner appointee	Sean Patrick Tomey	Youth Minister		White	Male
24) County Commissioner appointee	VACANT				
25) County Commissioner appointee	VACANT				
26) County Commissioner appointee	VACANT				

**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE 2025-2026
CHEROKEE COUNTY RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

- I. Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) Summary
- II. Summary of Community Resources
- III. Summary of Gaps and Barriers in the Community Continuum
- IV. Proposed Priority Services for Funding

Introduction:

Juvenile Court Services implemented the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) beginning January 1, 2021; the following data summary represents the first full fiscal year of implementation of the YASI.

In reviewing and prioritizing the elevated risk and needs extracted from this data set, one must consider the utilization of YASI:

1. As a predictor of future risk of offending; and
2. As a Case Management instrument for determining level of service and types of services necessary to reduce recidivism.

Part I Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (Full Yasi)

YASI Full Assessment Data	27 Assessed Juveniles	
Risk Level	Cherokee County	State
Low	63%	44%
Moderate	37%	41%
High	0%	15%
Needs Level	Cherokee County	State
Very Low	26%	19%
Low	63%	36%
Moderate	11%	22%
High Moderate	0%	14%
High	0%	5%
Very High	0%	3%
Strength Levels	Cherokee County	State
Very Low	0%	1%
Low	0%	4%
Moderate	0%	13%
High Moderate	3%	14%
High	15%	24%
Very High	67%	35%

Legal History

Q1 Previous Delinquent Referrals	Cherokee County	State
Previous Referral	33%	46%
Q2 A Seat at First Referral	Cherokee County	State
Under 12	11%	9%
Q3 # of Referrals w/ Results	Cherokee County	State
Referrals to services w/ Results	41%	63%
Q4 Felony Referrals to DJJ	Cherokee County	State
Juveniles w/Felony Referral	15%	35%
Q5 Weapons Offense for More	Cherokee County	State
Previous Weapon Offense- YES	0%	18%
Q7 Person to Person Crimes	Cherokee County	State
Referrals for Person Crimes	26%	41%
Q8 Detention Admissions	Cherokee County	State
Prior Detention Admission Hx	7%	20%
Q9 YDC Placement	Cherokee County	State
Prior YDC Custody	0%	3%

Family History

Q1 Kicked Out	Cherokee County	State
Kicked Out	4%	6%
Runaway	15%	21%
Q4 Family Alcohol/SA&MH	Cherokee County	State
Alcohol/Sexual Abuse	7%	12%
Mental Health	7%	12%
Q4 Family Criminal History	Cherokee County	State
Prior Criminal History	0%	24%
Prior Violent History	0%	6%
Q6 Living Arrangements	Cherokee County	State
Living with Relative	81%	84%
Foster Care, Independent, Other	11%	9%

07/Parent/Custodian Supervision	Cherokee County	State
Good/Some Supervision	89%	81%
Some/Inadequate Supervision	11%	16%
Consistently Inadequate Supervision	0%	2%

	School	
01/School Enrollment Status	Cherokee County	State
Dropped Out	4%	5%
Suspended	4%	3%

02/Attendance	Cherokee County	State
Attends Regularly	63%	57%
5 or More Unexcused Absences	19%	19%
Not Applicable	15%	9%

03/School Conflict	Cherokee County	State
Infraction(s)	15%	16%
Intervention-School Admin	15%	16%
Police Report Filed by School	22%	22%
Not Applicable	19%	12%

04/Academic Performance	Cherokee County	State
C or Lower	7%	14%
Failing Some Classes	0%	15%
Failing Most Classes	15%	14%
Not Applicable	15%	11%

012/School Activities	Cherokee County	State
Involved in One Activity	15%	14%
Involved in 2+ Activities	0%	9%
Interested but Not Involved	52%	31%
No Interest in School Activities	22%	28%

Community & Peers

01 Peers/Associates	Cherokee County	State
No Friends/Consistent Friends	11%	15%
Negative/Delinquent Influence	26%	46%
Associates with Gang Members	0%	6%
Family Has Gang Members	0%	1%
Youth is a Gang Member	0%	1%

01 Alcohol & Drugs	Cherokee County	State
Yes to Alcohol/Drug Use	44%	40%
Under 12	42%	11%
Ages 12-15	58%	78%
Ages 15+	0%	10%
Alcohol/Drugs Disrupt Functions	8%	29%
Yes to Previous Treatment	0%	8%

Mental Health

01 Juvenile Mental Health Problems	Cherokee County	State
Yes to Mental Health Problems	59%	38%
Juveniles Diagnosed	59%	38%
Current Treatment	41%	21%
Past Treatment	30%	18%
Current Medication	37%	18%
Past Medication	22%	15%

01 History of Abuse	Cherokee County	State
Physical Abuse History	15%	8%
Sexual Abuse History	11%	6%

06 Victimization History	Cherokee County	State
Sexual Vulnerability	0%	6%
Victim of Bullying	0%	11%
Physical Assault	0%	9%

Aggression

Q1 Violence	Cherokee County	State
Displayed a Weapon	0%	11%
Used a Weapon	0%	8%
Bullying/Threatening	15%	22%
Destruction of Property	15%	12%
Assaultive Behavior	22%	39%
AISI-Assault with Serious Injury	0%	4%

Employment & Free Time

Q1 Employment History	Cherokee County	State
Currently Employed	19%	17%
Never Employed	74%	78%
Prior Successful Employment	7%	9%
Free Time Structured	26%	22%
Free Time Unstructured	26%	26%

Part II. Summary of the Existing Community Resources

Program	Organization	Contact Info	Org Website
Prevention			
Care Teams	Cherokee County Schools	Kim Gibson-Director	Kim.gibson@cherokee.k12.nc.us
21st Century After School Program	Cherokee County Schools	DavAnn Hubbard	Teavanna.hubbard@cherokee.k12.nc.us
Skill Bldg/Adventure	Western Carolina Pacesetters	Valori Cassel	http://www.pacesettersadventures.org
Mental Health	ACS	Tabitha Bradford	828-837-0071
Intervention			
Counseling	Appalachian Community Services	Nicole Chcuinard	http://ascwnc.com/
Child Advocate	Guardian Ad Litem	David Lance	Dwlance1@frontier.com
MDT	HAVEN	Tiffany Johnson Executive Director	https://www.havencac.org/
Restitution	CORE	Valori Cassel	http://www.pacesettersadventures.org
Victim Advocate Program	Cherokee County Sheriff's Office	Stephanie Swanson Program Director	http://www.cherokee-county-nc.gov
Shelter Placement	Hawthorn Heights	Kara Long	kara.long@hotmail.com
Restorative Services	HIGHTS	Patrick Grider	patrick@hights.org
Truancy Mediation	Cherokee County Schools	Courtney Allen	Courtney.allen@cherokee.k12.nc.us
Multi-Systemic Therapy (CCA), Lifeset, and Intercept	Youth Villages	Jessica Ebersohl	Jessica.ebersohl@youthvillages.org
Home Based Counseling	Mt. Mediation/HIGHTS	Marcus & Greta Metcalf	marcus@hights.org
TASK	Children's Hope Alliance	Stephanie Williams	www.childrenshopealliance.org
Suppression			
Department of Juvenile Justice		www.ncdps.gov/juvenile-justice	
VAYA Health		www.vaya.org	
Cherokee County Sheriff's Office		www.cherokee-county-nc.gov/index.aspx?page=143	
Murphy Police Department		www.murphypolice.com	
Andrews Police Department		www.andrewsnc.com/police-department/	

Part III. Summary of Gaps and Barriers in the Continuum of Services

Gaps in Services and barriers to needed services were determined to be the following:

- Limited substance abuse services and counseling services for adolescents
- Limited intervention services for 16, 17 and 18-year old's exhibiting mal-adaptive behaviors
- Limited opportunities for vocational and independent living skills programs
- Lack of extracurricular activities and existing barriers (transportation) for youth to participate in extracurricular activities
- Inability to fund proactive programs

Part IV. Proposed Priority Services for Funding

The committee compared the services needed to address the elevated Juvenile Risk Factors and Juvenile Needs with services currently available in the community. Services which are currently available in the community and sufficient to meet the needs of court involved youth or those youth most at risk for court involvement are not considered as a priority for JCPC funding.

The Committee proposes that the following services be approved as the funding priorities for FY 2025-26.

1. Temporary Shelter Care/Long-Term Residential Care
2. Program or initiative targeting substance abuse/Multi-Systemic Therapy
3. Mediation/Sentencing Circles, FFT Services
4. Structured activities that provide for positive peer interaction opportunities, mentors, interpersonal skill building including conflict resolution, tutoring and academic enhancement, experiential skills, vocational skills and the capacity to provide weekend services.
5. Restitution or Community Service Programs for court involved youth (would not be available without JCPC funding) are a necessary dispositional option.

Approved by JCPC December 26, 2025

JCPC Council Chair Kim Gibson

Cherokee County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council		
Request for Proposals		
\$106,127	20%	February 10, 2026
Anticipated County Allocation	Required Local Match Rate	Date Advertised

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) has studied the risk factors and needs of Juvenile Court involved youth in this county and hereby publishes this Request for Proposals. The JCPC anticipates funds from the NC Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice, Juvenile Community Programs section in the amount stated above to fund the program types specified below. Such programs will serve delinquent and at-risk youth for the state fiscal year 2026-2027 beginning on, or after, July 1, 2026. The use of these funds in this county requires a local match in the amount specified above.

The JCPC will consider proposals for the following needed programs:
 Mentoring, Interpersonal Skills, Tutoring, Restitution/Community Service,
 Vocational Skills and Experiential Skills, Teen Temporary Shelter and Substance
 Court/Restorative Services Abuse Program

Proposed program services should target the following risk factors for delinquency or repeat delinquency:
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Jennifer Hibberts, Designee _____ at _____ 828-837-2722
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 _____ Marble, NC 28905 _____

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SECTION I B: PROGRAM COMPONENT DESCRIPTION	
COMPONENT ID #	COMPONENT INFORMATION
47890	<p>NAME OF COMPONENT: Hawthorn Heights</p> <p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Hawthorn Heights is a 9 bed facility serving youth ages 12-17. Our program works with both Juvenile Justice involved youth as well as those in need of mental health respite services. We provide shelter, food, basic needs, case assessment and planning, behavior management, therapeutic interventions, and family support.</p>

SECTION I B: PROGRAM COMPONENT DESCRIPTION	
COMPONENT ID #	COMPONENT INFORMATION
48047	<p>NAME OF COMPONENT: CORE-Restitution and Service Learning Program</p> <p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Restorative Justice program that provides both Juvenile Court and Teen Court involved youth with meaningful service learning and project based learning opportunities. All youth that participate in community service and / or monetary restitution obligations will be challenged to identify their individual goals and supported in meeting their community expectation using a restorative justice process. Youth, that fit the age criteria, will also focus on vocational skill building in the community.</p>

COMPONENT ID #	COMPONENT INFORMATION
48048	<p>NAME OF COMPONENT: Pacesetter Adventures</p> <p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Adventures is an interpersonal skills development program that engages court-involved and at-risk youth in a variety of experiential activities offered through weekly sessions and excursions. Interpersonal skills and concepts are woven into the activities to encourage juveniles to improve in areas such as resiliency, self-concept, communication, teamwork, trauma coping, decision making and critical thinking ability thus ultimately helping to mold them into responsible members of the community.</p>

Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)

Program/Component: CORE- Cherokee

Brief Description: Restorative Justice program that provides both Juvenile Court and Teen Court involved youth with meaningful service learning and project based learning opportunities. All youth that participate in community service and / or monetary restitution obligations will be challenged to identify their individual goals and supported in meeting their community expectation using a restorative justice process. Youth, that fit the age criteria, will also focus on vocational skill building in the community.

Category	SPEP Score	Enhancement Opportunity	Action Steps	Responsible Party
Primary Service	10			
Qualifying Supplemental Service	5	Restitution/CommunityService(Group 2)		
Quality of Service Delivery	16	Improve Programing Manuals. Continue to improve on evaluation techniques for day to day programming.	Continue to compile and complete a comprehensive programming manual that consists of lesson plans and initiatives that pair. Create new ways of collecting data for evaluation.	Executive Director/Adventure Leaders
Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours	16	Target Weeks Met - 72% Target Hours Met- 81%	Every attempt will be made to contact and engage youth in community service projects. We realize that hours given by contracts may not coincide with the expectations of SPEP.	Adventure Leaders
Risk Level of Youth	2	Risk Tier 1- 54% Risk Tier 2- 9%		
Total SPEP Score	55			
POP	65%			

This Plan is approved by:

Program Manager Signature

Date

Karin Gibson
JCPC Chair Signature

02/18/26

Date

Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)

Program/Component: Pacesetters Adventures - Cherokee

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Category	SPEP Score	Enhancement Opportunity	Action Steps	Responsible Party
Primary Service	15			
Qualifying Supplemental Service	5	Social Skills Training (Group 3)		
Quality of Service Delivery	17	Improve Programing Manuals. Continue to improve on evaluation techniques for day to day programming.	Continue to compile and complete a comprehensive programming manual that consists of lesson plans and initiatives that pair. Create new ways of collecting data for evaluation.	Executive Director/Adventure Leaders
Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours	16	Target Weeks Met - 81% Target Hours Met- 72%	Strive at intake to ensure that the client is a good candidate for the program.	Adventure Leaders
Risk Level of Youth	2	Risk Tier 1- 45% Risk Tier 2- 0%		
Total SPEP Score	55			
POP	65%			

This Plan is approved by:

Program Manager Signature

Date

JCPC Chair Signature

Date

Kim Gibson

02/18/26


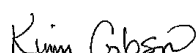
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47876	<p>NAME OF COMPONENT: Teen Court / Sentencing Circles</p> <p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Restorative Justice Services provides Sentencing Circles in place of a traditional Teen Court model as a diversion for juvenile offenders in Cherokee County. This restorative mechanism offers first time offenders between the ages of 11-18 who have committed a minor delinquent/criminal offense, an alternative to Juvenile Court and District Criminal Court. These processes hold youth accountable for their actions by providing sanctions as determined during the circle process.</p>

COMPONENT ID #	COMPONENT INFORMATION
47877	<p>NAME OF COMPONENT: Restorative Justice Mediation</p> <p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The Restorative Justice Mediation Program will divert juvenile cases to mediation using the Restorative Justice (RJ) Process. RJ provides a safe environment for communication among a victim, the offender and others harmed by the crime allowing them to address the conflict, repair damage to relationships, compensate the victim and allow all to move forward in a positive manner.</p>

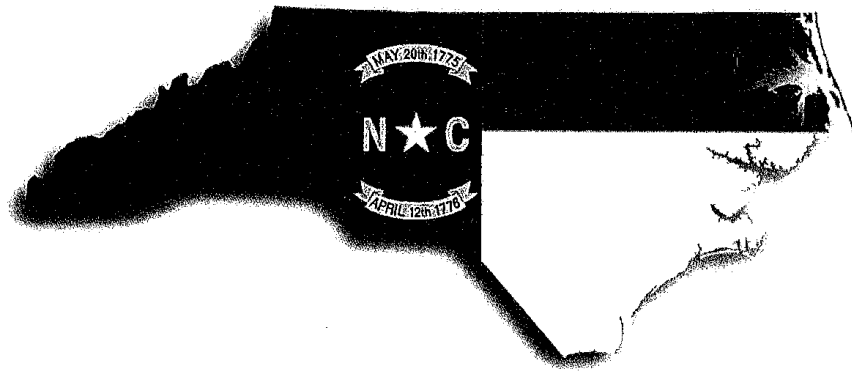
Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)

Program/Component:	HIGHTS Restorative Justice Services - RJ Mediation & Teen Court/Sentencing Circles	Cherokee Co.
Brief Description:	A restorative justice program focused on identifying needs, mediation conflict, and providing an opportunity for youth who have caused harm to understand the impact of their behaviors. (SPEP is NOT applicable to this program type.)	

Category	SPEP Score	Enhancement Opportunity	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Progress Report: Describe progress made, include date, what has been completed, in process or no progress
Primary Service					
Qualifying Supplemental Service					
Quality of Service Delivery	N/A	Training: Cross-train HIGHTS staff to facilitate low-to-mid tier RJ services, including Truancy Mediation, Conflict Mediation, Responsive Circles. Program Fidelity: Develop MOU with school partners to establish protocol for addressing truancy within each district. MOU should outline how/when RJ services will be utilized by the school. For example, when youth reach 6 unexcused absences, a referral for Truancy Mediation will be submitted to HIGHTS.	HIGHTS staff from various programs will be cross-trained in RJ Mediation services. Collaborate with school administration to schedule meetings to discuss HIGHTS RJ services and how to incorporate truancy mediations into their protocol for addressing truancy.	Program Manager Program Manager/ Director	Staff members have begun initial RJ training - will be completed by EOY.
Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours					
Risk Level of Youth					

Total SPEP Score				
POP				
This Plan is approved by:		 Program Manager Signature	 JCPC Chair Signature	2-5-2026 Date

Cherokee County
JCPC



2026-2027
Juvenile Crime
Prevention Council



North Carolina Department of Public Safety
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

JCPC Program - Program Application

SECTION I A: SPONSORING AGENCY AND PROGRAM INFORMATION			
FUNDING PERIOD:	FY 26-27	DPS/JCPC FUNDING # (cont only)	120-XXXX
COUNTY:	Cherokee	AREA:	Western Area
Multi-County:	No	Multi-Components:	No
NAME OF PROGRAM:		JCPC Administration	

SPONSORING AGENCY:	Cherokee County		
SPONSORING AGENCY PHYSICAL ADDRESS:	75 Peachtree Street Murphy NC 28906		
SPONSORING AGENCY MAILING ADDRESS:	75 Peachtree Street Murphy NC 28906		
TYPE:	Public	FEDERAL ID #	566000285e

COMPONENT ID #	NAME OF PROGRAM COMPONENT	PROGRAM TYPE	TOTAL COST OF EACH COMPONENT
48129	JCPC Certification	JCPC Certification	\$ 8,000
Total cost of components:			\$ 8,000

Program Manager Name & Address *(same person on signature page)*

Name:	Maria Hass	Title:	JCPC Chairperson		
Mailing Address:	75 Peachtree Street		City:	Murphy	Zip: 28906
Phone:	(828) 837-5527 Ext:1814	Fax:	E-mail: maria.hass@cherokeecounty-nc.gov		

Contact Person *(if different from program manager)*

Name:	Jennifer Hibberts	Title:	JCPC Coordinator		
Mailing Address:	2230 Airport Road		City:	Marble	Zip: 28905
Phone:	(828) 837-2722 Ext:2435	Fax:	(828) 837-5799	E-mail: jennifer.hibberts@cherokee.k12.nc.u	

Program Fiscal Officer *(cannot be program manager)*

Name:	Candy Anderson	Title:	Finance Director/Officer		
Mailing Address:	75 Peachtree Street Suite 211		City:	Murphy	Zip: 28906
Phone:	(828) 837-2130	Fax:	(828) 837-9684	E-mail: candy.anderson@cherokeecounty-nc.gov	

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

G.S. 143B-853 allows for a 2-year funding cycle for programs that meet the requirements of the statute and have been awarded funds in a prior funding cycle. Indicate below if the JCPC plans to allow for a 1-year or 2-year funding cycle.

1-Year Funding: FY 2024-2025

Membership

- A. Have the members of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council been appointed by county commissioners? Yes
 - B. Are members appointed for two-year terms and are those terms staggered? Yes
 - C. Is membership reflective of social-economic and racial diversity of the community? Yes
 - D. Does the membership of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council reflect the required positions as provided by N.C.G.S. §143B-846? No
- If not, which positions are vacant and why?
- #4 District Attorney or designee- Cannot get anyone to attend in this position.
 - #14 Juvenile Defense Attorney- Cannot get anyone to attend in this position.
 - #19 Representative/Parks and Rec-Cannot get anyone to attend in this position

Organization

- A. Does the JCPC have written Bylaws? Yes
- B. Bylaws are On file
- C. Bylaws contain Conflict of Interest section per JCPC policy and procedure. Yes
- D. Does the JCPC have written policies and procedures for funding and review? Yes
- E. These policies and procedures On file
- F. Does the JCPC have officers and are they elected annually? Yes

Meetings

- A. JCPC meetings are considered open and public notice of meetings is provided. Yes
- B. Is a quorum defined as the majority of membership and required to be present in order to conduct business at JCPC meetings? Yes
- C. Does the JCPC meet six (6) times a year at a minimum? Yes
- D. Are minutes taken at all official meetings? Yes
- E. Are minutes distributed prior to or during subsequent meetings? Yes

Planning

- A. Does the JCPC conduct a biennial planning process which includes a needs assessment, monitoring of programs and funding allocation process? Yes
- B. Is this Biennial Plan presented to the Board of County Commissioners and to DPS? Yes
- C. Is the Funding Plan approved by the full council and submitted to Commissioners for their approval? Yes

Public Awareness

- A. Does the JCPC communicate the availability of funds to all public and private non-profit agencies which serve children or their families and to other interested community members?
 RFP, Distribution List, and Advertisement attached Yes
- B. Does the JCPC complete a biennial needs assessment and make that information available to agencies which serve children or their families, and to interested community members? Yes

No Overdue Tax Debt

- A. As recipient of the county DPS JCPC allocation, does the County certify that it has no overdue tax debts, as Yes
- Form JCPC/OP 002 (a) Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Certification Application
Form structure last revised June 2024
NC Department of Public Safety

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

Instructions: N.C.G.S. § 143B-846 specifies suggested members be appointed by county commissioners to serve on local Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils. In certain categories, a designee may be appointed to serve. Please indicate the person appointed to serve in each category and his/her title. Indicate appointed members who are designees for named positions. Indicate race and gender for all appointments.

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Specified Members	Name	Title	Designee	Race	Gender
1) School Superintendent or designee	Kim Gibson	Associate Superintendent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	Female
2) Chief of Police or designee	Tim Lominac	Police Chief		White	Male
3) Local Sheriff or designee	Mylie Sparks	Investigator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	Female
4) District Attorney or designee	VACANT				
5) Chief Court Counselor or designee	Dusty Snider	Chief Court Counselor		White	Male
6) Director, Local Management Entity/ Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO), or designee	Jenni Irwin	VAYA		White	Female
7) Director DSS or designee	Gabby Grant	DSS Rep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	Female
8) County Manager or designee	Maria Hass	Assistant County Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	Female
9) Substance Abuse Professional	Morgan Mathis	Appalachian Community Services		White	Female
10) Member of Faith Community	David Fuller	Retired Minister		White	Male
11) County Commissioner	Mark Stiles	County Commissioner		White	Male
12) A Person Under the Age of 21	Jonah Dockery	HS Student		White	Male
13) A Person Under the Age of 21, or a member of the public representing the interests of families of at-risk juveniles	David Lance	Guardian Ad Litem		White	Male
14) Juvenile Defense Attorney	Andria Duncan	Attorney		White	Female
15) Chief District Judge or designee	Amanda Carroll	Clerk of Court	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	Female
16) Member of Business Community	Kyle Smith	Business Community		White	Male
17) Local Health Director or designee	David Badger	Health Director		White	Male
18) Rep. United Way/other non-profit	Silas Shield	HAVEN		White	Male
19) Representative/Parks and Rec	David Ott	Parks and Rec Director		White	Male
20) County Commissioner appointee	Brenton Hardin	Chief SRO		White	Male
21) County Commissioner appointee	Callie Radford	Dean of Adult Education		White	Female
22) County Commissioner appointee	Colton Millsaps	Juvenile Court Counselor		White	Male
23) County Commissioner appointee	James Jallah	Court Counselor Supervisor		Black or African- American	Male
24) County Commissioner appointee	Sean Patrick Tomey	Youth Minister		White	Male
25) County Commissioner appointee	VACANT				
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SECTION VI: BUDGET NARRATIVE			
JCPC Administration		Fiscal Year	FY 26-27
Item #	Justification	Expense	In Kind Expense
190	Contract Services \$500 per month for 12 months	\$6,000	
220	Food and Provision for meetings	\$1,550	
260	Office Supplies	\$50	
390	Other Services-Advertisement/Legal Fees	\$400	
TOTAL		\$8,000	\$0

Job Title	Annual Expense Wages	Annual In Kind Wages
TOTAL		

SECTION VII: BUDGET NARRATIVE LINE ITEM SUMMARY			
Program:	JCPC Administration		
Fiscal Year:	FY 26-27	Number of Months:	12
	Cash	In Kind	Total
I. Personnel Services	\$6,000		\$6,000
120 Salaries & Wages	_____	_____	\$0
180 Fringe Benefits	_____	_____	\$0
190 Professional Services*	\$6,000	_____	\$6,000
*Contracts MUST be attached			
II. Supplies & Materials	\$1,600		\$1,600
210 Household & Cleaning	_____	_____	\$0
220 Food & Provisions	\$1,550	_____	\$1,550
230 Education & Medical	_____	_____	\$0
240 Construction & Repair	_____	_____	\$0
250 Vehicle Supplies & Materials	_____	_____	\$0
260 Office Supplies and Materials	\$50	_____	\$50
280 Heating & Utility Supplies	_____	_____	\$0
290 Other Supplies and Materials	_____	_____	\$0
III. Current Obligations & Services	\$400		\$400
310 Travel & Transportation	_____	_____	\$0
320 Communications	_____	_____	\$0
330 Utilities	_____	_____	\$0
340 Printing & Binding	_____	_____	\$0
350 Repairs & Maintenance	_____	_____	\$0
370 Advertising	_____	_____	\$0
380 Data Processing	_____	_____	\$0
390 Other Services	\$400	_____	\$400
IV. Fixed Charges & Other Expenses			\$0
410 Rental or Real Property	_____	_____	\$0
430 Equipment Rental	_____	_____	\$0
440 Service and Maint. Contracts	_____	_____	\$0
450 Insurance & Bonding	_____	_____	\$0
490 Other Fixed Charges	_____	_____	\$0
V. Capital Outlay			\$0
[This Section Requires Cash Match]			
510 Office Furniture & Equipment	_____	_____	\$0
530 Educational Equipment	_____	_____	\$0
540 Motor Vehicle	_____	_____	\$0
550 Other Equipment	_____	_____	\$0
580 Buildings, Structure & Improv.	_____	_____	\$0
Total	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000

SECTION VIII: SOURCES OF PROGRAM REVENUE (ALL SOURCES)		
FY 26-27	Cherokee County	Funding ID: 120-XXXX
Sponsoring Agency:	Cherokee County	
Program:	JCPC Administration	

\$8,000	DPS/JCPC Funds	* This is the amount of your request on your application	
0%	Local Match Rate	Is the Local Match Rate 10%, 20% or 30%?	
	County Cash		(Specify Source)
	Local Cash		(Specify Source)
	Local Cash		(Specify Source)
	Local In-Kind		(Specify Source)
	Other		(Specify Source)
	Other		(Specify Source)
	Other		(Specify Source)
	Other		(Specify Source)
\$8,000	TOTAL	\$0	\$0
		Required Local Match	Match Provided

We, the undersigned, have reviewed this JCPC Program Application to be presented to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council of this County in accordance with the procedures established by the local Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Agencies seeking funding must be able to meet the applicable requirements of the North Carolina General Statutes, Administrative Code, and the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice.

We understand and acknowledge that the approval process is first with the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, second with the County Board of Commissioners, and the final authority with the Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice.

All parties understand that the availability of funds is contingent upon the appropriation of those funds by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina.

Chair, County Board of Commissioners or County Finance Director **Date**

Kevin Gibson 04/24/26

Chair, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council **Date**

Maria Hass 4/7/26

Program Manager **Date**

CHEROKEE COUNTY
JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FY 2026-2027

DISTRIBUTION LIST

1. Hawthorn Heights
Temporary Shelter
Mailing Address: 656 Black Hill Road, Bryson City, NC 29713
Physical Location: 656 Black Hill Road, Bryson City, NC 29713

2. Western Carolina Pacesetters, Inc.
Experiential Skill Building/Restitution/Community Service
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 88 Brasstown, NC 28902
Physical Location: 5628 Fairview Road, Andrews, NC 28901

3. Restorative Justice/HIGHTS
Teen Court/Sentencing Circles/Restorative Justice Mediation
Mailing Address: PO Box 2543 Cullowhee, NC 28723

Press Release

Cherokee County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

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Cherokee County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council		
Request for Proposals		
\$106,127	20%	February 10, 2026
Anticipated County Allocation	Required Local Match Rate	Date Advertised

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The JCPC will consider proposals for the following needed programs:
 Mentoring, Interpersonal Skills, Tutoring, Restitution/Community Service,
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Application (1- paper original) is due to Jennifer Hibberts, 2230 Airport Road, Marble, NC 28905 by or before 2:00 PM on Friday, March 13, 2026. Presentation of completed applications will be required at the March 20, 2026 JCPC Budget/Allocations/Grant Screening Committee meeting, which will be held at the Cherokee County Board of Education, 2230 Airport Road, Marble, NC 28905 at 10:00am



Contract for Professional Services

This Contract for Professional Services is entered into by and between Cherokee County JCPC, (*hereinafter referred to as the Agency*), and Jennifer Hibberts, (*hereinafter referred to as the Contractor*).

The Agency and the Contractor do mutually agree as follows:

- 1. Term of Agreement.** This agreement shall become effective 7/1/26 and shall terminate 6/30/27. This contract may be terminated by either party by providing thirty days written notice to the other party, with a copy of the notice submitted to the JCPC Chairperson, and the DPS Area Consultant.
- 2. Payment to Contractor.** Agency and Contractor agree upon these rates as reimbursed fees: the services will be delivered at the rate of \$500 per month (Indicate type of hour/unit service), not to exceed \$6,000 for the term of this contract. The Contractor must submit a signed monthly request for reimbursement to the Agency documenting the actual time worked or the units of service provided.
- 3. Funding.** All terms and conditions of this Contract are dependent upon and subject to the allocation of funds for the purpose set forth in this Contract, and this Contract shall automatically terminate if funds cease to be available. The terms of the contract are limited to the availability of the JCPC funds which have been allocated for that purpose.
- 4. Taxes.** The Contractor shall be considered an independent Contractor and as such shall be responsible of all taxes.
- 5. DPS JCPC and Community Programs Section-Funded Programs Minimum Standards Policy.** The Contractor shall adhere to all DPS JCPC standards, policies, and procedures related to the provision of the program's service type.
- 6. Responsibilities of Contractor.** The Contractor hereby agrees to provide the following services in a manner satisfactory to the Agency, within the stated time frames.
 - A. Schedule, organize, prepare documents and attend all JCPC Meetings.
 - B. Keep minutes of all meetings of the council and distribute them to the council members.
 - C. Maintain the Master JCPC File, and keep accurate account of all funds provided to the council.
- 7. Juvenile Files/Records.** Juvenile files and records created during the term of the contract are the property of the funded sponsoring agency. These files/records must be available at all times to the Agency, JCPC and DPS, and must be submitted to the Agency as juveniles are terminated from services or upon the end of the contract.

Program Manager or Authorized Agent Name and Title:	Randy Wiggins County Manager		
(Agency)	Cherokee County		
Mailing Address:	75 Peachtree Street Murphy, NC 28906		
Signature:		Date:	
Contractor Name:	Jennifer Hibberts		
(Contractor)	JCPC Coordinator		
Mailing Address:	361 Hibberts Mtn Road Murphy, NC 28906		
Signature:		Date:	7-26

NORTH CAROLINA
Cherokee County

RFP

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public of said County and state, duly commissioned, qualified, and authorized by law to administer oaths, personally appeared David Brown, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is Publisher engaged in the publication of a newspaper known as the

CHEROKEE SCOUT

published, issued, and entered as second class mail in the City of Murphy, in said County and State, that he is authorized to make this affidavit and sworn statement, that the notice or other legal advertisement, a true copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the CHEROKEE SCOUT on the following dates:

02/18/2026

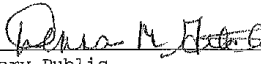
and that the said newspaper in which such notice, paper, document, or legal advertisement was published was, at the time of each and every publication, a newspaper meeting all the requirements and qualifications of Section I-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and was a qualified newspaper within the meaning of the Section I-597 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

This 19th day of February, 2026



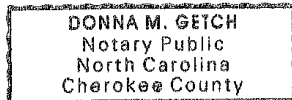
David Brown

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of February, 2026



Notary Public
Donna M. Getch
My commission expires January 18, 2027

(SEAL)



**A PROCLAMATION
BY THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
JUNETEENTH 2026**

WHEREAS, the Emancipation Proclamation, an executive order issued January 1st, 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln immediately freed approximately five hundred thousand from generational bondage, but still left approximately 3.5 million enslaved across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States, when Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas to announce the war had ended, freeing the enslaved; and

WHEREAS, 2026 is the 161st anniversary of Juneteenth Day, a nationally recognized day which commemorates June 19, 1865 as the observance of African American Emancipation Day of Freedom; and

WHEREAS, “Emancipation Day” is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a time to cultivate the true spirit of freedom and remember our ancestors as the men and women who bravely acted as catalysts for change; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim June 19th, 2026, as “Juneteenth Day” and encourage its citizens to recognize and commemorate Juneteenth which honors the

history, legacy, and culture of African Americans throughout the United States of America by participating in celebrations and festivities during the month of June.

Adopted the 26th day of May 2026.

Chairman

Clerk to the Board

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH AND ADOPT A FORMAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR RESIDUAL TAX VALUES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, NC General Statute 105-284 states it is the duty of the Tax Assessor to appraise all properties at its true value or use value as determined under NCGS 105-283 or NCGS 105-286 and taxes shall be levied uniformly on assessments determined in accordance with this section; and

WHEREAS, NCGS 105-285(b) states that the value, ownership and place of taxation of personal property, both tangible and intangible, shall be determined annually as of January 1; and

WHEREAS, this policy is only for personal property in that the residual tax value for Business Personal Property is 35% of the original purchase price; and

WHEREAS, the current policy established by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners was established over a decade ago and requires periodic updates to remain with current market conditions; and

WHEREAS, there has been no review of residual values of personal property since before 2015; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt a policy for residual tax values, so that taxes are administered fairly and equitably; and

WHEREAS, the following policies and procedures will guide the Cherokee County Tax Office in carrying out the duties of its office concerning residual tax values:

Recommended Residual Values

Utility Trailers (single axel) = \$500 (double axel or enclosed) = \$1,000

Cars = \$1,000

SUVs/Trucks/Vans = \$1,500

Motocycles = \$500

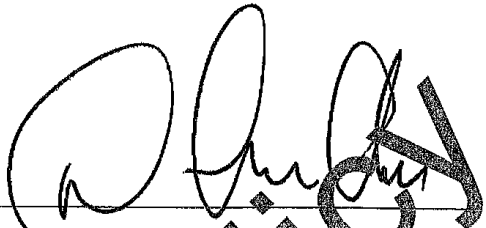
Camping Trailers = \$2,000

Mobile Homes (livable) = \$1,000 (storage) = \$500 (dilapidated) = \$300

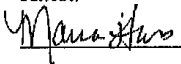
- The right to appeal the assessed value of personal property would still be made available if the required documentation (bill of sale, including price and sale date) or said personal property is available for inspection to determine condition and value within 30 days of the date of the notice of value (tax bill).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners hereby rescinds the October 8, 2015 policy and procedures, and adopts this resolution to serve as official policy and procedures for Cherokee County Residual Tax Values of Personal Property.

This the 29th day of July, 2025.



Dan Eichenbaum, Chairman
Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Maria Hass, Clerk to the Board

Current Policy

May 26th

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH AND ADOPT A FORMAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR RESIDUAL TAX VALUES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, NC General Statute 105-284 states it is the duty of the Tax Assessor to appraise all properties at its true value or use value as determined under NCGS 105-283 or NCGS 105-277 and taxes shall be levied uniformly on assessments determined in accordance with this section; and

WHEREAS, NCGS 105-285(b) states that the value, ownership and place of taxation of personal property, both tangible and intangible, shall be determined annually as of January 1; and

WHEREAS, this policy is only for personal property in that the residual tax value for Business Personal Property is 25% of the original purchase price; and

WHEREAS, the current policy established by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners was established over a decade ago and requires periodic updates to compete with current market conditions; and

WHEREAS, there has been no review of residual values of personal property since before 2015; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt a policy for residual tax values, so that taxes are administered fairly and equitably; and

WHEREAS, the following policies and procedures will guide the Cherokee County Tax Office in carrying out the duties of its office concerning residual tax values:

Recommended Residual Values

Utility Trailers (single axle) = \$1,000 (double axle or enclosed) = \$2,000

Cars = \$1,500

SUVs/Trucks/Vans = \$1,500

Motorcycles = \$1,000

Camping Trailers = \$2,000

Mobile Homes (livable) = \$2,000 (storage) = \$1,000 (dilapidated) = \$500

The right to appeal the assessed value of personal property would still be made available if the required documentation (bill of sale, including price and sale date) or said personal property is available for inspection to determine condition and value within 30 days of the date of the notice of value (tax bill).

\$5.00 Minimum Tax Bill
\$89 value = \$5.00
\$1,000 value = \$6.10
\$1,500 value = \$9.15
\$2,000 value = \$12.20

Proposed Policy with Tax Assessor Notes

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners hereby rescinds the July 29, 2025 policy and procedures, and adopts this resolution to serve as official policy and procedures for Cherokee County Residual Tax Values of Personal Property.

This the ____ day of May, 2026.

Alan Bryant, Chairman
Cherokee County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Maria Hass, Clerk to the Board

Proposed Policy with Tax Assessor Notes

RUN DATE: 5/11/2026 8:38 AM

CHEROKEE COUNTY REFUND REPORT
REFUNDS 4_14_26-5_8_26

PARAMETERS SELECTED FOR ACTIVITY REFUND REPORT:

TRANSACTION DATE RANGE: 04/14/2026 12:00:00 AM - 05/08/2026 12:00:00 AM

PAYMENT DATE RANGE:

USER/OPERATOR:

TAX DISTRICT(S):

BILL YEAR RANGE:

BILL# RANGE:

BILL TYPE: Both

SORT BY: Name

RELEASE NUMBER ONLY: No

PAYMENT TYPE: ,Card - CCard,Cash - Cash,Check -
Check,EFT - Electronic Funds Transfer,MOrder - Money
Order,Paymentus - Paymentus,UNKNOWN - ,Web - Web

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BANK ATTACH UCB PAID IN FULL REFUND RECIPIENT:					
37938 BARBOUR BRANDON & W/ BARBOUR BRITTANY 180 TILSON RD MURPHY, NC 28906	2024-1855	RP: 4530029/5253000 Check	217.75	TAMMY	4/20/2026 3:48:07 PM
GARNISHED FROM CASINO/REFUND BACK TO CASINO REFUND RECIPIENT: TRIBAL CASINO GAMING ENTERPRISE 777 CASINO DR CHEROKEE NC 28719					
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ACCT ALREADY PAID-GARNISHMENT REFUND RECIPIENT:					
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GARN GT INDEPENDENCE CK 82193 REFUND RECIPIENT:					
57380 BEAVERS RICKY GENE	2025-8983	PERSONAL PROPERTY Check	68.33	ALYSSA	4/30/2026 4:02:08 PM

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MURPHY, NC 28906-2210					
BA SECU CK 194168					
REFUND RECIPIENT:					
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BIRCHFIELD EUNICE					
150 HIGDON LOOP					
ANDREWS, NC 28901					
GARN INDUSTRIAL OPPORTUNITIES INC CK 4392					
REFUND RECIPIENT:					
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BIRCHFIELD EUNICE					
150 HIGDON LOOP					
ANDREWS, NC 28901					
GARNISHMENT IOI					
REFUND RECIPIENT:					
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BUCKLES CINDY L					
4 MOUNTAINS END DR					
MURPHY, NC 28906-4448					
BA TRUIST CK 769517					
REFUND RECIPIENT: CINDY BUCKLES					
4 MOUNTAINS END DR					
MURPHY NC 28906					
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CLINE THOMAS A & W/ CLINE TERESA QUEEN 81 COBB CIR					
MURPHY, NC 28906-7104					
DEBT SETOFF FROM 4/22/26					
REFUND RECIPIENT:					

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ACCOUNT WAS ALREADY PAID BA SECU REFUND RECIPIENT:					
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BANK ATTACHMENT PNC BANK REFUND RECIPIENT: PO BOX 25 TOPTON, NC 28781					
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ANDREWS, NC 28801-7009		BA SECJ CK 194105 REFUND RECIPIENT: MASON B GODFREY			
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OCALA, FL 34490-9326		PAID BY CORELOGIC CK 419821241 REFUND RECIPIENT: CORELOGIC 3001 HACKBERRY ROAD IRVING TX 75063			
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MURPHY, NC 28906		GARN SUBURBAN PROPANE CK 82499462 REFUND RECIPIENT: LISA M SHAMP			
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MURPHY, NC 28906		BANK ATTACH PNC BANK REFUND RECIPIENT:			
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CLERMONT, FL 34711-7658		BANK ATTACHMENT JP MORGAN CHASE REFUND RECIPIENT:			
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REFUND RECIPIENT:					
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REFUND RECIPIENT:					
GARN GRANITE FALLS LLC CK 9833780					

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33964 WINNER CHRISTINE E & H/ WINNER NICHOLAS 1219 BALLINA WAY CHARLOTTE, NC 28214-7157	2024-35148	RP: 459109899787000	EFT	90.00	HUGO	4/15/2026 9:13:09 AM
58832 WRANOVICS ROBERT JR & W/ AMBRIANO NANCYANN 1400 NE 55TH ST APT 164 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33334-6135	2025-4416	RP: 467000737186600	Check	347.98	TAMMY	4/24/2026 4:37:06 PM
TOTAL REFUNDS PRINTED:		12,075.29 (Count: 26)				
TOTAL VOID REFUNDS:		-0.22 (Count: 1)				
TOTAL:		11,895.07				

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VOIDED REFUND AMOUNTS OF REFUNDS NOT IN 4/14/2026 - 5/8/2026

NAME	BILL NUMBER	AMOUNT	OPER	PAYMENT TYPE	DATE	TIME	REFUND DATE
TOTAL VOID REFUNDS:							

PEREZ, VIVIAN LOURDES	5428 SPRING MOSS CT	ST CLOUD, FL 34771	246312330	Reg. Out of state	4/28/2026	C ADVL FR46ADVL	TAX	(\$84.14)	\$0.00	(\$84.14)
								(\$4.69)	\$0.00	(\$4.69)
								Refund	\$0.00	\$88.83
						C ADVL	TAX	(\$167.14)	\$0.00	(\$167.14)



North Carolina Vehicle Tax System

Pending Refund Report

Payee Name	Address 1	Address 3	Transaction #	Refund Reason	Create Date	Tax Jurisdiction	Levy Type	Change	Interest Change	Total Change
WOVICH, MYRNA LOIS	629 STEERTOWN RD	MURPHY, NC 28906	246116038	Vehicle Sold	4/24/2026	C ADVL FR47ADVL	TAX	(\$21.19)	\$0.00	(\$21.19)
								(\$2.08)	\$0.00	(\$2.08)
								Refund	\$0.00	\$23.27
SHUTTLE SERVICE LLC	238 POPLAR COVE DR	ANDREWS, NC 28901	245714154	Tag Surrender	4/17/2026	C ADVL FR80ADVL	TAX	(\$336.10)	\$0.00	(\$336.10)
								(\$29.75)	\$0.00	(\$29.75)
								Refund	\$0.00	\$365.85
LINO, CHARLES RICHARD	721 FIVE FORKS DR	MURPHY, NC 28906	245089438	Vehicle Sold	4/6/2026	C ADVL FR56ADVL	TAX	(\$114.12)	\$0.00	(\$114.12)
								(\$9.17)	\$0.00	(\$9.17)
								Refund	\$0.00	\$123.29
BER, KIMBERLY JEANETTE	19 KATYDID CT	MURPHY, NC 28906	245249340	Vehicle Sold	4/9/2026	C ADVL FR46ADVL	TAX	(\$40.06)	\$0.00	(\$40.06)
								(\$2.23)	\$0.00	(\$2.23)
								Refund	\$0.00	\$42.29
KLINSKI, MARK DAVID	944 WILDCAT DR	MURPHY, NC 28906	246298068	Vehicle Sold	4/27/2026	C ADVL FR46ADVL	TAX	(\$25.99)	\$0.00	(\$25.99)
								(\$1.45)	\$0.00	(\$1.45)
								Refund	\$0.00	\$27.44
STOL, NANCY MOORE	2070 BRISTOL AVE	ANDREWS, NC 28901	244742944	Vehicle Sold	4/1/2026	C ADVL FR80ADVL	TAX	(\$241.15)	\$0.00	(\$241.15)
								(\$21.35)	\$0.00	(\$21.35)
								Refund	\$0.00	\$262.50
TS, STEVE LEWIS	107 LAUREN COVE RD	MURPHY, NC 28906	245968866	Vehicle Sold	4/22/2026	C ADVL FR56ADVL	TAX	(\$267.97)	\$0.00	(\$267.97)
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								Refund	\$0.00	\$289.50
LISTENSEN, JOHN	624 DEER HAVEN TRL	MURPHY, NC 28906	245887468	Vehicle Sold	4/20/2026	C ADVL FR50ADVL	TAX	(\$67.66)	\$0.00	(\$67.66)
								(\$5.22)	\$0.00	(\$5.22)
								Refund	\$0.00	\$72.88
RA, BRIAN MATTHEW	117 FLAT RIDGE RD	MURPHY, NC 28906	246407148	Vehicle Sold	4/29/2026	C ADVL FR45ADVL	TAX	(\$49.23)	\$0.00	(\$49.23)
								(\$7.26)	\$0.00	(\$7.26)
								Refund	\$0.00	\$56.49
EVENGER, LYNDON WALLACE	820 BILL BARKER RD	MURPHY, NC 28906	245098500	Vehicle Sold	4/7/2026	C ADVL FR45ADVL	TAX	(\$151.58)	\$0.00	(\$151.58)
								(\$22.36)	\$0.00	(\$22.36)
								Refund	\$0.00	\$173.94
ELAND, TIMMY RUDOLPH	396 LOOP LN	MARBLE, NC 28905	245714198	Vehicle Sold	4/17/2026	C ADVL FR80ADVL	TAX	(\$89.36)	\$0.00	(\$89.36)
								(\$7.91)	\$0.00	(\$7.91)
								Refund	\$0.00	\$97.27
TTIS, JULIA MORRIS	528 BOULEVARD ST	MURPHY, NC 28906	245249602	Adjustment	4/9/2026	C ADVL CI02ADVL	TAX	(\$17.32)	\$0.00	(\$17.32)
								(\$11.93)	\$0.00	(\$11.93)
								Refund	\$0.00	\$29.25
GHERTY, SAMANTHA DAWN	335 MASHBURN RD	MURPHY, NC 28906	246116082	Vehicle Sold	4/24/2026	C ADVL FR44ADVL	TAX	(\$18.12)	\$0.00	(\$18.12)
								(\$2.94)	\$0.00	(\$2.94)
								Refund	\$0.00	\$21.06

PEREZ, VIVIAN LOURDES	5428 SPRING MOSS CT	ST CLOUD, FL 34771	246312330	Reg. Out of state	4/28/2026	C ADVL FR46ADVL	TAX	(\$84.14) (\$4.69)	\$0.00	(\$84.14) (\$4.69)
									Refund	\$88.83
SHAFFER, HOMER ALBERT JR	349 BOBCAT LN	MURPHY, NC 28906	245714238	Vehicle Sold	4/17/2026	C ADVL FR56ADVL	TAX	(\$167.14) (\$13.43)	\$0.00	(\$167.14) (\$13.43)
									Refund	\$180.57
JOHNSON, WAYNE E	415 WELLS RD	MARBLE, NC 28905	246298690	Vehicle Sold	4/27/2026	C ADVL FR45ADVL	TAX	(\$20.33) (\$3.00)	\$0.00	(\$20.33) (\$3.00)
									Refund	\$23.33
STANLEY, PEGGY RICH	670 LIZZIE ELLIOT RD	MURPHY, NC 28906	246312278	Vehicle Sold	4/28/2026	C ADVL FR45ADVL	TAX	(\$4.07) (\$0.60)	\$0.00	(\$4.07) (\$0.60)
									Refund	\$4.67
THILO, JEFFERY DUANE	142 TILSON RD	MURPHY, NC 28906	246406952	Vehicle Sold	4/29/2026	C ADVL FR55ADVL	TAX	(\$60.40) (\$8.91)	\$0.00	(\$60.40) (\$8.91)
									Refund	\$69.31
TURPIN, JUSTIN MONROE	1782 GREEN COVE RD	BRASSTOWN, NC 28902	123149163	Vehicle Sold	4/27/2026	C ADVL	TAX	(\$19.57)	\$0.00	(\$19.57)
									Refund	\$19.57
VAN OSTRAND, ROBERT JOSEPH JR	500 LAURA LN	MURPHY, NC 28906	245180202	Vehicle Totalled	4/8/2026	C ADVL FR50ADVL	TAX	(\$84.26) (\$6.49)	\$0.00	(\$84.26) (\$6.49)
									Refund	\$90.75
VANBUSKIRK, GEORGE IAN	1393 CANYON RD	MARBLE, NC 28905	246298514	Adjustment	4/27/2026	C ADVL FR45ADVL	TAX	(\$75.03) (\$11.07)	\$0.00	(\$75.03) (\$11.07)
									Refund	\$86.10
WOODHAM, LARRY LEDON	72 HONEYCOMB LANE	MURPHY, NC 28906	246504450	Vehicle Sold	4/30/2026	C ADVL FR56ADVL	TAX	(\$135.79) (\$10.91)	\$0.00	(\$135.79) (\$10.91)
									Refund	\$146.70
									Refund Total	\$3073.88

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Proposed Rule: Consideration and Adoption of Resolutions

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this rule is to ensure transparency, adequate review, and public input prior to the adoption of resolutions by the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners.

Section 2. Procedure for Resolutions

1. Initial Presentation: The proposed resolution shall be formally presented at a regular meeting of the Board. No vote shall be taken at the time of initial presentation.
2. Review Period: Following initial presentation, the resolution shall be laid over for a review period of no less than thirty (30) days.
3. Public Hearing: After the review period, the Board shall hold a duly advertised public hearing to receive comments from the public.
4. Final Consideration and Vote: Following the public hearing, the Board may deliberate and vote.

Section 3. Exemptions

This rule shall not apply to proclamations or resolutions recognizing or honoring community leaders, organizations, or citizens.

Section 4. Waiver

The Board may waive this rule by a supermajority vote in cases of emergency or when deemed in the best interest of the County.

Section 5. Effective Date

This rule shall become effective upon adoption.



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May 12, 2026

To: Erica Clanton
Regional Leasing Manager
SBA Communications

RE: Public Safety & Infrastructure Partnership – SBA Site NC16634 (Wolf Creek / Andrew Jackson Hwy)

Dear Ms. Clanton,

We are writing to you on behalf of Cherokee County, North Carolina, regarding SBA's local infrastructure and its critical role in our regional public safety network.

Our team recently conducted a site visit to the SBA tower located off the Andrew Jackson Highway (US-74/64), identified as Site #NC16634. While we noted the site is structurally sound and prepared for equipment, the power cabinets and connection panels appear to be in a "cold shell" state with no active carrier presence.

As County Manager and Commissioners, we have identified this specific corridor as a high-priority "Dead Zone." The lack of active service at this location presents two significant safety risks to our community:

911 Routing Hazards: Due to the proximity to the Tennessee and Georgia borders, emergency calls from this 3-mile stretch of US-74 often "reach" for distant out-of-state towers. This results in calls being routed to dispatchers in neighboring states who then must manually transfer the call back to Cherokee County, causing life-threatening delays in EMS and Fire response.



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Infrastructure Gaps: With the recent decline in landline maintenance in the 494 exchange, cellular connectivity from this tower is no longer a convenience—it is a structural necessity for our residents and first responders.

We believe there is a mutually beneficial opportunity here. Cherokee County is eager to support SBA in identifying or fast-tracking tenants for this site. We are specifically interested in:

Carrier Engagement: Collaborating to signal to carriers (such as Verizon or AT&T/FirstNet) that the County officially prioritizes this site for immediate activation.

Inventory Review: Receiving a list of any other SBA owned or managed sites within a 20-mile radius of Murphy to ensure our regional broadband and emergency initiatives are aligned with your existing assets.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss how we can work together to bring this site online and close these critical communication gaps. Please let us know when you might be available for a brief introductory call.

Best regards,

Randy Wiggins
County Manager
Cherokee County, NC

CONTRACT FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S ATTORNEY SERVICES
WITH THE LAW OFFICE OF DAVID A. WIJEWICKRAMA, PLLC

This Contract is entered into between the Law Office of David A. Wijewickrama, PLLC (hereafter attorney) and the Office of the Sheriff of Cherokee County (hereafter CCSO) for the calendar year of 1 July 2026 until 30 June 2027 and every year thereafter until notice is given by either party in writing to terminate services.

PURPOSE AND NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT

1. CCSO retains the services of attorney for the purpose of advise and counsel as in house counsel for the term of one calendar year to be renewed automatically unless terminated in writing.
2. Job duties shall include but not be limited to Administrative policy review, policy creation, Internal affairs, compliance issues, contract review, training, legal updates through out the year as needed, representation in non-insured litigation, grant application review, assistance in budget preparation, updating legislative changes from the North Carolina Legislature Federal Courts & other services as needed on a 24 hour basis & as general legal counsel or critical incident responder within the command staff.
3. Attorney shall take guidance and be accountable to the Office of the Sheriff. He shall advise and keep the Chief Deputy apprised of all issues.
4. Attorney shall have access to all areas of the Office of the Sheriff allowed by law.
5. CCSO agrees to pay attorney the sum of \$1000/month, this sum shall be paid on annual basis as 1099 income to attorney, there will be no hourly service limit for services performed for this sum. Service time and availability are unlimited. Payment shall be made in July of the fiscal year.
 - a. CCSO agrees to pay reasonable travel costs and expenses for attorney if required in the course of representation, not to exceed County travel rates if travel goes past 2.5 hours each way.
6. Attorney, for purposes of County employment shall be considered part-time full time labor. Attorney shall not be required to track hourly labor or provide service accounting to CCSO.
7. Any officer or staff member within the department may contact attorney at any time with any questions that fall within his scope of employment.
8. Attorney may go to an active crime scene and assist the CCSO and may assist the District Attorney's office upon request. Attorney shall notify the DA's office and the District Court Judge's office of any potential conflict.
 - a. Attorney is a member of the Yancey, Clay, Madison, Avery and McDowell County office of the Sheriff. He shall advise the offices immediately if a conflict between them should arise.
 - b. Attorney may give advice on specific cases upon request and shall notify the DA's office accordingly so as to avoid any conflicts.
 - c. Attorney shall advise all the Sheriff and Chief Deputy of time sensitive issues as they arise.
9. Attorney is responsible for maintaining malpractice ins. coverage for services provided to the CCSO.
10. No part of this Contract shall conflict with the status, duties or obligations Attorney may have with any other Law Enforcement agency either state or Federal, the Judiciary, the DA's office or NC State Bar.
11. This Contract is the entire agreement between the parties. The agreement may be modified in writing at any time by written consent of the parties.

Office of Cherokee County Sheriff

Attorney David Wijewickrama, as PLLC President

Cherokee County Manager

entered into this the ____ of _____, 2026