

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners convened for a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 in the Commissioners Room of the Pratt Building.

PRESENT:

Chairman James Leach
Vice Chairman Harry Southerland
Commissioner Allen Thomas, Jr.
Commissioner Mary Blue McCollum

ALSO PRESENT:

County Manager Letitia Edens
Assistant County Attorney Megan Chavis
Clerk to the Board Shanetta Smith

ABSENT: Commissioner Tony Hunt

Chairman James Leach opened the meeting with a quorum. Commissioner Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Hoke County
Board of Commissioners

227 N. Main Street
Raeford, North Carolina
28376



January 20, 2026
7:00 P.M.

Commissioner's Room
Pratt Building

A G E N D A

PLEDGE & INVOCATION: Commissioner Allen Thomas, Jr.

ITEM

- 1. Adoption of Agenda**
- 2. Consent Agenda**
 - a. North Carolina Pending Refund Report – December
 - b. Amended Settlement Project Ordinance for Hoke County Opioid Settlement Fund
 - c. Senior Services PEAS Contract and Funding DAAS 732
 - d. Acceptance of EV Charger Grant Agreement of North Carolina
 - e. Letter for Approval of FFE and AV Hoke Justice Center
 - f. Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2026
 - g. Finance: Budget Amendments: Senior Services, Health Department, Grants Management, Department of Social Services
- 3. Tax Administrator – Daphne Dudley**
 - a. Hoke County Tax Collector's Report – December
 - b. Release and Adjustment Report – December
 - c. Tax Value Reduction Request of Property Silver Grove Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church for the 2025 Tax Bill
- 4. Hoke County Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Roderick Virgil**
 - a. Surplus Weapon and Magazines to Upcoming Retiree
- 5. America250 – Iris Flowers, Chairperson**
- 6. Manager's Report**
- 7. Chairman's Report**
- 8. Adjourn**

Motion: Upon motion made by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner McCollum, the Board approved the agenda as presented. Vote 4-0.

a. North Carolina Pending Refund Report – December



Page	Payee Name	City	State	Secondary	Address 1	Address 2	Alt 1	Refund Type	Bill #	Plate Number	Status	Transaction #	Refund Description	Refund Amount	Create Date	Authorization	Rate	Refund/Change	Levy Type	Change	Interest Charge	Total Change
A1	GAZARD, ALBINO	ALBANY	GA	PRISON	1200			Proration	000001375	12F400	AUTHORIZED	230240516	Refund awarded on bill #000001375	0.00	00000000	12/12/2005	0.00	(\$67.38)	TAX	(\$67.38)	\$0.00	(\$67.38)
A1	SPALDING, JONAS	ALBANY	GA	PRISON	UNION CIR	147		Proration	000001375	12F400	AUTHORIZED	230240516	Refund awarded on bill #000001375	0.00	00000000	12/12/2005	0.00	(\$7.30)	TAX	(\$7.30)	\$0.00	(\$7.30)
A1	BARONCHETTI, N LLC	ALBANY	GA	PRISON	121 HOLMERS	20		Proration	000001375	000276	AUTHORIZED	230655360	Refund awarded on bill #000001375	0.00	00000000	12/12/2005	0.00	(\$99.46)	TAX	(\$99.46)	\$0.00	(\$99.46)
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b. Amended Settlement Project Ordinance for Hoke County Opioid Settlement Fund

Amended Settlement Project Ordinance for Hoke County Opioid Settlement Funds

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Commissioners of Hoke County, North Carolina, that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following amended settlement project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1: This ordinance is to establish an amended budget for programs and projects funded by the county's opioid settlement funds. According to a Memorandum of Agreement (NC MOA) executed by the county and State of North Carolina, the opioid settlement funds are legally restricted to certain purposes:

Option A: A county may fund one or more strategies from a shorter list of high-impact strategies to address the epidemic; or

Option B: If the county first undertakes a collaborative strategic planning process it may choose a strategy from the shorter list of Option A strategies or a longer list of strategies included in the national settlements.

Section 2: Pursuant to the NC MOA, the County Commissioners have adopted an amended Authorizing Resolution that identifies the strategies that the county intends to undertake. The appropriations below are consistent with the programs and projects identified in that amended Authorizing Resolution.

Section 3: The following amounts are appropriated for each program and/or project and are authorized for expenditure:

Internal Project Code	Project Description	Appropriation of Opioid Settlement Funds	Appropriation of Other County Revenues
001	Collaborative Strategic Planning – support collaborative strategic planning efforts focused on addressing opioid misuse, substance use disorder, overdose prevention, and related community impacts.	\$ -0-	\$ 25,500
002	Evidence-based Addiction Treatment – construction of a dedicated treatment facility to expand access to evidence-based addiction treatment services.	\$ -0-	\$ 800,000
003	Recovery Housing Support –	\$ -0-	\$ 30,500

	support recovery housing activities consistent with Exhibit A of the North Carolina Opioid Settlement Memorandum of Agreement by expanding access to safe, stable, and recovery-oriented housing for individuals impacted by opioid use disorder.		
004	Early Intervention – focus on delivering targeted education and awareness training to schools, houses of worship, and other community-based organizations.	\$ 84,963	\$65,037
	TOTAL	\$ 84,963	\$ 921,037

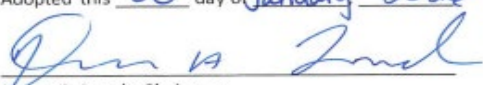
Section 4: The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the program(s) and/or project(s):

FY2025-2026 Opioid Settlement Funds	\$84,963
Transfer from Fund 39 Annual Opioid Fund – fund balance	\$921,037
Total:	\$1,006,000

Section 5: The Grants Manager is hereby directed to maintain sufficient specific detailed accounting and other compliance records to satisfy the requirements of the NC MOA and State law.

Section 6: The Grants Manager is hereby directed to report the financial status of the program(s) and/or project(s) to the governing board on a quarterly basis.

Section 7: Copies of this amended settlement project ordinance shall be furnished to the Budget Officer, the Finance Officer, and to the Clerk to County Board.

Adopted this 20 day of January 2026

 James A. Leach, Chairman
 Hoke County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


 Clerk to the Hoke County Board of Commissioners



c. Senior Services PEAS Contract and Funding DAAS 732

NC Division of Aging DAAS-732-PEAS			State Fiscal Recover Fund (SFRF) Nutrition Services for Older Adults The PEAS Project			Project Start Date: 12/01/2025 Project End Date: 09/30/2026		
Provider: Hoke County Address: 423 East Central Avenue Raeford, NC 28376 County: Hoke						REVISION # , DATE :		

PEAS Service and ARMS Code	Service Delivery (Check one)			B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	Direct	Purchased	Other	Local Match	Net* Service	NSIP	Total Funding	Projected Units	Projected Reimbursement Rate	Projected Clients - Required
				NOT Required	Cost	NOT Allowed				
SFRF PEAS Meal Cost 620		X		0	\$ -	0	\$ 10,400	1980	5.2500	30
SFRF Non Client Cost 680	X			0	\$ -	0	\$ 4,098			
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 Authorized Signature, Title
 1-20-2026

 Date

The PEAS Contract is incorporated by reference as Appendix A and made part of these minutes.

d. Acceptance of EV Charger Grant Agreement of North Carolina

The EV Charger Grant Agreement is incorporated by reference as Appendix B and made part of these minutes.

e. Letter for Approval of FFE and AV Hoke Justice Center



January 12, 2026

Ms. Letitia Edens
Hoke County Administration
227 N. Main Street
Pembroke, NC 28372

Re: Hoke County Courthouse
Furniture Fixtures and Equipment (FFE)
Audio Visual (AV)

Dear Ms. Edens,

Bids for both the Hoke County Courthouse Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FFE) and the Hoke County Courthouse Audio Visual Systems were received on Monday, January 5, 2026, at the Hoke County Administration offices. Sealed bids were open in the county administration board room and recorded at 2:00 pm.

Furniture Fixtures and Equipment (FFE) Bid Results:

As you will see from the attached FFE Bid Tab, four bids were received, with a low responsible bid by Capitol Business Interiors in the amount of \$430,000. Bid amounts ranged from \$162,006 by Herald Office Supply to \$855,510 by Southeastern. We are pleased to inform you that the Capitol Business Interiors' bid is significantly lower than our \$871,142 FFE estimate that includes a \$113,627 contingency that should remain in-place until installation is complete. We have reviewed the Capitol Business Interiors bid and we recommend award. Please note, Silling contacted Herald Office Supply due to the inordinately low bid as compared to our estimate and those of the other three bidders. Herald Office Supply validated that they had omitted significant scope from their bid, and accordingly the bid is non-responsive.

Audio Visual Bid Results:

As you will see from the attached Audio-Visual System Bid Tab, two bids were received with a total low responsible bid of \$282,265.87 inclusive of two alternates, by INA Display. We are pleased to inform you that the INA Display bid is in line with the \$300,000 AV estimate that includes a \$20,000 contingency that should remain in-place until installation is complete. We have reviewed the bid and we recommend award. Upon approval, we will initiate agreements between the county and the vendors. Please let me know as soon as possible and we will move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Potts".

Tom Potts

Bid Opening: 1/05/2026
Time: 2:00PM

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Bid Opening: 12/09/2025
Time:

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f. Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2026

The official minutes of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on January 5, 2026 is on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board and available on the County's official website.

g. Finance: Budget Amendments: Senior Services, Health Department, Grants Management, Department of Social Services

esign Envelope ID: F33B7503-A5C0-4959-8220-1A5B422529A0

MICKA T. STANTON
DIRECTOR



TELEPHONE
(910) 875-8725

FAX
(910) 875-1068

TO: Ko Tang Cha-Moses, Hoke County Finance Director
Garvin Ferguson

FROM: Terry Stanton, Hoke DSS Director

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Terry Stanton
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1/8/2026

DATE: January 8, 2026

SUBJECT: LINE ITEM TRANSFER – FY2025-2026 BUDGET

Please view the following line item transfer information for processing:

Transfer from:

115310 519211 Medicaid CCU -\$52,000.00

Transfer to:

115310 519212 Emergency Housing \$52,000.00

This will fund the newly established Emergency Housing program. The Hoke DSS Board is reviewing the final program administration policy to then activate the usage of these funds via a voucher system.

Since this is an all-county expense, there are no revenues to report.

**HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
BUDGET REVISION FORM**

Adjustment Explanations: BAJR: _____
 Cover Interpreter expenses in Immunization Clinic. (Finance use only)

REVENUE LINE ITEM

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT TO BE ADJUSTED +/-	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET
N/A				-
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EXPENDITURE LINE ITEM

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT TO BE ADJUSTED +/-	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET
115153-519000	Professional Services	(1,000)	42,000	41,000
115160-519000	Professional Services	(1,000)	38,000	37,000
115164-519000	Professional Services	(1,000)	36,000	35,000
115166-520000	Supplies and Materials	3,000	48,000	51,000
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☒ RECOMMENDED ☐ NOT RECOMMENDED <i>Helene Edwards</i> (COUNTY MANAGER NAME) SIGNATURE 1/20/2026 Date	<i>Helene Edwards</i> (DEPARTMENT HEAD NAME) SIGNATURE <i>Kotang Cha-Moses</i> (FINANCE OFFICER NAME) SIGNATURE 1/20/2026 DATE 1-5-26 DATE SUBMITTED TO FINANCE
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W: Hoke DSS Line item transfer request FY 25/26

From: Barbara Mena <bmena@hokecounty.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 8, 2026 1:55 PM
To: Ko Tang Cha-Moses, CPA <kchamoses@hokecounty.org>; Garvin Ferguson <gferguson@hokecounty.org>
Cc: Terry Stanton <tstanton@hokecounty.org>
Subject: Hoke DSS Line item transfer request FY 25/26

Please see attached line item transfer request for Hoke DSS. Please advise if any other information or meeting pre

Thank you,

Barbara Mena
Administrative Officer II
Hoke County Department of Social Services
P.O. Box 340
Raeford, NC 28376

Office - 910-878-1921
Work Cell - 910-651-1473
Fax- 910-848-3828
bmena@hokecounty.org

← Reply ↶ Reply all → Forward

Motion: Upon motion made by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner McCollum, the Board approved the Consent Agenda A-G. Vote 4-0.

- 3. Tax Administrator – Daphne Dudley**
 - a. Hoke County Tax Collector's Report – December

HOKE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**Dec-25**

Tax Levy 2025	\$38,567,270.20
Additions to Levy YTD	\$1,605,110.36
Total 2025 Levy to Date	\$40,172,380.56
Refunds 2025	\$43,393.15
Releases/Abatements	\$36,745.57
Discounts	\$547,234.06
Adjustments	\$1,324.56
Write Offs	\$2,846.33
Advertising Charged 2025 Tax Bills	\$0.00
Collectable Levy to Date	\$40,136,959.55
Collected To Date	\$35,406,499.06
Uncollected Balance 2025 Tax Levy	<u>\$4,730,460.49</u>

Collections December 2025	\$3,889,591.65
Releases December 2025	\$246.46
Percent of Levy Collected (Receipts)	88.21%
Percent of Levy Collected (Releases, Etc.)	0.09%

Prior Years Tax Levy December 2025	\$1,765,506.24
Prior Years Collected in December 2025 To Date	\$611,391.57
Uncollected Balance Before Releases	\$1,154,114.67
Refunds	\$4,284.32
Releases/Abatements	\$29,414.88
Discounts	\$5.04
Adjustments	\$3,708.00
Write Offs/Insolvent	\$1,021.17
Uncollected Balance Prior Years	<u>\$1,132,318.49</u>

Prior Years Collected in December 2025	\$97,667.10
Releases Prior Years December 2025	\$0.00
Percent Prior Years Collected (Receipts)	34.63%
Percent Prior Years Collected (Releases, Etc.)	2.55%
Total Uncollected Taxes	<u>\$5,862,778.98</u>

2024 Taxes

Tax Levy December 2024	\$38,534,910.61
Collections December 2024	\$2,716,232.44
Releases December 2024	\$0.00
Percent Collected (Receipts)	85.08%
Percent Collected (Releases, Etc.)	0.02%
Prior Years Tax Levy December 2024	\$1,813,618.62
Collections December 2024	\$73,787.10
Releases December 2024	\$0.00
Insolvent	
Percent Collected (Receipts)	32.82%
Percent Collected (Releases, Etc.)	0.03%

b. Release and Adjustment Report – December

[illegible]

Motion: Upon motion made by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner McCollum, the Board approved the releases and refunds of \$139.76. Vote 4-0.

- c. Tax Value Reduction Request of Property Silver Grove Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church for the 2025 Tax Bill



Memo

DATE: January 20, 2026

TO : Hoke County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Daphne Graham-Dudley
Hoke County Tax Administrator

RE: Tax Value Reduction

Attached is a letter from Dr. J Warren Parsons, Sr. Pastor, of Silver Grove Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church, asking the Board to consider lowering the tax value on the property the church owns. The value for 2026 has been reduced due to the condition of the building. The 2025 taxable value is \$737,120. The 2026 value will be \$153,530. The tax bill for 2025 was \$5,380.98. The Church has paid \$1750.09 of that bill.

Respectfully,

Daphne Graham-Dudley
Tax Administrator

SILVER GROVE IMMANUEL MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.
POST OFFICE BOX 429
RAEFORD, NORTH CAROLINA 28376

Reverend Dr. James W. Parsons, Senior Pastor
3004

Deacon Larry McPhatter, Chairman of Deacon Ministry
6126

Brother Daryl Alford, Chairman of the Trustee Ministry
266-8204

Deacon Larry Fellows, Church Treasurer
Sister Elaine Shaw, Church Clerk/Secretary
Sister Irene Dockery, Corresponding Secretary

Church Telephone: (910) 565-

Church Fax: (910) 875-

Pastor's Residence: (910)



January 7, 2029

Hoke County Board of Commissioner
227 N. Main Street
Raeford, NC 28376

RE: Silver Grove Immanuel Missionary
Baptist Church 2025 Tax Bill

Dear Board of Commissioners,

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for your efforts in recalculating our 2026 tax bill. Your attention to detail and commitment to fairness have made a significant difference for our organization, and we are truly grateful for your responsiveness and support.

Given the positive impact of the revised calculation, I respectfully request that the same approach be applied to our 2025 tax bill. Aligning both years with a consistent methodology would greatly assist us in our financial planning and ensure equitable treatment.

Thank you again for your consideration and for all that you do for our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. J. Warren Parsons, Sr. Pastor

JWPSP/sjbp

cc: Hoke County Tax Collector

Silver Grove Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church, Inc. Post Office Box 429. Raeford, North Carolina

28376

Motion: Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board approved reducing the property value of Silver Grove Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church to \$153,530. Vote 4-0.

- 4. Hoke County Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Roderick Virgil**
 - a. Surplus Weapon and Magazines to Upcoming Retiree



Office of the Sheriff

Hoke County Sheriff's Office
Roderick C. Virgil, Sheriff

429 East Central Avenue
Raeford, NC 28376

PO Box 300
Raeford, NC 28376

Phone (910) 875-5111
Fax (910) 875-2034



To: Letitia Edens, County Manager, Hoke County Commissioners & Finance

From: Sheriff, Roderick Virgil

Date: January 5, 2026

Re: Retirement Weapon

Hoke County Sheriff, Roderick C. Virgil, is requesting to be added to the next agenda for the next Commissioners' meeting, Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Requesting to surplus a weapon **Glock 22 Generation 5 - 40 Caliber (Serial Number BUSH860) and 3 – 15 round magazines** to be issued to the upcoming Retiree, Captain Jennifer Lewis. Her retirement date will be effective Sunday, February 1, 2026.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Roderick C. Virgil

Roderick C. Virgil
Sheriff

cc: James Leach, Chairman
Harry Southerland, Vice-Chairman
Tony Hunt, Commissioner
Allen Thomas, Commissioner
Mary McCollum, Commissioner

**RESOLUTION OF THE HOKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND
AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF SAID PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Hoke, North Carolina desires to dispose of certain equipment from the Hoke County Sheriff's office as listed below that has been determined as no longer needed by the County.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>ASSET NUMBER</u>
Glock 22 Gen. 5-40 Caliber 3-15 Round Magazines	BUSH860	None

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hoke County Board of Commissioners that the listed property is hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the County and authorizes the disposition of the property in the best interest of the County of Hoke.

ADOPTED this the 20th day of January, 2026.



James Leach, Chairman



Shanetta Smith, Clerk to the Board

Motion: Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board approved the surplus and transfer of the retiring officer's service firearm and magazines. Vote 4-0.

5. America250 – Iris Flowers, Chairperson



AMERICA 250 NC HOKE COUNTY

"WE ARE ONE" – 2-DAY CONCERT SERIES

FULL BUDGET & LOGISTICS PLAN

Event Dates: July 3–4, 2026

Event Title: America 250 NC Hoke County "We Are One"

Purpose: Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of American Independence through music, culture, and unity.

SECTION 1 — EVENT OVERVIEW

The "We Are One" concert series is a two-day outdoor celebration honoring America's 250-year journey, highlighting North Carolina's musical and cultural contributions through multiple genres including Country, Christian, Rock, Gospel, R&B, and Soul.

Estimated Attendance:

- Day 1 (July 3): 5,000
- Day 2 (July 4): 7,500

Total Estimated Attendance: 12,500–20,000 attendees

SECTION 2 — DAILY PROGRAM THEMES

Day 1 – July 3, 2026

United in Freedom, Heritage & Heart — Country, Christian, Rock & Roll, Military Bands

Day 2 – July 4, 2026

Rhythms of the People — R&B, Soul, Gospel + Fireworks Finale

2. STAGE, SOUND & LIGHTING (Provided by Hoke County In-Kind Services)

- Main Stage (40'–60', 3-day rental or build): \$35,000
- Professional Sound System: \$22,000
- Concert Lighting & Operators: \$20,000
- LED Wall Screens: \$15,000
- Backline Equipment: \$8,000
- Technical Crew & Riggers: \$18,000

Stage & Production Subtotal: \$118,000

3. INFRASTRUCTURE & SITE OPERATIONS (Provided by America 250 and Hoke County)

(Provided by Hoke County In-Kind Services):

- Event Tents (VIP, Vendors, Command): \$15,000
- Tables, Chairs & Décor: \$5,000
- Power Generators & Fuel: \$10,000
- Portable Restrooms & Handwashing Stations: \$9,000
- Golf Carts & Utility Vehicles: \$6,500
- Waste Management Services: \$4,500

Infrastructure Subtotal: \$50,000

7. FIREWORKS & SPECIAL EFFECTS (July 4)

(Provided by Hoke County In-kind Services)

- Fire Safety Team & Permits: \$2,000

Fireworks Subtotal: \$2,000

(Provided by Hoke County In-kind Services)

\$237,000.00

(Provided by Hoke County)

\$75,000.00

(TOTAL Provided by Hoke County)

\$312,000.00

Prepared for America 250 NC – Hoke County “We Are One” Initiative

4. SAFETY, SECURITY & COMPLIANCE

(Provided by Hoke County In-Kind Services)

- Event Security Team (3 days): \$30,000
- EMT / Medical Services: \$8,000
- Police & Traffic Control: \$15,000
- Fire Marshal Oversight: \$2,000

Safety Subtotal: \$55,000

5. VENDORS, STAFFING, HOSPITALITY & OPERATIONS**(Provided by Hoke County In-Kind Services)**

- Vendor Village Coordination: \$4,500
- Vendor Utilities (power/water): \$3,000
- Volunteer Shirts, Meals & Hydration: \$4,500

Operations Subtotal: \$12,000

Ms. Iris Flowers, Chairperson of the America 250 Committee, presented a proposal for a July 3 - 4 celebration commemorating the 250th anniversary of American independence.

Ms. Flowers reviewed the projected budget, including approximately \$118,000 for stage, sound, and lighting; \$50,000 for infrastructure such as tents and restrooms; \$55,000 for security and emergency services; \$12,000 for vendor and operational support; and \$2,000 for fireworks. The total projected value of the event was approximately \$312,000, including a request for \$75,000 in County funding and anticipated in-kind County support.

Motion: Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Thomas to approve \$75,000 in funding for the America 250th Commemoration event and to authorize the County Manager to allocate up to an additional \$25,000 if necessary. Vote 4-0.

6. Manager's Report

Emergency Services Deputy Director Andrew Jacobs provided a briefing on a winter storm expected to begin Saturday morning around 10:00 a.m. and potentially continue into early Monday. Forecasts indicated the possibility of snow, freezing rain, and ice, which could result in hazardous road conditions, downed trees, power outages, and continued freezing temperatures after the storm.

He reported that coordination efforts were underway with public safety agencies, power companies, schools, and other community partners. Public information efforts and emergency shelter planning were also in progress.

County Manager Letitia J. Edens recommended recessing the meeting to further discuss the potential impacts Hoke County may face over the weekend.

7. Chairman's Report

Chairman had no comments at this time.

8. Recessed *previously set to adjourn*

Motion: Upon motion made by Commissioner Thomas and second by Vice Chairman Southerland, the Board approved recessing the approved recessing the meeting and reconvening on Friday at 10:00 a.m. for continued storm preparedness planning. Vote 4-0.

Hoke County Board of Commissioners
January 23, 2026 Recessed Meeting
of the January 20, 2026 Regular Meeting

The Hoke County Board of Commissioners reconvened in the Commissioners Room in the Pratt Building on Friday, January 23, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. to resume the meeting recessed on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

PRESENT:

Chairman James Leach
Vice Chairman Harry Southerland
Commissioner Tony Hunt
Commissioner Allen Thomas, Jr.
Commissioner Mary Blue McCollum

ALSO PRESENT:

County Manager Letitia Edens
County Attorney Grady Hunt
Clerk to the Board Shanetta Smith

ABSENT:

Chairman James Leach opened the meeting with a quorum. Commissioner Thomas led the Invocation.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Hoke County
Board of Commissioners

227 N. Main Street
Raeford, North Carolina
28376



January 23, 2026
10:00 AM

Resumption of meeting
recessed January 20, 2026

Commissioners Room
Pratt Building

A G E N D A

ITEM

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Winter Weather Preparation Discussion – Andrew Jacobs, Emergency Services Deputy Director
3. Adjourn

2. Winter Weather Preparation Discussion – Andrew Jacobs, Emergency Services Deputy Director

Deputy Emergency Management Director Andrew Jacobs presented a briefing on the approaching winter storm. Hoke County is under a Winter Storm Warning, with ice accumulation identified as the primary threat. Minor snowfall and sleet are also

expected. Hazardous travel conditions are anticipated Saturday night through Sunday, followed by extremely cold temperatures and dangerous wind chills into Monday night.

County Manager Letitia J. Edens presented a proposed State of Emergency declaration to ensure eligibility for FEMA Public Assistance and to formalize emergency response measures. Due to anticipated ice, refreezing conditions, extreme cold, and potential power outages, the County Manager recommended closure of county government offices on Monday.

Motion: Upon motion made by Commissioner Hunt and second by Vice Chairman Southerland, the Board voted to declare a State of Emergency and authorize the Chairman to sign the declaration. Vote: 5-0.

PROCLAMATION OF A COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY



Hoke County Emergency Operations Plan

1. Pursuant to the Hoke County Emergency Management Ordinance and Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes, and Article 36A, Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, I have determined that a State of Emergency exists, as defined in the Hoke County Emergency Management Ordinance, exists in the County of Hoke resulting from, or in preparation for:

2. I, therefore, proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency in the County of Hoke.

3. I hereby order all county law enforcement officers, county employees and all other Emergency Management personnel subject to my control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of provisions of the County Emergency Ordinance which are set forth below.

(PROHIBITIONS FOUND BELOW. THOSE WITH CHECKED BOXES ARE NOW IN EFFECT.)

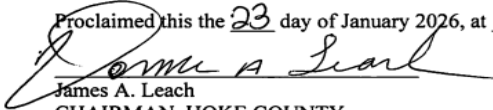
4. ☐ **Evacuation.** I have determined that, in the best interest of public safety and protection, it is necessary to evacuate the civilian population from _____ (Area). Citizens are free to use any type of transportation, but they are to use only _____ (Route) in leaving the area. Evacuation is to occur as soon as possible. Further proclamations concerning evacuation will be issued as needed.
5. ☐ **Curfew.** Unless a member of the County's law enforcement agency or the Emergency Management program, every person who is located within a _____ radius of _____ is to be inside a house dwelling from the hours of _____ to _____.
6. ☐ **No Alcoholic Beverages.** There shall be no sale, consumption, transportation, or possession of alcoholic beverages during the State of Emergency in the County

of Hoke, except possession or consumption is allowed on a person's own premises.

7. ☐ **No Firearms, Ammunition, or Explosives.** During the State of Emergency, there shall be no sale or purchase of any type of firearm or ammunition, or any possession of such items along with any type of explosive off owner's own premises.
8. ☐ **Execution of Emergency Plan.** All civilians and Emergency Management personnel are ordered to comply with the emergency plan.

9. This proclamation shall become effective immediately.

Proclaimed this the 23 day of January 2026, at 10:20 (am/pm).


James A. Leach
CHAIRMAN, HOKE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Motion: Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Southerland and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously voted to close county government offices on Monday.

3. Adjourn

Motion: With there being no further business to come before the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, and upon motion made by Commissioner Hunt and second by Commissioner Thomas, the Board unanimously adjourned the meeting.

/JL/

James Leach, Chairman

/SS/

Shanetta Smith, Clerk to the Board