

NOTICE OF JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
August 27, 2024

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners and the Asheboro City Council will hold a Joint Special Meeting on August 27, 2024, at 725 McDowell Road, Asheboro (the Randolph County Office Building) in Meeting Room A at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to hold a discussion regarding short-term and long-range planning objectives concerning utilities, infrastructure, and economic development. No action is anticipated at this meeting.

Dana Crisco, Clerk to the Randolph County Board of Commissioners
David H. Smith, Mayor of the City of Asheboro

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SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
ASHEBORO CITY COUNCIL
RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024
MEETING ROOM A
725 McDOWELL ROAD, ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

This being the time and place for a special joint meeting of the Asheboro City Council with the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, a meeting was held with the following elected officials and city management team members present:

David H. Smith) – Mayor Presiding

Clark R. Bell)
Edward J. Burks)
Kelly L. Heath)
William N. McCaskill) – Council Members Present
Walker B. Moffitt)
Charles A. Swiers)
W. Joseph Trogon, Jr.)

John N. Ogburn, III, City Manager
Holly H. Doerr, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk/Paralegal
Trevor L. Nuttall, Assistant City Manager
Michael D. Rhoney, PE, Water Resources Director
Jeffrey C. Sugg, City Attorney

In addition to the above-listed officials and staff members for the City of Asheboro, the following members of the Randolph Board of Commissioners were present: Chairman Darrell Frye, Vice-Chairman David Allen, Commissioner Hope Haywood, Commissioner Kenny Kidd, and Commissioner Maxton McDowell. The following county staff members were also present: Zeb Holden, County Manager; Will Massie, Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer; William Johnson, Assistant County Manager/Operations; Dana Crisco, Clerk to the Board; Jenny Parks, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Ben Morgan, County Attorney; and Aimee Scotton, Associate County Attorney.

Subsequent to Chairman Frye calling the meeting to order for the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, Mayor Smith called the meeting to order for the city. Assistant County Manager/Operations William Johnson utilized a slide show presentation that started by discussing Randolph County’s goal to foster growth through existing water and wastewater systems. To that end, in February 2024, the Board of County Commissioners activated the Eastern Randolph Water and Sewer District. The district can help facilitate growth within municipal systems and unincorporated areas.

During his presentation, Mr. Johnson discussed the importance of the collaboration between the City of Asheboro and Randolph County to achieve success. A concrete example of the proposed collaboration is the new transmission main from Asheboro to the Chatham County line. This water main will serve Wolfspeed and future development in eastern Randolph County.

State funding (\$55,000,000) has been appropriated for this project and directed to Asheboro for construction of the transmission main. The City of Asheboro has already awarded a contract to construct the line. Randolph County is committed to upsizing a portion of the water line to allow for additional flow for eastern Randolph County. The proposal is to increase the size of a section of the transmission main from 20" to a 24".

The state of North Carolina, the County of Randolph, and the City of Asheboro recognize the value of regionalization to effectively serve a growing and vibrant area. Wastewater collection and treatment will have to be part of the regionalization effort, but the focus of the special meeting and current design/construction projects is water distribution.

Another aspect of the positive collaboration occurring between the units of government is the design of a proposed 16-inch water line between the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority ("PTRWA") and Asheboro's municipal water system. This line would connect to the Asheboro system at Pineview Road and allow Randolph County to wheel its allocation of water from PTRWA through Asheboro's system. Ultimately, the arrangement would allow access to additional water in the eastern part of Randolph County.

During the course of the meeting, the members of the respective governing boards expressed support for embracing the concept of regionalization and working toward successfully implementing the collaborative water transmission projects discussed during this special joint meeting. The city and county professional staffs, with assistance from contracted consultants and design professionals, will develop proposed interlocal agreements and rate structures that can be reviewed and acted upon by the governing boards at a later date. No formal actions on these measures were taken by either governing board.

There being no further business, Council Member Burks moved, and Council Member Bell seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting for the City of Asheboro. Council Members Bell, Burks, Heath, McCaskill, Moffitt, Swiers, and Trogon voted aye. There were no dissenting votes.

/s/Holly H. Doerr
Holly H. Doerr, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk

/s/David H. Smith
David H. Smith, Mayor