

MORE ON MOORE

MONTHLY NEWS FROM THE MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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FACILITIES & FUNDING ISSUES ADDRESSED



The Board of Commissioners and Board of Education met together on 10/20

The Board held two special meetings on October 20th ahead of the regular meeting at 5:30 p.m., convening first at 1:00 p.m. to discuss facilities needs and potential funding sources for those needs. The commissioners then met jointly with the Board of Education at 3:00 p.m. and received an update on the Schools' Master Facilities Plan and discussed funding options for the plan. The meeting was very productive and everyone is excited to move forward in meeting the capital needs of the Schools while looking out for the taxpayers.

One of the potential facilities funding sources was considered by the commissioners during the 5:30 p.m. regular meeting. With several capital projects on the horizon, the Board voted to direct the Board of Elections to conduct an advisory referendum on the question of whether to levy a local option sales and use tax. The proposed tax is

covered under Article 46 of Chapter 105 of the NC General Statutes. The Article 46 tax is a one quarter cent point of sale sales tax that does not apply to unprepared food (i.e. groceries) or gas. (There is no local sales tax on gas purchases). The revenues from the tax, estimated to be an additional \$2.2 million annually for Moore County, are not shared with the municipalities and can be allocated for any allowed use by counties. Voters will consider this tax on the March 2016 ballot and if approved, collections would begin July 1, 2016.

While considering funding needs, hopeful that Moore County will cease to get the short end of the stick when it comes to needs unmet, the Board also adopted a resolution requesting the NC General Assembly to abolish the State's tier ranking system for counties. The Department of Commerce annually ranks counties

into Tiers 1-3, with the 40 most economically distressed counties ranked as Tier 1, the next 40 as Tier 2, and the remaining 20 as Tier 3. Incentives through State programs are then distributed based upon tier designation, with Tier 1 counties receiving the greatest benefits and Tier 3 the least.

Moore County is ranked Tier 3, but due to its size and population has distressed areas that are very similar to distressed areas in Tier 1 counties. Distressed areas, regardless of what county they are located in, would benefit from the State's economic incentives that are currently only available to Tier 1 counties. For this reason, the Board of Commissioners has proposed the abolishment of the current tier system or, in the alternative, a modified system based upon distressed areas rather than county lines.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **November 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.**
(Special Meeting with Fire Commission)
- **November 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.**
(Regular Meeting)
- **December 8, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.**
(Organizational & Regular Meeting)

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JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

The County's Juvenile Crime Prevention Council needs members to fill the following vacant positions:

- ⇒ **Chief of Police**
- ⇒ **Member of Faith Community**
- ⇒ **Person Under Age 18**
- ⇒ **Member of Business Community**
- ⇒ **Additional at-large members**

The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council assesses the needs of juveniles in the community, evaluates resources, and plans for unmet needs; evaluates the performance of juvenile services/programs; increases public awareness of the

causes of delinquency and prevention efforts; develops intervention strategies and risk assessments for at-risk youth; provides funds for services for treatment/counseling/parenting/rehabilitation; and plans permanent funding streams for delinquency prevention programs.

The Council generally meets the first Tuesday of every other month at 8:30 a.m. at the Department of Social Services in Carthage.

To be considered for appointment to the JCPC, please complete an appointment application, found here.

For additional information, call 910-947-6403.

Additional upcoming appointments to be considered by the commissioners:

- ⇒ Aging Advisory Council
- ⇒ Fire Commission
- ⇒ Local Emergency Planning Comm
- ⇒ Nursing/Adult Care Home CAC

HELP DECORATE THE STATE CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE!

The Christmas tree in the rotunda of the State Capitol will be decorated this year to represent North Carolina's 100 counties, and the Capitol's Christmas Decorating Chair has requested donations of ornaments from each county.

If you have an ornament reflective of life in Moore County, and you are willing to donate it for the Capitol Christmas tree, **please deliver it to the Clerk to the Board on the 2nd floor of the historic court-**

house, or mail to P.O. Box 905, Carthage, NC 28327 by November 13th.

Ornaments could represent a notable business, site, industry, tradition, etc. in Moore County.

The annual Governor's tree lighting and open house will be on December 10th.

Help make Moore County shine!



**10TH ANNUAL MOORE COUNTY
VETERANS MEMORIAL
PROGRAM**

NOVEMBER 7, 2015 at 10:00 am

**CARRIAGE OAKS
MEMORIAL SITE, CARTHAGE**

**THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
WILL BE SUNG BY BARRON MANESS**

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
GENERAL (RET) WILLIAM "BUCK"
KERNAN**

**UNION PINES BAND WILL BEGIN PLAYING
AT 9:30 am**

**SPECIAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY
HANNA HENDRICK**

**COLORS WILL BE POSTED BY THE
UNION PINES NJROTC**

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS



L-R: Picerno, Saunders, Graham, Daeke, Ritter

Chairman Nick Picerno

District II

Vice Chairman Otis Ritter

District III

Catherine Graham, Commissioner

District I

Randy Saunders, Commissioner

District IV

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a Double Dose of Cuteness



County Attorney Misty Leland's 3 year old twins, Luke and Madeline, recently stopped by County offices for a visit. They tested the microphones on the commissioners' bench, checked out a deputy's car, ate cookies, and brightened everyone's day!