



**Chowan County Board of Commissioners
SPECIAL Meeting
Monday May 4, 2020
Chowan County Public Safety Center
305 West Freemason Street
5:00pm**

AGENDA

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners will hold a special meeting on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 5:00pm before the regular 6pm meeting. The special meeting at 5:00pm will be held in the Chowan County Public Safety Center (305 West Freemason St. Edenton, NC) . The purpose of this special meeting will be a closed session to meet in accordance with NCGS 143-318-11 (a) (3, 5 and 6) attorney client privilege, contract negotiations and personnel. The regular meeting at 6:00pm will follow.

INFORMATION Regarding the 6PM MEETINGS

Chowan County Board of Commissioners' Meetings scheduled for May 4, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the first floor of the Chowan County Public Safety Center 305 West Freemason St. Edenton, NC, will be conducted in person however there will be no meeting place where members of the public can be physically present.

The Meeting will be broadcast live beginning at 6:00 p.m. on the Chowan County Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Chowan-County-North-Carolina-519995551370654/>

The meeting will include a public comment session.

The information for public comment procedure is below in the agenda

If you cannot access the live Facebook feed, residents may also listen by telephone.
Call **1-408-418-9388** Meeting number (access code): 795 669 656 if prompted the password is 246926

If you have any questions about access to the electronic meeting please contact the Board Clerk Susanne Stallings at 252-482-8431 x1 or by email Susanne.stallings@chowan.nc.gov

**Chowan County Board of Equalization and Review
Meeting
Monday May 4, 2020
Chowan County Public Safety Center
305 West Freemason Street
6:00pm**

AGENDA

Oath

Board Clerk Susanne Stallings will administer the oath of office to the Board of Equalization and Review.

Presentation of Appeals

- Citizens having appropriately and timely appealed their property valuations to the Tax Department will be heard.

- Tax Administrator will respond.

Recess until May 18, 2020

**Chowan County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2020
Chowan County Public Safety Center
305 West Freemason Street
*Immediately Following the Board of Equalization and Review***

AGENDA

Regular Meeting

- a. Call to Order
- b. Pledge
- c. Invocation Commissioner Bonner

1. Approval of Draft Agenda

2. Public Comment

Public comment will be taken digitally on all items, with the following guidelines:

- any public comment must be sent in by 5 p.m. the day of the meeting via email to **Susanne.stallings@chowan.nc.gov** OR by calling 252-482-8431 x1 (NO LATER THAN 5:00pm) and leaving a voicemail
- must state which agenda item you are commenting on, or if it is for informal discussion
- must be no more than 350 words.

The Clerk will read public comments into the record during the meeting.

3. Declaration of Meeting as Essential Governmental Operation

In order to comply with Executive Order 121 the Board will consider declaration of Chowan County Commissioner meetings as Essential Governmental Operations and state that it intends to comply with social distancing requirements set forth in section 2.E (1) Maintaining at least six feet distancing from other individuals, (2) washing hands using soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or the use of hand sanitizer, (3) regularly cleaning high touch surfaces and (4) facilitating online or remote access by customers if possible.

4. Consent Agenda

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. If a County Commissioner requests discussion on an item, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

a. **Tax Refund/Release Report**

Tyler Run	\$140.46	Paid Twice
Privott, V.	\$106.00	Overpayment
Beamon, A.	\$123.00	Overpayment

5. County Employee Health Insurance Coverage Options

Cathy Maxfield with Pierce Group Benefits will provide the Board with updated information for County Employee Health Insurance renewal.

6. Resolution in Support of Phase-In Reopening of Chowan County

The Board will consider a resolution urging the State of North Carolina to rescind Executive Order 121 and allow Chowan County to implement the “Opening Up America Again” plan promulgated by the President of the United States beginning May 1, 2020.

7. Highschool Project Discussion

The Board will discuss the feasibility of the meeting timeline for a bond referendum on the November 2020 ballot.

8. Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Grant

The Board will consider a resolution which accepts the State Reserve Grant offer of \$50,000 for the Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Study.

9. Older Americans Month Proclamation

The Area Agency on Aging has provided the annual proclamation that declares May as Older Americans Month for the Board’s consideration.

10. Update from Planning Board

The Board will receive an update from Planner Brandon Shoaf on the Planning Board’s review of the existing wind facility ordinance.

11. External Board/Committee Report

Board members are asked to report on the activities of the external boards to which they have been appointed.

12. Manager's Report

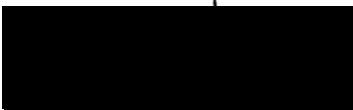
County Manager Kevin Howard will update the Board on any pending matters.

13. Timely and Important Matters

14. Adjourn



NAME	BILL NUMBER		AMOUNT	OPER	DATE TIME
33404	2019-11113	RP: 781513125877	140.46	lgriffin	3/12/2020 12:27:37 PM
TYLER RUN II LLC					
C/O TM ASSOCIATES					
1375 PICCARD DR STE #150					
ROCKVILLE, MD 20850					
Overpayment by Taxpayer					
REFUND RECIPIENT: TYLER RUNN					
C/O TM ASSOCIATES					
1375 PICCARD DR STE #150					
ROCKVILLE MD 20850					
TOTAL REFUNDS PRINTED:		140.46			
TOTAL VOID REFUNDS:		0.00			
TOTAL:		140.46			



NAME	BILL NUMBER		AMOUNT	OPER	DATE TIME
6471 BROOKS, ANNIE ELIZABETH 113 HOLLY GROVE RD EDENTON, NC 27932-9459	2007-511075	MOTOR VEHICLE: 200801N	49.00	lgriffin	3/18/2020 3:11:50 PM
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Garnishment overpayment by Chowan River REFUND RECIPIENT:					
37952 WILLIAMS, JOHN CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS, HEATHER EVANS 231 COUNTRY CLUB DR EDENTON, NC 27932-8904	2019-11541	RP: 780500471576	63.35	jcombs	3/23/2020 1:56:40 PM
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TOTAL REFUNDS PRINTED:		341.35			
TOTAL VOID REFUNDS:		0.00			
TOTAL:		341.35			



**Chowan County Board of Commissioners
Action Agenda Item
2019-20**

To: **Susanne Stallings, Clerk**
From: Administration

Meeting Date: 05/04/20
Date Submitted: 4/28/20

**** Verify Agenda Item deadline prior to submission as some items should be reviewed by Attorney/Finance/HR prior to Clerk submittal****

ISSUE/ACTION REQUESTED:

Background Information

Annual health renewal presentation

PUBLIC HEARING:

YES NO

Potential Cost Savings

YES NO

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

FINANCIAL:

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRED:

YES NO N/A

CAPITAL PROJECT/GRANT ORDINANCE REQUIRED:

YES NO N/A

PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATION REQUIRED:

YES NO N/A

REVIEWED BY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

YES NO

COMMENTS:

Rate information has been provided to Finance Officer for Budgeting purposes.

PERSONNEL MATTER:

REVIEWED BY HUMAN RESOURCES:

YES NO N/A

COMMENTS:

CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS:

REVIEWED BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY:

YES NO N/A

COMMENTS:

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMENDS APPROVAL:

YES NO N/A

COMMENTS:

Memo attached



CHOWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

P.O. Box 1030
Edenton, NC 27932
(252) 482-8431
(252) 482-4925 fax

TO: County Commissioners
FROM: Kevin Howard
DATE: April 27, 2020
RE: Health Renewal

We have received health renewal options from Pierce Group Benefits.

Aetna (page 2-4)

Aetna does not offer a feasible option.

Blue Cross Blue Shield (page 5-8)

Blue Cross Blue Shield has a 6.5% increase option that includes lower deductibles and some lower copays from the current existing plan. The total out of pocket maximum is higher but the remainder of the plan design is similar to the current existing plan. Blue Cross Blue Shield also is offering a \$30,000 transition credit that the County can credit towards the first billing statement.

Cigna (page 9-12)

Cigna is offering a very similar option to the current existing plan but is a 7.9% increase.

HSA

Health Savings Account may be a feasible option if employer contribution is given to assist with meeting deductible as no expenses are covered until that time.

FSA

Flexible Spending Account may be beneficial but does have an associated cost as well. Employees are able to obtain a similar option for free at State Employees Credit Union.

Wellness

No options offered this year include a wellness benefit package.

Based on the options offered, Blue Cross Blue Shield may provide Chowan County with the best selection of a better plan with the least budget impact.



PIERCE GROUP BENEFITS

Chowan County Government

Board Meeting

May 4, 2020

Aetna Health Renewal Options

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

	Aetna				Aetna				Aetna				Aetna			
In-Network Benefits	Current				Renewal Option 1				Renewal Option 2				Renewal Option 3			
PCP Copay	\$45				\$45				\$35				\$30			
Specialty Copay	\$75				\$75				\$70				\$65			
Telehealth Copay	Up to \$40				Up to \$40				Up to \$40				Up to \$40			
Urgent Care Copay	\$75				\$75				\$75				20% After Deductible			
Emergency Room Copay	30% After Deductible				30% After Deductible				30% After Deductible				20% After Deductible			
Preventive Services	100%				100%				100%				100%			
Individual Deductible	\$5,500				\$5,500				\$6,750				\$6,000			
Family Deductible	\$11,000				\$11,000				\$13,500				\$12,000			
Individual OOP Max	\$6,600				\$6,600				\$7,350				\$7,500			
Family OOP Max	\$13,200				\$13,200				\$14,700				\$15,000			
Coinsurance	30%				30%				30%				20%			
O/P Surgery	30% After Deductible				30% After Deductible				30% After Deductible				20% After Deductible			
I/P Services	30% After Deductible				30% After Deductible				30% After Deductible				20% After Deductible			
Maternity	30% After Deductible				30% After Deductible				30% After Deductible				20% After Deductible			
Physical/OCC/Speech Therapy Copay (visit limits apply)	\$75 Copay				\$75 Copay				\$75 Copay				\$75 Copay			
Rx Copays	\$10/\$35/\$60/20%				\$10/\$35/\$60/20%				\$10/\$35/\$60/20%				\$10/\$35/\$60/20%			
Monthly Rates	EE's*	EE Paid	ER Paid	Total	EE's*	EE Paid	ER Paid	Total	EE's*	EE Paid	ER Paid	Total	EE's*	EE Paid	ER Paid	Total
Employee	136	\$0.00	\$688.80	\$688.80	136	\$0.00	\$927.54	\$927.54	136	\$0.00	\$800.98	\$800.98	136	\$0.00	\$807.24	\$807.24
Employee + Spouse	2	\$777.14	\$688.80	\$1,465.94	2	\$1,046.50	\$927.54	\$1,974.04	2	\$903.71	\$800.98	\$1,704.69	2	\$910.77	\$807.24	\$1,718.01
Employee + Child(ren)	4	\$577.43	\$688.80	\$1,266.23	4	\$777.57	\$927.54	\$1,705.11	4	\$671.47	\$800.98	\$1,472.45	4	\$676.72	\$807.24	\$1,483.96
Employee + Family	2	\$903.51	\$688.80	\$1,592.31	2	\$1,216.67	\$927.54	\$2,144.21	2	\$1,050.66	\$800.98	\$1,851.64	2	\$1,058.86	\$807.24	\$1,866.10
Total Enrollment per Plan	144				144				144				144			
Percentage Rate Change					34.66%↑				16.29%↑				17.2%↑			

*Enrollment based on 2020 Aetna Renewal

Aetna Health Contributions

No Plan Changes July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Enrollment*		Aetna		
Current				
	EE's	Employee	Employer	Total
Employee	136	\$0.00	\$688.80	\$688.80
Employee + Spouse	2	\$777.14	\$688.80	\$1,465.94
Employee + Child(ren)	4	\$577.43	\$688.80	\$1,266.23
Employee + Family	2	\$903.51	\$688.80	\$1,592.31
Total Enrollment	144			
Total Annual Premium				\$1,258,298.64
Total Annual Employee Contribution				\$68,052.24
Total Annual Employer Contribution				\$1,190,246.40
Enrollment*		Aetna		
Renewal Option 1				
	EE's	Employee	Employer	Total
Employee	136	\$0.00	\$927.54	\$927.54
Employee + Spouse	2	\$1,046.50	\$927.54	\$1,974.04
Employee + Child(ren)	4	\$777.57	\$927.54	\$1,705.11
Employee + Family	2	\$1,216.67	\$927.54	\$2,144.21
Total Enrollment	144			
Total Annual Premium				\$1,694,428.56
Total Change in Annual Premium				\$436,129.92
Total Percentage Annual Premium Change				34.66%
Total Annual Employee Contribution				\$91,639.44
Total Change in Annual Employee Contribution				\$23,587.20
Total Percentage Annual Employee Contribution Change				34.66%
Total Annual Employer Contribution				\$1,602,789.12
Total Change in Annual Employer Contribution				\$412,542.72
Total Percentage Annual Employer Contribution Change				34.66%

*Enrollment based on 2020 Aetna Renewal

Aetna Health Contributions

Alternate Options July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Enrollment*		Aetna		
Renewal Option 2				
	EE's	Employee	Employer	Total
Employee	136	\$0.00	\$800.98	\$800.98
Employee + Spouse	2	\$903.71	\$800.98	\$1,704.69
Employee + Child(ren)	4	\$671.47	\$800.98	\$1,472.45
Employee + Family	2	\$1,050.66	\$800.98	\$1,851.64
Total Enrollment	144			
Total Annual Premium				\$1,463,228.88
Total Change in Annual Premium				\$204,930.24
Total Percentage Annual Premium Change				16.29%
Total Annual Employee Contribution				\$79,135.44
Total Change in Annual Employee Contribution				\$11,083.20
Total Percentage Annual Employee Contribution Change				16.29%
Total Annual Employer Contribution				\$1,384,093.44
Total Change in Annual Employer Contribution				\$193,847.04
Total Percentage Annual Employer Contribution Change				16.29%
Enrollment*		Aetna		
Renewal Option 3				
	EE's	Employee	Employer	Total
Employee	136	\$0.00	\$807.24	\$807.24
Employee + Spouse	2	\$910.77	\$807.24	\$1,718.01
Employee + Child(ren)	4	\$676.72	\$807.24	\$1,483.96
Employee + Family	2	\$1,058.86	\$807.24	\$1,866.10
Total Enrollment	144			
Total Annual Premium				\$1,474,664.40
Total Change in Annual Premium				\$216,365.76
Total Percentage Annual Premium Change				17.2%
Total Annual Employee Contribution				\$79,753.68
Total Change in Annual Employee Contribution				\$11,701.44
Total Percentage Annual Employee Contribution Change				17.2%
Total Annual Employer Contribution				\$1,394,910.72
Total Change in Annual Employer Contribution				\$204,664.32
Total Percentage Annual Employer Contribution Change				17.2%

*Enrollment based on 2020 Aetna Renewal

BCBS of NC Health Proposal

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

In-Network Benefits	Aetna				BCBS of NC Fully-Insured				BCBS of NC Fully-Insured			
	Current				Renewal Option 1				Renewal Option 2			
PCP Copay	\$45				\$35				\$35			
Specialty Copay	\$75				\$70				\$70			
Telehealth Copay	Up to \$40				\$10				\$10			
Urgent Care Copay	\$75				\$70				\$75			
Emergency Room Copay	30% After Deductible				\$500				\$500			
Preventive Services	100%				100%				100%			
Individual Deductible	\$5,500				\$5,000				\$5,000			
Family Deductible	\$11,000				\$10,000				\$10,000			
Individual OOP Max	\$6,600				\$6,600				\$7,150			
Family OOP Max	\$13,200				\$13,200				\$14,300			
Coinsurance	30%				20%				30%			
O/P Surgery	30% After Deductible				20% After Deductible				30% After Deductible			
I/P Services	30% After Deductible				20% After Deductible				30% After Deductible			
Maternity	30% After Deductible				20% After Deductible				30% After Deductible			
Physical/OCC/Speech Therapy Copay (visit limits apply)	\$75 Copay				\$70 Copay				\$70 Copay			
Rx Copays	\$10/\$35/\$60/20%				\$10/\$35/\$60/75%				\$10/\$35/\$60/75%			
Monthly Rates	EE's*	EE Paid	ER Paid	Total	EE's*	EE Paid	ER Paid	Total	EE's*	EE Paid	ER Paid	Total
Employee	136	\$0.00	\$688.80	\$688.80	136	\$0.00	\$743.37	\$743.37	136	\$0.00	\$733.49	\$733.49
Employee + Spouse	2	\$777.14	\$688.80	\$1,465.94	2	\$838.57	\$743.37	\$1,581.94	2	\$827.59	\$733.49	\$1,561.08
Employee + Child(ren)	4	\$577.43	\$688.80	\$1,266.23	4	\$622.96	\$743.37	\$1,366.33	4	\$617.29	\$733.49	\$1,350.78
Employee + Family	2	\$903.51	\$688.80	\$1,592.31	2	\$975.32	\$743.37	\$1,718.69	2	\$945.20	\$733.49	\$1,678.69
Total Enrollment per Plan	144				144				144			
Percentage Rate Change					7.9%↑				6.5%↑			

*Enrollment based on 2020 Aetna Renewal

BCBSNC is offering a \$30,000 transition/premium holiday. Credit to be given on first billing statement. Could be used for Wellness or just to offset costs.



BCBS of NC Health Contributions

Enrollment*		BCBC of NC Fully-Insured		
Renewal Option 1				
		Employee	Employer	Total
Employee	136	\$0.00	\$743.37	\$743.37
Employee + Spouse	2	\$838.57	\$743.37	\$1,581.94
Employee + Child(ren)	4	\$622.96	\$743.37	\$1,366.33
Employee + Family	2	\$975.32	\$743.37	\$1,718.69
Total Enrollment	144			
Total Annual Premium				\$1,357,978.80
Total Change in Annual Premium				\$99,680.16
Total Percentage Annual Premium Change				7.92%
Total Annual Employee Contribution				\$73,435.44
Total Change in Annual Employee Contribution				\$5,383.20
Total Percentage Annual Employee Contribution Change				7.91%
Total Annual Employer Contribution				\$1,284,543.36
Total Change in Annual Employer Contribution				\$94,296.96
Total Percentage Annual Employer Contribution Change				7.92%
Enrollment*		BCBC of NC Fully-Insured		
Renewal Option 2				
		Employee	Employer	Total
Employee	136	\$0.00	\$733.49	\$733.49
Employee + Spouse	2	\$827.59	\$733.49	\$1,561.08
Employee + Child(ren)	4	\$617.29	\$733.49	\$1,350.78
Employee + Family	2	\$945.20	\$733.49	\$1,678.69
Total Enrollment	144			
Total Annual Premium				\$1,339,647.60
Total Change in Annual Premium				\$81,348.96
Total Percentage Annual Premium Change				6.5%
Total Annual Employee Contribution				\$72,176.88
Total Change in Annual Employee Contribution				\$4,124.68
Total Percentage Annual Employee Contribution Change				6.1%
Total Annual Employer Contribution				\$1,267,470.72
Total Change in Annual Employer Contribution				\$77,224.32
Total Percentage Annual Employer Contribution Change				6.5%

*Enrollment based on 2020 Aetna Renewal

BCBS of NC Dual Option Proposal

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

	Aetna				BCBS of NC Fully-Insured							
					Blue Options PPO				Open Access Plus HSA Plan			
In-Network Benefits	Current				Renewal Option 8							
PCP Copay	\$45				\$35				30% after Deductible			
Specialty Copay	\$75				\$70				30% after Deductible			
Telehealth Copay	Up to \$40				\$10				30% after Deductible			
Urgent Care Copay	\$75				\$70				30% after Deductible			
Emergency Room Copay	30% After Deductible				\$500				30% after Deductible			
Preventive Services	100%				100%				100%			
Individual Deductible	\$5,500				\$5,000				\$6,000			
Family Deductible	\$11,000				\$10,000				\$12,000			
Individual OOP Max	\$6,600				\$6,600				\$6,650			
Family OOP Max	\$13,200				\$13,200				\$13,300			
Coinsurance	30%				20%				30%			
O/P Surgery	30% After Deductible				20% After Deductible				30% after Deductible			
I/P Services	30% After Deductible				20% After Deductible				30% after Deductible			
Maternity	30% After Deductible				20% After Deductible				30% after Deductible			
Physical Therapy/OCC Therapy/Speech Therapy Copay (visit limits apply)	\$75 Copay				\$70 Copay				30% after Deductible			
Rx Copays	\$10/\$35/\$60/20%				\$10/\$35/\$60/75%				30% after Deductible			
Monthly Rates	EE's*	EE Paid	ER Paid	Total	EE's*	EE Paid	ER Paid	Total	EE's*	EE Paid	ER Paid	Total
Employee	136	\$0.00	\$688.80	\$688.80	95	\$0.00	\$743.37	\$768.82	41	\$0.00	\$650.96	\$650.96
Employee + Spouse	2	\$777.14	\$688.80	\$1,465.94	1	\$838.57	\$743.37	\$1,637.66	1	\$735.60	\$650.96	\$1,386.56
Employee + Child(ren)	4	\$577.43	\$688.80	\$1,266.23	3	\$622.96	\$743.37	\$1,414.66	1	\$546.81	\$650.96	\$1,197.77
Employee + Family	2	\$903.51	\$688.80	\$1,592.31	1	\$975.32	\$743.37	\$2,306.53	1	\$1,301.94	\$650.96	\$1,952.90
Total Enrollment per Plan	144				100				44			
Percentage Rate Change					4%†							

*Enrollment based on 2020 Aetna Renewal

Based on 30% enrollment in HSA Plan - BCBSNC will still offer \$30,000 credit



BCBS of NC Dual Option Health Contributions

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Enrollment*		Aetna			Aetna			
Current								
	EE's	Employee	Employer	Total				
Employee	136	\$0.00	\$688.80	\$688.80				
Employee + Spouse	2	\$777.14	\$688.80	\$1,465.94				
Employee + Child(ren)	4	\$577.43	\$688.80	\$1,266.23				
Employee + Family	2	\$903.51	\$688.80	\$1,592.31				
Total Enrollment	144							
Total Annual Premium				\$1,258,298.64				
Total Annual Employee Contribution				\$68,052.24				
Total Annual Employer Contribution				\$1,190,246.40				
Enrollment*		BCBS of NC Fully-Insured						
Renewal Option 8								
	PPO Plan				HSA Plan			
	EE's	Employee	Employer	Total	EE's	Employee	Employer	Total
Employee Only	95	\$0.00	\$743.37	\$743.37	41	\$0.00	\$650.96	\$650.96
Employee + Spouse	1	\$838.57	\$743.37	\$1,581.94	1	\$735.60	\$650.96	\$1,386.56
Employee + Child(ren)	3	\$622.96	\$743.37	\$1,366.33	1	\$546.81	\$650.96	\$1,197.77
Employee + Family	1	\$975.32	\$743.37	\$1,718.69	1	\$1,301.94	\$650.96	\$1,952.90
Total Enrollment per Plan	100				44			
Total Enrollment both Plans					144			
Total Annual Premium				\$1,310,956.32				
Total Change in Annual Premium				\$52,657.68				
Total Percentage Annual Premium Change				4%				
Total Annual Employee Premium				\$75,205.44				
Total Change in Employee Premium				\$7,153.20				
Total Percentage Employee Premium Change				11%				
Total Annual Employer Contribution				\$1,235,750.88				
Total Change Employer Contribution				\$45,504.48				
Total Percentage Employer Change				4%				

Based on 30% enrollment in HSA Plan

Cigna Proposal

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

In-Network Benefits	Aetna				Cigna Fully-Insured			
	Current				Renewal Option 1			
PCP Copay	\$45				\$45			
Specialty Copay	\$75				\$75			
Telehealth Copay	Up to \$40				\$45			
Urgent Care Copay	\$75				\$75			
Emergency Room Copay	30% After Deductible				30% After Deductible			
Preventive Services	100%				100%			
Individual Deductible	\$5,500				\$5,500			
Family Deductible	\$11,000				\$11,000			
Individual OOP Max	\$6,600				\$6,600			
Family OOP Max	\$13,200				\$13,200			
Coinsurance	30%				30%			
O/P Surgery	30% After Deductible				30% After Deductible			
I/P Services	30% After Deductible				30% After Deductible			
Maternity	30% After Deductible				30% After Deductible			
Physical/OCC/Speech Therapy Copay (visit limits apply)	\$75 Copay				\$75 Copay			
Rx Copays	\$10/\$35/\$60/20%				\$10/\$35/\$60/20%			
Monthly Rates	EE's*	EE Paid	ER Paid	Total	EE's*	EE Paid	ER Paid	Total
Employee	136	\$0.00	\$688.80	\$688.80	136	\$0.00	\$743.20	\$743.20
Employee + Spouse	2	\$777.14	\$688.80	\$1,465.94	2	\$838.33	\$743.20	\$1,581.53
Employee + Child(ren)	4	\$577.43	\$688.80	\$1,266.23	4	\$622.80	\$743.20	\$1,366.00
Employee + Family	2	\$903.51	\$688.80	\$1,592.31	2	\$981.03	\$743.20	\$1,724.23
Total Enrollment per Plan	144				144			
Percentage Rate Change					7.9%↑			

*Enrollment based on 2020 Aetna Renewal



Cigna Health Contributions

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Enrollment*		Cigna Fully-Insured		
Renewal Option 1				
	EE's	Employee	Employer	Total
Employee	136	\$0.00	\$743.20	\$743.20
Employee + Spouse	2	\$838.33	\$743.20	\$1,581.53
Employee + Child(ren)	4	\$622.80	\$743.20	\$1,366.00
Employee + Family	2	\$981.03	\$743.20	\$1,724.23
Total Enrollment	144			
Total Annual Premium				\$1,357,813.67
Total Change in Annual Premium				\$99,515.03
Total Percentage Annual Premium Change				7.9%
Total Annual Employee Contribution				\$73,564.07
Total Change in Annual Employee Contribution				\$5,511.83
Total Percentage Annual Employee Contribution Change				8.1%
Total Annual Employer Contribution				\$1,284,249.60
Total Change in Annual Employer Contribution				\$94,003.20
Total Percentage Annual Employer Contribution Change				7.9%

*Enrollment based on 2020 Aetna Renewal

Cigna Dual Option Proposal

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

	Aetna				Cigna Fully-Insured							
					Open Access Plus Baseline Plan				Open Access Plus HSA Plan			
In-Network Benefits	Current				Renewal Option 7							
PCP Copay	\$45				\$45				0% after Deductible			
Specialty Copay	\$75				\$75				0% after Deductible			
Telehealth Copay	Up to \$40				\$45				\$55			
Urgent Care Copay	\$75				\$75				0% after Deductible			
Emergency Room Copay	30% After Deductible				30% After Deductible				0% after Deductible			
Preventive Services	100%				100%				100%			
Individual Deductible	\$5,500				\$5,500				\$6,350			
Family Deductible	\$11,000				\$11,000				\$12,700			
Individual OOP Max	\$6,600				\$6,600				\$6,350			
Family OOP Max	\$13,200				\$13,200				\$12,700			
Coinsurance	30%				30%				0%			
O/P Surgery	30% After Deductible				30% After Deductible				0% after Deductible			
I/P Services	30% After Deductible				30% After Deductible				0% after Deductible			
Maternity	30% After Deductible				30% After Deductible				0% after Deductible			
Physical Therapy/OCC Therapy/Speech Therapy Copay (visit limits apply)	\$75 Copay				\$75 Copay				0% after Deductible			
Rx Copays	\$10/\$35/\$60/20%				\$10/\$35/\$60/20%				0% after Deductible			
Monthly Rates	EE's*	EE Paid	ER Paid	Total	EE's*	EE Paid	ER Paid	Total	EE's*	EE Paid	ER Paid	Total
Employee	136	\$0.00	\$688.80	\$688.80	95	\$125.73	\$612.17	\$737.90	41	\$0.00	\$612.17	\$612.17
Employee + Spouse	2	\$777.14	\$688.80	\$1,465.94	1	\$952.18	\$612.17	\$1,564.35	1	\$685.62	\$612.17	\$1,297.79
Employee + Child(ren)	4	\$577.43	\$688.80	\$1,266.23	3	\$738.18	\$612.17	\$1,350.35	1	\$508.07	\$612.17	\$1,120.24
Employee + Family	2	\$903.51	\$688.80	\$1,592.31	1	\$1,099.77	\$612.17	\$1,711.94	1	\$808.04	\$612.17	\$1,420.21
Total Enrollment per Plan	144				100				44			
Percentage Rate Change									1%†			

*Enrollment based on 2020 Aetna Renewal

Based on 30% enrollment in HSA Plan



Cigna Dual Option Health Contributions

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Enrollment*		Aetna			Aetna			
Current								
	EE's	Employee	Employer	Total				
Employee	136	\$0.00	\$688.80	\$688.80				
Employee + Spouse	2	\$777.14	\$688.80	\$1,465.94				
Employee + Child(ren)	4	\$577.43	\$688.80	\$1,266.23				
Employee + Family	2	\$903.51	\$688.80	\$1,592.31				
Total Enrollment	144							
Total Annual Premium				\$1,258,298.64				
Total Annual Employee Contribution				\$68,052.24				
Total Annual Employer Contribution				\$1,190,246.40				
Enrollment*		Cigna Fully-Insured						
Renewal Option 7								
	Baseline Plan				HSA Plan			
	EE's	Employee	Employer	Total	EE's	Employee	Employer	Total
Employee Only	95	\$125.73	\$612.17	\$737.90	41	\$0.00	\$612.17	\$612.17
Employee + Spouse	1	\$952.18	\$612.17	\$1,564.35	1	\$685.62	\$612.17	\$1,297.79
Employee + Child(ren)	3	\$738.18	\$612.17	\$1,350.35	1	\$508.07	\$612.17	\$1,120.24
Employee + Family	1	\$1,099.77	\$612.17	\$1,711.94	1	\$808.04	\$612.17	\$1,420.21
Total Enrollment per Plan	100				44			
Total Enrollment both Plans	144							
Total Annual Premium				\$1,276,374.96				
Total Change in Annual Premium				\$18,076.32				
Total Percentage Annual Premium Change				1%				
Total Annual Employee Premium				\$218,545.20				
Total Change in Employee Premium				\$150,492.96				
Total Percentage Employee Premium Change				221%				
Total Annual Employer Contribution				\$1,057,829.76				
Total Change Employer Contribution				-\$132,416.64				
Total Percentage Employer Change				-11%				

Based on 30% enrollment in HSA Plan



HDHP with Health Savings Account (HSA)

Employee-owned savings accounts are available to people enrolled in an HSA-compliant HDHP

- Money may be contributed by both the employer and employee
- Contributions are not taxed
- Funds must be used for IRS-defined qualified medical expenses to avoid taxes and penalties
- Funds used for non-qualified medical expenses are subject to income tax and a 20% tax penalty
- Funds roll over at the end of the year and the account belongs to the employee
- Yearly limits on how much can be placed in an HSA
 - In 2019: \$3,500 for individuals and \$7,000 for families
- No limit on how much the account can hold
- **PIERCE GROUP HAS ASKED FOR ALTERNATE PLAN OPTIONS TO INCLUDE A HDHP/HSA FROM BCBSNC AND CIGNA; AETNA'S HDHP PLAN OPTION IS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN THE PPO PLAN**

Flexible Spending Account (FSA)

Account that allows employees to pay for out-of-pocket qualified medical expenses with tax-free dollars

- Employees elect annual amount, taken through payroll deductions monthly, up to \$2,750 in 2020
- Use-it-or-lose-it rules mean unused funds may be forfeited by year's end (there are possible Rollover or Grace Period allowances)
- Chowan County Government will realize FICA savings on the employee pre-tax deductions
- Pierce Group Benefits will split the admin cost with Chowan CG.
 - Cost is: \$3.00 per enrolled per month, with a \$75 monthly minimum



F S A

Mandatory Wellness Program

Personal Care Management is a proactive approach to health care. Individuals who are at risk for developing chronic and costly medical conditions learn how they can reduce their risk and improve their health. Members don't have to wait until they are diagnosed with a specific disease to be included in the program; the program works with dependents as well. By implementing a Mandatory Wellness Program, Chowan County Government may reduce the future claims risk.

Mandatory Wellness Requirements could include, at no cost to the employee:

- Annual Health Risk Assessment on Carrier Portal
- Required Annual Biometric Screening, either hosted by Chowan County Government or performed by physician
- Annual Wellness Screenings, based on Age and Gender as defined by ACA guidelines, based on Age and Gender



Pierce Group Benefits

Questions?

Health renewal selection?

Open Enrollment will be held on May 18-20, 2020





RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR CHOWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA IN SUPPORT OF PHASE-IN REOPENING CHOWAN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the President of the United States presented new federal guidelines April 16, 2020 entitled "Opening Up America Again," defining conditions for parts of the United States that have a downward trajectory of COVID-19 symptoms, a downward trajectory of documented cases and effective testing and treatment of patients to begin opening up churches, schools and businesses through a phased-in approach; and

WHEREAS, the President also specified the importance of local areas conducting contact tracing, having sufficient screening in place, an ability to surge healthcare capacity and equip workers with protective gear, and to advise citizens regarding protocols for social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the President advised that under these conditions of contact tracing, a declining trajectory of the incidence of COVID-19 and a lack of resurgence, a three-phase reopening should begin now, which will include taking preventative precautions like hand-washing, temperature monitoring, enhance disinfection, limiting nonessential travel, taking special care of more vulnerable population, continuing to limit visitation at nursing homes, maintaining many social distancing measures and refraining from large gathering throughout the three phases of implementation; and

WHEREAS, THE Chowan County economy is highly dependent upon retail, restaurant and other service industries, lacking significant manufacturing and other types of industry, and unemployment as well as hunger have increased in our area at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, Chowan County has seen an overall incidence of COVID-19 of less than .0005% of our population which is significantly less than the average in North Carolina (63 per 100,000).

WHEREAS, the Chowan County Board of Commissioners know the circumstances and risks of the local population and can work with public health officials to determine systematic, reasonable measures in a three-phase plan to reopen, and will take measures to protect the health and safety of its citizens in line with current recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Chowan County Board of Commissioners have a sense of urgency to reopen in order to protect the lives and livelihoods of the citizens of Chowan County.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Chowan County Board of Commissioners urges the State of North Carolina to rescind Executive Order 121 and allow Chowan County to implement the "Opening Up America Again" plan promulgated by the President of the United State beginning May 1, 2020, in compliance with federal recommendation and in close consult with Public Health recommendations.

ADOPTED this, the 27th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:

Patti F. Kersey, Chair
Chowan County Board of Commissioners

Susanne Stallings, Clerk to the Board
of Commissioners

COUNTY OF CHOWAN
SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND REFERENDUM
NOVEMBER 3, 2020

(Regular Business Meetings – 1st and 3rd Monday of Every Month, One 1 July Meeting)¹

- 6/1/20** Board of Commissioners adopts (1) Resolution directing publication of notice of intent to apply to the Local Government Commission (the “LGC”); (2) Resolution authorizing the Finance Director to apply to the LGC; and (3) Resolution making certain findings of fact
- 6/2/20** Publish Notice of Intent in *The Daily Advance* [Not less than 10 days before filing application with LGC]
- 6/13/20** File Notice with Joint Legislative Commission
- 6/13/20** File Application with LGC and prepare Sworn Statement of Debt [receive letter from LGC confirming receipt of Application which must occur before the Bond Order is introduced]; File Statement of Estimated Interest
- 6/15/20** Board of Commissioners (1) Introduces the Bond Order at the Board Meeting; (2) adopts the Resolution setting a public hearing on the Bond Order on 7/13/20
- 6/16/20** File Sworn Statement of Debt with the Clerk to the Board [must occur *after* the Bond Order is introduced but *before* the public hearing]
- NLT 7/7/20** Publish Notice of Public Hearing on the Bond Order in *The Daily Advance* [at least 6 days before public hearing]
- 7/13/20** Board of Commissioners (1) holds public hearing on adoption of the Bond Order; (2) adopts the Bond Order at the conclusion of the public hearing and (3) adopts the Resolution setting a Special Bond Referendum
- 7/14/20** Clerk to the Board delivers certified copy of the Resolution setting a Special Bond Referendum to the County Board of Elections
- 7/14/20** County publishes Bond Order as adopted in *The Daily Advance*
- by 7/31/20** County Board of Elections needs Referendum questions to print ballots [Date confirmed by County]

LGC approval in either September or October

- by 9/25/20** Publish first Notice of Special Bond Referendum in *The Daily Advance* [Not less than 14 days before last day to register to vote for Bond Referendum]
- by 10/02/20** Publish second Notice of Special Bond Referendum in *The Daily Advance* [Not less than 7 days before last day to register to vote for Bond Referendum]
- 10/09/20** Last day to register to vote for Bond Referendum [Not less than 25 days before the Bond Referendum]
- 11/03/20** Bond Referendum
- After** Adoption of Certificate of Canvass by the County Board of Elections
- 11/03/20** Board adopts Resolution Certifying and Declaring Results of Special Bond Referendum

¹ If meeting falls on a holiday, the meeting is rescheduled for the next business day (Tuesday)
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Publish Statement of Result in *The Daily Advance*



RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 159G has created the Merger/Regionalization Feasibility grants to assist eligible units of government with meeting their water infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered a State Reserve Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to perform a merger/regionalization feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, Chowan County intends to perform said project in accordance with the agreed scope of work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHOWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

That Chowan County does hereby accept the State Grant offer of \$50,000.

That Chowan County does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that any Conditions or Assurances contained in the Award Offer will be adhered to.

That County Manager Kevin Howard and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required by the Division of Water Infrastructure.

Adopted this the 4th day of May, 2020 at Chowan County North Carolina.

Patti F. Kersey
Chair

Susanne Stallings
Clerk

ATTEST



NORTH CAROLINA
Environmental Quality

ROY COOPER
Governor

MICHAEL S. REGAN
Secretary

Kim H. Colson
Director

April 16, 2020

Mr. Kevin Howard, County Manager
Chowan County
PO Box 1030
Edenton, NC 27932

SUBJECT: Offer and Acceptance for a State Grant
Project No. H-MRF-D-20-0031
Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Study

Dear Mr. Howard:

Chowan County has been approved for a Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Study Grant from the Water Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Enclosed are two (2) copies of an Offer and Acceptance Document extending a State Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00. This offer is made subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer and Acceptance Document. Please submit the following items to the Division of Water Infrastructure, 1633 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1633 within forty-five (45) days of receipt.

1. A resolution adopted by the governing body accepting the grant offer and making the applicable assurances contained therein. (Sample copy attached)
2. One (1) copy of the original Offer and Acceptance Document executed by the authorized representative for the project. Retain the other copy for your files.

All work associated with the MRF project must be completed within 24 months of the date of this letter. The documentation described in the standard conditions of the grant offer should be submitted to this office within 24 months, as well. Any work performed prior to the date of the Letter of Intent to Fund may not be eligible for reimbursement.



Mr. Kevin Howard, County Manager
April 16, 2020
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In addition, the enclosed pay request form must be used for all reimbursement requests. You may make additional copies as needed. Also, enclosed is a memorandum requesting your Federal Identification Number. Please note that your project will be audited in accordance with the General Statutes.

On behalf of the Department of Environmental Quality, I am pleased to make this offer of State Grant funds made available by North Carolina Water Infrastructure Fund.

Sincerely,



Kim H. Colson, P.E., Director
Division of Water Infrastructure, NCDEQ

Enclosures:

Grant Offer and Acceptance Document (2 copies)
Reimbursement Request form
Fed ID Request Form
Resolution to accept Grant Offer (suggested format)
Grant Fee Invoice

cc: Mr. Marvin E. Garner, Jr., AICP, River & Associates, Inc., Greenville
MRF



**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
DIVISION OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**

Funding Offer and Acceptance

Legal Name and Address of Award Recipient

Project Number:

H-MRF-D-20-0031

Chowan County

PO Box 1030

Edenton, NC 27932

Drinking Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Additional Amount for Funding Increases	Previous Total	Total Offered
Wastewater <input type="checkbox"/>			
State Revolving Fund (SRF) <input type="checkbox"/>			
State Reserve Loan (SRP) <input type="checkbox"/>			
State Reserve Grant (SRP) <input type="checkbox"/>			
State Emergency Loan (SEL) <input type="checkbox"/>			
Asset Inventory & Assessment Grant (AIA) <input type="checkbox"/>			
Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Grant (MRF) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			\$50,000

Project Description:

Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Study

Total Financial Assistance Offer:

\$ 50,000

Grant Fee* (1.5 %):

\$ 750

**Grant fee calculated based on grant amount.*

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159G:

- The applicant is eligible under State law,
- The project is eligible under State law, and
- The project has been approved by the Department of Environmental Quality as having sufficient priority to receive financial assistance,

The Department of Environmental Quality, acting on behalf of the State of North Carolina, hereby offers the financial assistance described in this document.

For The State of North Carolina:

**Kim H. Colson, P.E., Director, Division of Water Infrastructure
North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality**

	April 16, 2020
Signature	Date

On Behalf of:

Name of Representative in Resolution: _____

Title (Type or Print): _____

I, the undersigned, being duly authorized to take such action, as evidenced by the attached CERTIFIED COPY OF AUTHORIZATION BY THE APPLICANT'S GOVERNING BODY, do hereby accept this Financial Award Offer and will comply with the Assurances and the Standard Conditions.

.....
Signature	Date

STANDARD CONDITIONS FOR MERGER/REGIONALIZATION FEASIBILITY GRANTS

1. The recipient acknowledges that no disbursements will be made until the grant fee has been received by the Division of Water Infrastructure.
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3. All funds provided pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 159G shall be expended solely for carrying out the approved project and an audit shall be performed in accordance with G.S. 159-34, as amended. **The recipient will expend all of the requisitioned funds for the purpose of paying the costs of the project within three (3) banking days following the receipt of the funds from the State.** Please note that the State is not a party to any contract(s) and the grant recipient is expected to uphold its contract obligations regarding timely payment.
4. Partial disbursements will be made promptly upon request, subject to adequate documentation of incurred eligible costs and grant match, and subject to the recipient's compliance with the conditions of this grant. Requests for reimbursement must be made using the Division of Water Infrastructure's reimbursement form.
5. The recipient must provide a digital copy of the Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Study in a universally readable format.
6. The recipient must provide an executive level summary of the work performed, any conclusions made, and the next steps to be taken as a result of this work.
7. The recipient must provide approved minutes or a resolution confirming the completed Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Study has been presented to the recipient's governing board.
8. A maximum of 95% of the grant will be paid prior to receipt of the documentation described in Standard Condition Nos. 5, 6, and 7. After receipt of this documentation, final payment will be made once it is requested.

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
DIVISION OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**

Funding Offer and Acceptance

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Project Number:

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Chowan County

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FEDERAL ID & DUNS # REQUEST MEMO

TO: All Loan and Grant Recipients

SUBJECT: Federal Identification Number

Please be advised that all local government units receiving grant or loan funds from the State of North Carolina must supply their Federal Identification Number to this office upon acceptance of your loan/grant offer. Therefore, please provide the information below and return to:

Division of Water Infrastructure
1633 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1633

RECIPIENT:

PROJECT NUMBER:

FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

DUNS NUMBER:

REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM

Division of Water Infrastructure

Project No. _____

Period Covered by this Report:

From _____

Grant Amount = _____

Match % Required = _____

Match amount = \$ _____

Recipient Organization

Name: Town, City or County etc.

Payment No. _____

Address:

Page No. _____

City, State & Zip:

<i>Use additional sheets if needed. Use a "Misc." column if needed.</i>				<i>Consultant Deductions towards Match, if In-Kind or Grant Fee see below</i>
	<i>Consultant Name</i>	<i>Consultant Name</i>	<i>Consultant Name</i>	

Classification of	A	B	C	D	Total
<i>Cumulative Totals</i>					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
Total Cumulative to date	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Previously Received					\$ -
Amount Requested	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

In-Kind Contribution					
Grant Fee					
Total Match *				\$ -	
Percent Complete					

Certification

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the billed costs or disbursements are in accordance with terms of the project and that this request represents the monies due which have not been previously received and that an inspection has been performed and all work is in accordance with the terms and conditions of the award.

For applicable SRF projects, the project remains in compliance with Davis-Bacon and American Iron and Steel conditions or is the process of remediating noncompliance.

You must check ONE of the boxes below or your payment will not be processed:

The funds requested above have already been paid to the respective vendors, consultants & contractors by the award recipient.

OR

The funds requested above have not been paid to the respective vendors, consultants & contractors.

Funds received from the State will be disbursed to these entities within three (3) banking days.

Recipient

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Type or Print Name and Title

DWI comments

(Suggested Format)

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WHEREAS, the (unit of government) intends to perform said project in accordance with the agreed scope of work,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE (GOVERNING BODY) OF THE (UNIT OF GOVERNMENT):

That (unit of government) does hereby accept the State Reserve Grant offer of \$ _____.

That the (unit of government) does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that any Conditions or Assurances contained in the Award Offer will be adhered to.

That (name and title of authorized representative), and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required by the Division of Water Infrastructure.

Adopted this the (date adopted) at (place), North Carolina.

(Signature of Chief Executive Officer)

Date

Date: April 16, 2020

INVOICE

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Payable to: NC/DEQ-DWI

Mail to: *Attention: Teresa Tripp*
Division of Water Infrastructure
1633 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1633

Bill To: Chowan County
PO Box 1030
Edenton, NC 27932

Item: 1.5 percent closing fee for MRF Project H-MRF-D-20-0031

Grant Amount: \$50,000.00

Grant Fee Amount: \$750.00

PAYMENT IS DUE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THIS INVOICE

FOR USE OF DIVISION OF WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Deposit to Fund _____ Amount Paid _____



Older Americans Month 2020

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Chowan County includes a growing number of older Americans who make countless contributions to our community every day; and

Whereas, Chowan County is stronger when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are included and encouraged to make their mark; and

Whereas, Chowan County recognizes the importance of the physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being of its citizens; and

Whereas, Chowan County can support our community members by:

- promoting independence, inclusion, and participation;
- engaging older adults through education, recreation, and service; and
- connecting people with opportunities to share their time, experience, and talents.

Now, therefore, the Chowan County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 2020 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every resident to recognize older adults and the people who support them as essential members of our community.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2020

Patti F. Kersey, Chair

(SEAL)

Susanne Stallings, Clerk (ATTEST)



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STAFF REPORT

To: Chowan County Commissioners and County Manager
Date: April 28, 2020
Case: Unassigned

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requested Action: Planning Board review of existing wind facility ordinance to determine if larger setbacks are needed to protect the health, safety and general welfare of neighboring property owners to future wind development in the County.

ANALYSIS

This topic was discussed at the regular April meeting of the Chowan County Planning Board. It was slated to be originally discussed at the March meeting, but that meeting was canceled due to COVID 19.

Attached are draft minutes from the April 21 Planning Board meeting, the draft language that staff provided to the Board, for discussion and 2 emails that were received as public comment for the meeting. One email has an attachment that outlines how Chowan's Wind Facilities Ordinance compares to other counties and other States.

The Planning Board took no action to make any recommendation to the County Commissioners at the meeting referenced in this report, and instead asked staff to provide language that addresses concerns with small wind facilities. They also asked staff if the draft setbacks provided to them were too large.

I have begun working on their request and will have that for their consideration at their next meeting in May.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff does not have a recommendation from the Planning Board to provide to you at this time. The Board will revisit this topic at their next meeting on May 19th.

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Chowan County Planning Board
April 22, 2020- 7 pm
The meeting was held over Webex and Facebook Live.

Chair Mike Williams called the meeting to order and called the roll. Board members Mike Williams, Wayne Parrish, Cindy Smith and Marvin Hare were present. Planning and Inspections Director Brandon Shoaf was also present.

Mr. Williams offered a moment of silence for the invocation.

Mr. Williams asked for any corrections or additions to the agenda. There being none, Mr. Hare moved that the agenda be approved as submitted. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Mr. Williams opened the floor to public comment. Brandon Shoaf explained that since the meeting was being held remotely he had asked for comments to be submitted by 5 pm, the day of the meeting and had received two. One emailed from Don Giecek, of Apex Clean Energy and Katherine Kollins of the Southeast Wind Coalition. Both comments were read into the minutes. (those emails are attached)

Mr. Williams asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes from the February 18, 2020 minutes. Ms. Smith moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Mr. Parrish seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Mr. Williams noted the first item on the agenda, Solar Energy Facility Amendment Proposal.

Mr. Shoaf presented his staff report (attached). He stated that the proposed language was to amend Article 8.108 Solar Energy Facilities, F. Development Plan, 1. H. and was based upon the conversations from the December and February Planning Board meetings regarding a solar development in Currituck County that was damaged during Hurricane Dorian last fall.

Mr. Williams asked if this would require developers to put this requirement into an application.

Mr. Shoaf stated that was correct.

Ms. Smith stated she liked the language that was proposed. She said it was consistent with what had been discussed.

Mr. Williams asked for a motion to make a recommendation to the County Commissioners that the ordinance be amended as proposed and that the amendment would be consistent with the 2018 Land Use Plan or any other plan officially adopted by the Board of Commissioners because it clarifies the intent of the County Zoning Ordinances.

Wayne Parrish made the motion to recommend the change to the Ordinance to the County Commissioners and the consistency statement that Mr. Williams read. Cindy Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Mike Williams commented that he felt better about the process with this language added.

Mr. Williams noted the next item on the agenda, the Wind Ordinance Update Discussion.

Mr. Shoaf presented his Staff Report. (attached) He stated that he sent this out originally back in early March for the meeting at that time that was ultimately cancelled due to CoVID 19. He explained that the Planning Board had been asked by the Commissioners, at their February 17 regularly scheduled meeting, to look into the current wind ordinance. The Commissioners, by consensus, asked that the Planning Board look at the Ordinance from the standpoint that it was based on a template from the late 1990's and that technology was much different now. Mr. Shoaf stated he had provided the board with an excerpt from the draft minutes of that meeting so that the members would have an understanding of what the Commissioners were asking for. He stated that for various health and scientific reasons he thought that the Planning Board was being asked to look at setbacks specifically due to citizens' concerns since the first utility scale wind project was permitted in the County.

Mr. Hare asked if there was something going on that the Board was not aware of. He also said he was at a loss for new data between when the Ordinance was approved and now. He also asked if this was something that came up from some not being completely satisfied with the project being permitted.

Mr. Shoaf stated that there was nothing new in the County, or anything that the Planning Board was unaware of. He also said that his take away from the Commissioners' request was mainly to look at the setbacks and decide if they should be increased to help with concerns that had been raised in the past by citizens that felt they were too close to their property.

Mr. Hare asked if there was a location in Chowan County that a turbine could be 3,600 feet from a road.

Mr. Shoaf stated he was unsure.

Mr. Hare stated that his opinion was that increasing the setback to what Mr. Shoaf had presented in a draft, up to 3,600 feet, would effectively stop construction of numerous windmills in the County.

Mr. Williams said the thought Mr. Hare may be right, that it may not be possible to site one in the County.

Mr. Hare said that his interest was knowing where the data was that says we need to increase that setback. He asked was there a lawsuit that the Planning Board was unaware of. He stated that we have a good example of what these windmills look like, and sound like, and what kind of impact they have to the environment in a neighboring county.

Mr. Shoaf said that there was no lawsuit and that now that we have windmills in the area to observe, is there anything that would need to be addressed to make our ordinance better for Chowan, with that in mind.

Mr. Williams said that it was tough to research this type subject because finding data on the web is very subjective. He suggested the board may need some help with research.

Mr. Hare said he would look from direction from the State. He used the example of university studies and things of that nature. He said he would like to see data that would support what Mr. Shoaf had proposed in the way the setbacks.

Mr. Shoaf stated that the Ordinance now breaks projects up into small, medium and large. He stated he considered the small project, as defined in the ordinance to be a residential, individual's use. He said based on what type of projects are proposed here and what we have seen in neighboring counties, he felt that a medium project was not something that we see in the future and for that reason he only suggested differences between small and large. He explained that the design of the project in the desert was probably what turbines would look like in this area.

Mr. Hare said that was definitely something to consider. That very project is very relatable because like most, he's been out there to them. He also said that he has more concerns for the small windmills not having similar constraints to larger windmills because small windmills can be 120 feet tall, but only 160 feet from another's property. He felt that may be too close and is concerning.

Mr. Shoaf stated that what he sent out to the Board was just to get the discussion started.

Mr. Williams asked that the windmills that were already proposed and permitted would not be affected and that this discussion was about future ones.

Brandon Shoaf said that was correct.

Mr. Hare said that an example of small windmills being loud were at Jennettes Pier.

Mr. Williams said having shorter blades like those meant they had to turn rapidly.

Mr. Hare said that is exactly what he was talking about with the small windmill guidelines we currently have. He said with windmills that size, he was more concerned about sound.

Mr. Williams asked what the timeframe was for returning something to the Commissioners for this.

Brandon Shoaf stated that the Commissioners had asked that something be brought back to them for their May meeting. He stated he could package something of an update to send them in May if they were not ready to make a recommendation of an amendment tonight.

Mr. Williams asked what was their main concern as to having to amend the ordinance. Is it safety or visibility.

Mr. Shoaf said he felt it was health, safety and general welfare and those were concerns he had seen raised by citizens in the county. He said that it sounded like the Commissioners thought that greater setbacks would take care of a lot of those concerns.

Wayne Parrish said that some things he has heard from citizens that the smaller windmills make more noise, but the larger put off a lot more flicker. Larger blades, turning slower creates makes more flicker. He said the ones at the beach make a lot of noise but not much flicker.

Mr. Shoaf said that he would put something together to let the Commissioners know that the smaller turbines were also of concern.

Cindy Smith stated that shadow flicker is limited to 30 hours a year in the current ordinance, but it seemed reasonable.

Mr. Parrish asked if the bigger setbacks were to help with flicker.

Mr. Shoaf said yes. He also said that it would mean they would need to be sited in a way that keeps the flicker away from residential properties.

Mr. Williams stated that at sunrise and sunset that could be miles.

Mr. Hare said he was ok with 0 flicker, but that the point of the ordinance now was to address those times of the day that we would have long shadows. He said that flicker was a real issue and had some research to support it causing mental health issues.

Mr. Williams asked the Board if they were ready to recommend anything to the Commissioners. He also said that it seemed that setbacks were a way to address concerns, but were extreme to really make a difference.

Mr. Hare said he would like to take the 30 hours of flicker per year out of the Ordinance and that may solve a lot of the issue.

Ms. Smith said she agreed.

Mr. Williams stated that a lot of sites would need adjustment to not interfere with residents in the area.

Mr. Shoaf pointed out that he had also drafted a change to where the decibels would be measured for an adjacent nonparticipating property owner. He said he suggested the decibels be measured at the property line as opposed to the residence or structure. His point was to give more of a buffer.

Mr. Hare and Ms. Smith both said it made sense and they agreed.

Mr. Williams talked about the standard now at 55 db and stated he thought hearing damage started in the 80 decibel range. He said his point was 55 seemed pretty high and was noticeable.

Mr. Parrish said he thought we would have more issue with the flicker than the sound. He said the larger windmills did not make much noise. He also stated that he had concerns with shadow flicker on the highway and roads.

Mr. Shoaf said that protection for the rights of way could be something that could be crafted into any language as a way to keep drivers safe in the early morning or evenings.

Mr. Shoaf said he would put together a report for the Commissioners to show the progress the board is making on this part of the Ordinance for their May meetings and have updated language for the Planning Board to consider at their next meeting.

Mr. Hare suggested that the Board look more at the small windmills. He said he was concerned about the lack of direction or definition in the ordinance for them.

Mr. Williams noted the next item on the agenda, Items Considered Timely & Important.

Mr. Shoaf stated he did not have anything specific, but wanted to thank Cord Palmer, the County IT Director and Susanne Stallings, the County Clerk for all their help in getting setup for the meeting and providing the technical expertise to make the remote happen.

There being no further business, Mr. Williams asked for a motion to adjourn. Wayne Parrish made the motion. Cindy Smith seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (4-0)

8.109 Wind Energy Facilities (Small, ~~Medium~~, Large)

A. Zoning Districts

Small: A-1
~~Medium: A-1~~
Large: A-1

B. Preamble

Wind Energy Facilities may be permitted in districts as designated in the Table of Permitted Uses, found at Article 5, Table 5-1, subject to the following requirements:

1. A Permit Application for a Wind Energy Facility shall contain the following:
 - (a) A narrative describing the proposed Wind Energy Facility, including an overview of the project;
 - (b) The proposed total rated capacity of the Wind Energy Facility;
 - (c) The proposed number, representative types and height or range of heights of Wind Turbines to be constructed, including their rated capacity, dimensions and respective manufacturers, and a description of ancillary facilities;
 - (d) Identification and location of the property or properties on which the proposed Wind Energy Facility will be located;
 - (e) A site plan showing the planned location of all Wind Turbines, property lines, setback lines, access roads, substation(s), electrical cabling from the Wind Energy Facility to the substation(s), ancillary equipment, building(s), transmission and distribution lines. The site plan must also include the location of all Occupied Buildings, Residences, and other features sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the setbacks required by this Article;
 - (f) Any Environmental Assessment required by state or Federal law;
 - (g) Decommissioning plans that describe the anticipated life of the Wind Energy Facility, the estimated decommissioning costs in current dollars, the salvage value of the equipment, and the anticipated manner in which the Wind Energy Facility will be decommissioned and the site restored;
 - (h) Documentation of agreement between Participating Landowner(s) and the Applicant, Facility Owner, or Operator; and Signature of the Applicant.
 - (i) The applicant shall establish an escrow account in the name of Chowan County in the amount of \$50,000 to be used by the

County for all County expenses related to the project.

2. Throughout the permit process, the Applicant shall promptly notify Chowan County of any proposed changes to the information contained in the permit application that would materially alter the impact of the project.
3. Changes to the approved application that do not materially alter the initial site plan may be administratively approved by the Zoning Administrator. Major modifications to the approved Conditional Use Permit will require a new Application and approval by the Planning Board and Board of County Commissioners in the same manner as the original Conditional Use Permit. Major Modification is defined as an expansion of the project boundary or an increase in the number of turbines. A decrease in the number of turbines or the relocation of any turbine on the site plan within the project boundary is not a Major Modification so long as the turbine locations conform to development standards of the ordinance.
4. Wind Turbine Height and Setback Multipliers and Minimum Lot Sizes:
The Setbacks shall be calculated by multiplying the required setback number by the Wind Turbine Height and measured from the center of the Wind Turbine base to the property line or the nearest point on a public road right-of-way or the nearest point on the foundation of a Residence or an Occupied Building. For a Wind Energy Facility, Large, the minimum lot size is the minimum combined acreage of lots that are under lease or agreement with the Applicant or Wind Energy Facility Owner pertaining to the Wind Energy Facility.

Lot Size, Setback and Height Requirements

Facility Type	Minimum Lot Size	Minimum Setback Requirements				Maximum Height
		Occupied Buildings	Residences	Property Line (Non-Participating Property)	Public Roads	
Small Facility	43,000 Sq. Ft.	1.5	1.5	1.1	1.5	120 feet
Medium Facility	250 Acres	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.5	250 feet
Large Facility	100 500 Acres	2.5 5	2.5 6	1.5 5	1.5 5	600 feet

Setback requirements may be waived by a property owner so long as such waiver is in writing and signed by the property owner and recorded in the Chowan County Register of Deeds Office.

5. Sound and Shadow Flicker

This Section shall only apply to Large Wind Energy Facilities. Sound and Shadow Flicker issues for Small ~~and Medium~~ Wind Energy Facilities are addressed by setbacks.

- (a) Audible sound from a Large Wind Energy Facility shall not exceed fifty-five (55) dBA, as measured at ~~any Occupied Building or Residence on the property~~ the closest property line of a Non-Participating Landowner.
- (b) There shall be no shadow Flicker on any Occupied Building or Residence on a nonparticipating landowner's property caused by a Large Wind Energy Facility ~~must not exceed thirty (30) hours per year.~~
- (c) Sound and/or Shadow Flicker provisions may be waived by a property owner so long as such waiver is in writing, signed by the property owner and recorded in the Chowan County Register of Deeds Office.

6. Installation and Design

- (a) The installation and design of the Wind Energy Facility shall conform to applicable industry standards, including those of the American National Standards Institute, and take into consideration local conditions.
- (b) All structural, electrical and mechanical components of the Wind Energy Facility shall conform to relevant and applicable local, state and national codes.
- (c) The visual appearance of a Wind Turbine shall at a minimum:
 - i. Be a non-obtrusive color such as white, off-white or gray;
 - ii. Not be artificially lighted, except to the extent required by the Federal Aviation Administration or other applicable authority that regulates air safety; and
 - iii. Not display advertising (including flags, streamers or decorative items), except for identification of the Wind Turbine manufacturer, Facility Owner and Operator.

7. Decommissioning

- (a) The Wind Energy Facility Owner shall have twelve (12) months to complete decommissioning of the Wind Energy Facility if no electricity is generated for a continuous period of twelve (12) months. For purposes of this Section, this twelve (12) month period shall not include delay resulting from Force Majeure.

- (b) Decommissioning shall include removal of Wind Turbines, buildings, cabling, electrical components, roads, and any other associated facilities down to thirty-six (36) inches below grade.
- (c) Disturbed earth shall be graded and re-seeded, unless the landowner requests in writing that the access roads or other land surface areas not be restored.
- (d) Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the owner of a ~~Medium or~~ Large Wind Energy Facility shall provide a cash bond in favor of the County in an amount equal to the estimated removal cost of the Wind Energy Facility. The bond shall remain in full force and effect until any necessary site restoration is completed to restore the site to a condition comparable to that which existed prior to the issuance of the Conditional Use Permit.

8.110 Recycling Centers

A recycling center developed as a principal use shall be permitted in accordance with Table 5-1, subject to the following:

- A. Recycling centers shall be located five hundred feet or more from any existing residential use. This distance shall be measured from the location of the actual recycling center operation, and not from the property boundaries within which the use is located.
- B. No recycling center operation shall exceed five acres in size.
- C. Any given piece of material collected through operation of the recycling center may not remain on-site for a period exceeding thirty days.
- D. No recycling centers may be developed within a defined Highway Corridor Overlay District.
- E. All new recycling centers must comply with the landscaping screening standards outlined under Section 16.04 (B). If a newly established recycling center is not subject to these standards then screening shall be provided to shield the operation from the right-of-way or road providing access to the site. The method used for screening may be determined by the applicant, but must be approved by the Planning Board in conjunction with the issuance of a special use permit.

8.111 Welding Shops

Shoaf, Brandon

From: Don Giecek <don.giecek@apexcleanenergy.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Shoaf, Brandon
Subject: [External] Chowan Wind ordinance- Apex Clean Energy

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Brandon,
Please find below, comments regarding the Chowan Wind ordinance.
Thank you,
Don

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments as Chowan County considers whether it will amend its wind energy ordinance. Timbermill Wind has been involved with the community for many years, and though progress on our project has proceeded more slowly than we had hoped, potential does remain for this project to bring millions of dollars in tax revenues, construction spending, and landowner payments in the coming years. The benefit a wind energy project can bring to a community can be seen in the county right next door, where Amazon's wind farm is providing economic stimulus to the county without creating any strain on county infrastructure or resources.

We encourage the members of the Chowan County Planning Commission to keep this county open for business. Now is not the time to turn investment away, especially when that investment can create a stable stream of new revenue that will help keep this community resilient in the uncertain times that are sure to come.

Of course, it is a critical function of the County Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners to make sure their residents are safe, and the county's existing ordinance does a very good job of that. At this time, nothing has changed from a scientific or technical perspective with regards to wind energy that would require the county to update its ordinance. On the contrary, it has never been more important for communities to welcome businesses that will help keep their economies strong to support the health and well-being of all of their residents.

We are grateful for the patience the Chowan County community has shown as we continue the challenging work of developing and permitting the Timbermill Wind project, and we ask you to think twice about taking any action that would unnecessarily eliminate the chance for local residents to benefit from a safe and responsible wind energy project like Timbermill Wind.

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Shoaf, Brandon

From: Katharine Kollins <katharinek@sewind.org>
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Cc: Jaime Simmons
Subject: [External] Public Comment for Planning Meeting this evening - SEWC
Attachments: Chowan Wind Ordinance Comparison Table.pdf

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Hello Brandon,

Please find public comments from the Southeastern Wind Coalition below for the planning board meeting this evening. As a 501c3 non-profit, we are always open to providing fact-based resources and information on wind energy, so please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Thanks,

Katharine Kollins

The Southeastern Wind Coalition works diligently to ensure responsible wind projects can be developed across our region, guaranteeing rural communities can take advantage of this unparalleled economic development opportunity. With business uncertainty at an all time high, energy production from clean generating sources is one of the most stable business opportunities moving into the future. Our state's utilities, Duke Energy and Dominion Energy, have both pledged to remove all carbon emitting generating sources from their fleets by 2050. These utilities are aggressively looking at how and where to site new renewable energy projects. Wind energy injects millions into local economies and provides high paying, long-term jobs. Neighboring counties have 18 full time jobs at the Amazon wind farm and have received nearly \$4M in county tax and lease payments in the last three years. These are essential, recession-proof jobs with an average annual salary of \$80k/yr.

Community support and business certainty are critical to ensuring these infrastructure projects have the best chance at being built. With the increased interest in wind energy from our state's utilities, and decreased revenues for most localities, now is the time to ensure Chowan County is able to welcome new jobs and a stable tax base.

Chowan County has a wind ordinance in place that ensures smart development (please see attached ordinance comparison to other NC counties). Combined with the North Carolina state permitting process and the numerous Federal permits required, we are certain the county is in a solid position to protect itself while taking advantage of the wind resource blowing through the skies, bringing with it tax revenues and jobs. Any adjustments to Chowan's current permitting regime increases business uncertainty and could cause projects like Apex's Timbermill wind farm, to cease development. Please consider this as you discuss potential changes that could signal Chowan county is not open for business.

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Katharine Kollins
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Comparison of Ordinances for Utility-Scale Wind Farms

Category	Chowan County, NC Existing Wind Ordinance	Perquimans County, NC	Pasquotank County, NC	Washington County, NC	Tyrrell County, NC	NC Model Wind Ordinance ²	VA Model Wind Ordinance ³	GA Model Wind Ordinance ⁴
	Compared to the ordinances above, the Chowan County wind ordinance is:							
Setbacks	Occupied Bldgs – 2.5x Residences – 2.5x Property Line – 1.5x Public Roads – 1.5x	Equivalent	Equivalent	Equivalent	Equivalent	Equivalent	Chowan is More Strict	Equivalent
Maximum Height	600 feet	Equivalent	Equivalent	Chowan is More Strict (no max)	Chowan is Less Strict (500ft)	Chowan is More Strict (no max)	Chowan is More Strict (no max)	Chowan is More Strict (no max)
Sound Levels	Max 55 dBA at Occupied Building or Residence on non-participating property	Equivalent	Equivalent	Equivalent	Equivalent	Equivalent	Chowan is Different (60 dBA at property line)	Chowan is Less Strict (55 dBA at property line vs building)
Shadow Flicker	<30 hours per year	Equivalent	Equivalent	Equivalent	Equivalent	Equivalent	Equivalent ("reasonable efforts to minimize")	Equivalent
Decommis- sioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must decommission in 12 months if no power generated for continuous 12 months - Remove equipment down to 36 in below grade, restore surface. - Bond required 	Equivalent	Equivalent	Equivalent	Chowan is Less Strict (6 months vs 12 months to complete)	Chowan is both More Strict (no bond requirement) and Less Strict (6 months vs 12 months to complete)	Equivalent	Chowan is both More Strict (no bond, no below-grade removal) and Less Strict (3 months vs 12 months to complete)

² http://energy.appstate.edu/sites/energy.appstate.edu/files/NCModelWindOrd_July2008.pdf

³ <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Portals/0/DEQ/RenewableEnergy/4%204%202012%20Util%20Scale%20Model%20Ord%20formatted.docx>

⁴ http://www.gawwg.org/images/GA_Model_Wind_Ordinance_March_2010.pdf