

Recessed Meeting May 11, 2022
(Legislative Dinner)

A recessed meeting of the Nash County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at Ribeyes Steakhouse (104 W. Nashville, Drive, Nashville, NC) for the annual Nash County Legislative Dinner.

Present were Chairman Robbie B. Davis and Commissioners Marvin C. Arrington, Fred Belfield, Jr., Dan Cone, Sue Leggett, J. Wayne Outlaw, and Gwen Wilkins.

Others present were Senator Lisa Stone Barnes, Representative James Gailliard, Kendra Jones, Ken Ripley, Sheriff Keith Stone, Major Allen Wilson, Dr. Steve Ellis, Jonathan Boone, Andy Hagy, Janice Evans, Stacie Shatzer, Scott Rogers, and Vince Durham.

Chairman Robbie B. Davis called the recessed meeting to order and called on Fred Belfield, Jr. for the invocation.

After dinner, Representative James Gailliard and Senator Lisa Barnes provided general remarks about the 2022 session.

The Board of Commissioners and Legislators discussed the following top 6 legislative issues and other legislative issues that affect Nash County.

**Nash County Legislative Dinner
May 11, 2022
Legislative Priorities**

Top 6 Legislative Issues that Affect Nash County:

- Make transport of mental health patients across the state a state responsibility.
- Support state funding for local industrial site development.
- Support legislation that promotes opioid prevention initiatives.
- Continue to support funding (Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology = GREAT) & other high speed internet program. Also, support county options for extending high speed internet into underserved and unserved areas of counties.
- Support current expenses for public schools, fully reinstate lottery proceeds for the Public School Building Capital Fund, and support a \$1.9 billion statewide education bond.
- Oppose unfunded mandates and shifts of state responsibilities to counties.

Other Legislative Issues that Affect Nash County:

- Elimination of the sunset (2023) for Abandoned Manufactured Home Authorizing Legislation.
- Eliminate second primary elections.
- Provide for and fund a comprehensive statewide approach to hydrilla control in public water reservoirs.
- Provide regular funding for stream clearing.
- Allow sales tax redistribution flexibility beyond the current limited uses.
- Support legislation to allow state and Medicaid reimbursement for home visits by Community Paramedics for medical, behavioral health or substance use disorder patients.
- Provide funding or allow NCDOT to improve private roads that are currently open to the public but not state maintained.

Chairman Davis on behalf of the Nash County Board of Commissioners presented the following resolution to the legislators for their consideration and support.

NASH COUNTY RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE OMISSION OF LEFT TURN LANES AT THE OLD CARRIAGE ROAD AND SUNSET AVENUE INTERSECTION

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of Nash County that residents, visitors, and commercial traffic have easy, safe, efficient and economical access to travel and roadway systems throughout the region; and,

WHEREAS, it is important to Nash County to support businesses along the travel routes in the County; and

WHEREAS, Nash County depends upon the sales and gas tax benefits and revenues of the motoring public at commercial establishments in Nash County along and near travel routes to fund services within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Nash County Board of Commissioners has been contacted by all of the business owners at the Old Carriage Road and Sunset Avenue intersection; and

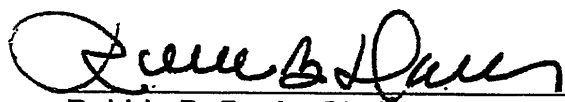
WHEREAS, these business owners feel that the revised plan to eliminate all left turn lanes at this intersection will create confusion, impose undue inconvenience and seriously adversely affect their business interest; and

WHEREAS, the Nash County Board of Commissioners strongly opposes any plan that will prove to be detrimental to local businesses, such as limiting the flow of ingress and egress to these businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nash County Board of Commissioners does hereby request the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Office of the Governor, and the North Carolina General Assembly further investigate alternatives to the revised plans for the intersection at Old Carriage Road and Sunset Avenue in Nash County, North Carolina and reinstate left turn lanes as per the original plans at this intersection.

BE IT FURTURE RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, The Office of the Governor of North Carolina and to members of the North Carolina Senate and House of Representatives who serve Nash County.

Adopted this the 2nd day of May, 2022.



Robbie B. Davis, Chairman
Nash County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Janice Evans, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Davis called for a ten (10) minutes recess.

On motion of Gwen Wilkins seconded by Sue Leggett and duly passed that the Board go into closed session as permitted by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege, and NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4) for the discussion of matters relating to economic development and the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the County.

Upon reconvening, Chairman Davis called the closed session to order.

During closed session, the Board received an update on an economic development project, Project Fitting, and consulted with the attorney to discuss matters that are subject to the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and Board.

On motion of Dan Cone seconded Gwen Wilkins and duly passed that the closed session adjourn.

On motion of Gwen Wilkins seconded by Sue Leggett and duly passed that the meeting adjourn.

Janice Evans, Clerk
Nash County Board of Commissioners