

Recessed Meeting March 21, 2019
(Legislative Dinner at 6:00 PM)

A recessed meeting of the Nash County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 PM, March 21, 2019 at the Nashville Exchange in Nashville, NC for the annual Nash County Legislative Dinner.

Present were Chairman Robbie B. Davis and Commissioners Fred Belfield, Jr., Dan Cone, Sue Leggett, J. Wayne Outlaw, Lou M. Richardson and Mary P. Wells.

Others present were Senator Rick Horner, Representative Lisa Stone Barnes, Representative James Gailliard, Amanda Clark, Amelia Harper, Zee B. Lamb, Patsy McGhee, Donna Wood, Janice Evans, Stacie Shatzer, Susan Phelps, Dr. Bill Carver, Paul Jaber, Dr. Shelton Jefferies, and Vince Durham.

Chairman Robbie B. Davis called the recessed meeting to order and called on Lou M. Richardson for the invocation.

After dinner, 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
March 21, 2019
Legislative Priorities**

Top 6 Legislative Issues that Affect Nash County:

- Make transport of mental health patients across the state a state responsibility.
- Support legislation that promotes opioid prevention initiatives.
- Expand state funding (Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology = GREAT) program to 2019 Tier 1 counties. 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.
- Support a "hold harmless" provision for public school administrative staff.
- Oppose unfunded mandates and shifts of state responsibilities to counties.

Other Legislative Issues that Affect Nash County:

- Retain county management of nonemergency Medicaid transport services.
- Eliminate second primary elections.
- Ensure that adequate indigent care funding is available to local Managed Care Organizations (MCO's) for mental health patients.
- 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.
- Support state funding for local industrial site development.
- Provide funding or allow NCDOT to improve private roads that are currently open to the public but not state maintained.

Senator Rick Horner presented the following information to the Board from the NC Department of Health and Human Services regarding the Rules Task Force Meeting regarding regulations related to Emergency Medical Services and EMS Professionals. He explained to the Board that this would require paramedics to have a two-year Associates Degree to be on an ambulance.



**NC DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Health Service Regulation

ROY COOPER • Governor
MANDY COHEN, MD, MPH • Secretary
MARK PAYNE • Director

To: Interested EMS Systems, Agencies, Medical Directors and EMS Professionals

From: Tom Mitchell, Chief
North Carolina Office of EMS

Date: March 1, 2019

Re: Rules Task Force Meeting Information

In an effort to maintain current regulations related to Emergency Medical Services and EMS Professionals, the North Carolina Office of EMS regularly reviews and updates the EMS rules found in North Carolina Administrative Code Sub-chapter 13P. Rules are updated based on emerging issues and needs as well as identified gaps that will improve practice, administration and education.

During the fourth quarter of 2018, the Office of EMS began exploring a revision of the rules related to education. This produced a draft version of rules accompanying this memo. On February 12, 2019, the draft was presented to the North Carolina EMS Advisory Council. At that same meeting a task force was appointed to "pre-vet" the draft rules.

The mission of the task force is to serve as facilitators for the public and EMS community to provide comment on the proposed revisions as a means of "pre-vetting" the rules prior to submission to the Medical Care Commission. The task force will review all comments received and provide their recommendations on any changes to the first draft that might be warranted based on the comments received. Once the final draft is prepared, the Chair will present the final draft and the task force recommendation on this final draft to the full EMS Advisory Council at the scheduled May meeting.

In order to fully vet the rules, it will be necessary to conduct a series of meetings across the state in order for the task force to have an opportunity to hear verbal as well as obtain written comments. There have been five (5) locations identified, which may be found on the accompanying map along with addresses and times.

For quick reference, these meetings have been scheduled for the following dates, times and locations:

March 20 Bladen Community College
Auditorium
7418 NC Hwy 41W
Dublin, NC 28332
Meetings will be held at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

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On motion of Dan Cone seconded by Fred Belfield, Jr. and duly passed that the meeting recess until Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 9:30 AM at the Barn, 3405 S. Wesleyan Blvd., Sharpsburg, NC for the Nash County Board of Commissioners 2019 Budget Retreat.

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| March 28 | Pitt Community College
Fulford Building, WEF-153
1986 Pitt Tech Road
Winterville, NC 28590
Meetings will be held at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm |
| April 1 | Durham Tech – Orange Campus
Multi-Purpose Room
525 College Park Rd
Hillsborough, NC 27278
Meetings will be held at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm
<i>*please note this location meeting times differ slightly</i> |
| April 4 | Mitchell Community College
Auditorium-Continuing Education Center
701 West Front Street
Statesville, NC 28677
Meetings will be held at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm |
| April 9 | Haywood Community College – Waynesville
Regional High Tech Center Auditorium
112 Industrial Park Drive
Waynesville, NC 28786
Meetings will be held at 1:00pm and 7:00 pm |

Janice Evans, Clerk
Nash County Board of Commissioners

Members of the task force and the organization they represent are:

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| Robert Poe, Chair | NC Association of Rescue and EMS |
| Dr. Bill Atkinson | Public Member |
| Jim Albright | NC Association of EMS Administrators |
| Todd Baker | American Heart Association |
| Chuck Elledge | Senate Appointee |
| Dr. Darrell Nelson | NC College of Emergency Physicians |
| Mike Price | Educator |
| Sarah W. Rivenbark | Community Paramedic |
| Kevin Staley | House Appointee |
| Steve Taylor | Educator |

All interested parties are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings to provide valuable input on the draft rules.