

May 14, 2026

To: Matthew Levi

Ashe County Planning Board

Re: Ashe County Planning Board Application – David Phipps

I have been on the Planning Board for 6 years, and decided some months ago not to see reappointment. I thought it was time to give others the opportunity to serve. In the last 6 weeks, I have heard from ever current member of the Planning Board. The message I got from them was consistent and moved me to reconsider.

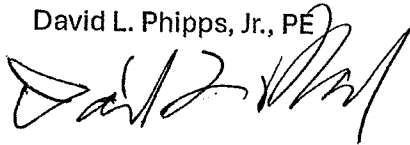
Based on the feedback I got from our Board and the work that we have done together, I respectively am seeking reappointment to the Ashe County Planning Board.

Attached is my application along with letters of recommendation from 3 or the other 4 board members. (David McMilliam is in Europe and I was not available).

I understand that the posted deadline is past, but believe I can continue to make significant contributions to Ashe County and the Planning Board.

Let me know what I can do in this process.

David L. Phipps, Jr., PE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Phipps, Jr.", written in a cursive style.



Ashe County Planning Board Application

By completing this application, you are providing information about yourself for the Ashe County Board of County Commissioners to use in making a decision regarding appointments to the Planning Board. The Ashe County Planning Department appreciates your interest in serving on this advisory board.

Please provide the following. If additional space is required, you may attach additional pages. All information provided on this form is considered public record.

Name: DAVID L. PHIPPS, JR. P. E.

Physical Address: 133 ALAPHAIR LN SCOTTVILLE NC 28672

Mailing Address: SAME

Phone Number(s): 336-620-3262

Email: DAVID52653@GMAIL.COM

Length of Residence in Ashe County: Born here in 1953 - ADULT SINCE 2016

Occupation (if retired, indicate previous occupation): REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER

Please answer the following:

- Education, or other coursework/training, pertinent to community planning:
BS/MS ENGINEERING / ASHE CO. PLANNING BOARD 6 years
3 YEARS HOLLY SPRINGS NC BOA
- Work Experience pertinent to planning and community development:
Regional Emergency Storm Manager LEADERS SE US
- Have you served on other boards? If so please list below:
HOLLY SPRINGS NC BOA - 6 years ASHE PLANNING BOARD

David Phipps



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Planning: Indicate your thoughts of how Planning efforts should impact growth and development in the County, as well as any trends of development that you see taking place within the County. These may reflect on residential, commercial or other development. Feel free to expound upon any problems, needs and specific issues that you believe should be addressed in the future.

Our County must continue to encourage
affordable housing, while protecting our environment
and providing help for key industries.

Meeting & Term Commitment: Are you able to commit to a three-year term if appointed to the Planning Board and attend at least one, but up to two, monthly Planning Board meetings currently scheduled for the 3rd Thursday, which could last approximately 1-2 hours each?

**please note there may be additional special meetings required from time to time.*

Yes No

If no, explain: _____

Conflicts of Interest: Please indicate and explain below if you believe you might have any conflict of interest in deciding upon the following: approval of subdivisions, various development projects from local developers, developers located outside of Ashe County or any other possible conflicts of interest.

NONE

By signing below, I affirm that the information I provided above is accurate and I wish to submit my application to serve on the Ashe County Planning Board.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: 5/18/26

Please return completed application to the Ashe Co. Planning Dept. at 150 Government Cir., Ste. 2400, Jefferson, NC 28640 or email completed application to planning@ashecountygov.com.

5/18/26

Ashe County Commissioners
150 Government Circle, Suite 2500
Jefferson, NC 28640

Dear Ashe County Commissioners,

It is my pleasure to recommend David Phipps for re-appointment on the Ashe County Planning Board.

I have served with David for the last 6 years on the board. David has been a tremendous asset to the board as well as the citizens of Ashe County. He puts the interest of the county above all else.

Under David's leadership as board chairman, the board has grown stronger and more efficient.

Please feel free to contact me for more information or to discuss this recommendation further.

Sincerely,



Derek Calhoun
Ashe County Planning Board Member

Monday, May 18, 2026 at 9:06:48 AM Eastern Daylight Time

Subject: Ashe County Planning Board reappointment
Date: Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7:31:49 AM Eastern Daylight Time
From: kellycarson@skybest.com
To: 'David Phipps'

Dear Planning Director:

I am writing to recommend the reappointment of David Phipps to our Ashe County Planning Board. David has demonstrated a strong commitment to the county and has provided thoughtful, steady leadership during his service on the board.

His experience, professionalism, and understanding of planning issues continue to be a valuable asset to Ashe County, and I believe his continued service would benefit the community.

Thank you.

Kelly Diamond
Ashe County Planning Board Member

Monday, May 18, 2026 at 9:09:20 AM Eastern Daylight Time

Subject: Reappointment

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 10:04:46 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: New Yahoo.

To: david52653@gmail.com

I would very much like to see David Phillips reappointed to the planning board we have a lot more work to do and need his input on getting it done.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)