

Ashe County

*150 Government Circle
Jefferson, NC 28640*



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, January 5, 2026

9:00 AM

Commission Meeting Room

County Commission

***Chairperson Todd McNeill
Vice Chair Jerry D. Powers
Commissioner Russell Killen
Commissioner Wes Greene
Commissioner Mike Eldreth***

BUSINESS SESSION**I. 9:00 AM - Meeting Called to Order at the Ashe County Courthouse****II. Pledge of Allegiance/Opening Prayer****III. Consent Agenda**

[MIN 25-34](#) December 15th, 2025 Regular Session Minutes

Attachments: [1-5-2026 December 15th, 2025 Regular Session Minutes](#)

[MIN 25-35](#) December 15th, 2025 Executive Session Minutes

[MISC 25-38](#) Reinstatement of Annual Leave Accrual, Sick Leave Balance, and Prior Longevity Step for Jennifer DeSpain

Attachments: [1-5-2026 Employment History for Jennifer DeSpain](#)

IV. Adoption of Agenda**V. Public Comment****VI. Presentations**

[PRES 25-171](#) 9:05 AM - PUBLIC HEARING - Nick Farmerie, Community Development Director & Assistant County Manager - Shell Building Project Ordinance (Update)

Attachments: [1-5-2026 Public Hearing Notice for Expendature of Local Funds for Economic D](#)

[PRES 25-172](#) 9:10 AM - PUBLIC HEARING - Nick Farmerie, Community Development Director & Assistant County Manager - Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Relief Funds

Attachments: [1-5-2026 Public Hearing Notice for CDBG-DR](#)

[PRES 25-173](#) 9:15 AM - Sheriff Phil Howell & Sergeant Brian Blanco - Purchase of L.E.A.D. Training Material (Quotes) and Budget Amendment

Attachments: [1-5-2026 Sheriff Agenda Request](#)

[PRES 25-174](#) 9:20 AM - Jennifer Richardson, Ashe County Volunteer Coordinator - Approval for the 2026 Volunteer Awards Program & Governor's Award Luncheon

[PRES 25-176](#) 9:30 AM - Andrew Downs, New River Conservancy Executive Director - Great Trails State Grant Resolution

Attachments: [1-5-2026 Resolution Ashe County & NRC -Great Trails State Program Grant No](#)

PRES 25-175 9:35 AM - Nick Farmerie, Community Development Director & Assistant County Manager - Ambulance Base Request for Qualifications

Attachments: [1-5-2026 Ambulance Base RFQ](#)

GENERAL SESSION

VII. Commissioner Comments

VIII. Announcements

IX. Executive Session

X. Adjournment

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