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TO: Adam Stumb, Ashe County Manager

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SUBJECT: Appointment for High Country Rural Planning Organization (RPO)

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

DATE: October 7, 2025

The High Country RPO's Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) is the RPO's governing board and is comprised of one county commissioner from each county, one municipal elected official from each county, one elected official from each municipality with a population of 10,000 or more, and one member representing the NC Board of Transportation.

Wes Greene, Ashe County Commissioner, has been serving as the Ashe County Representative on the RTAC. Wes's term is set to expire on December 31, 2025. Therefore, I am requesting an Ashe County Commissioner to fill Wes Greene's vacancy on the RTAC.

Please note that a reappointment is possible.

The RTAC's regular meeting date and location is the third Wednesday of February, May, August, and November at the High Country Council of Government offices in Boone.

Municipal representatives on the RTAC are chosen by a caucus of the municipalities within each county. No procedure is spelled out in the RTAC bylaws that describe alternating representation among towns or process for selecting a municipal representative. Therefore, decisions on appointments or reappointments of municipal representatives to the RTAC are left to the town's administration and governing boards.

Please consider Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin when deciding on an appointment to the RTAC.

Please have the appointment to the RTAC selected by January 5, 2026 and notify me of this appointment. I will be glad to help in any way or answer any questions you may have regarding this request. You may contact me at 828-265-5434, ext. 135 or by email at dgraham@hccog.org.