

Recessed Meeting March 16, 2023
(Legislative Dinner)

A recessed meeting of the Nash County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 PM, Thursday, March 16, 2023, at the Nashville Exchange (229 W. Washington St., 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 Barnes (left early), Representative Allen Chesser and wife, Jessica Chesser, Dr. Steve Ellis, Dr. LaShawnda Washington, Patsy McGhee, Donna Wood, Lindell Kay, Dave Cruz, Janice Evans, Stacie Shatzer, Scott Rogers, and Vince Durham, Battle, Winslow, Scott and Wiley, PA.

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

Attendee introductions were provided.

Representative Allen Chesser provided general remarks about the 2023 Session.

Chairman Davis called for a recess for dinner.

After dinner, Commissioners, staff, Nash County Public Schools representatives, and Representative Allen Chesser discussed the following legislative issues and other legislative issues that affect Nash County.



**NASH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECESSED MEETING
NASHVILLE EXCHANGE
March 16, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.**

**LEGISLATIVE DINNER
AGENDA**

1. Call the Recessed Meeting Back to Order - Chairman Robbie Davis
2. Welcome – Chairman Robbie Davis
3. Invocation – Commissioner Fred Belfield
4. Dinner
5. General Remarks About the 2023 Session - Each Legislator
6. Review and Discuss Legislative Goals - Chairman Robbie Davis
7. Other Items – Commissioners
8. Adjourn the Meeting

**Nash County Legislative Dinner
March 16, 2023
Legislative Priorities**

Top Legislative Issues that Affect Nash County:

1. Support changes in legislation for a non-contiguous annexation by a municipality, giving the affected county a voice in the process, especially where it could lead to rezoning the property inconsistent with the county's land development plan.
2. Make transport of mental health patients across the state a state responsibility.
3. Support state funding for local industrial site development.
4. Continue to support funding (i.e. Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology = GREAT) & other high-speed internet programs. Also, support county options for extending high speed internet into underserved and unserved areas of counties.
5. Support current expenses for public schools, fully reinstate lottery proceeds for the Public School Building Capital Fund, support lottery funding for renovation and/or improvements to schools, and support a statewide education bond.

Other Legislative Issues that Affect Nash County:

6. Eliminate second primary elections.
7. Support full funding for School Resource Officers in all elementary schools and legislation to fund technology (not metal detectors) in all schools to provide for free flow of people while scanning for weapons (guns, knives, etc.).
8. Increase recurring funding for State Rural Grants programs for economic development.
9. Support increased funding for water and wastewater projects in Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties.
10. Seek legislation to increase the amount paid to county jails by the state to the full cost reimbursement for housing sentenced inmates.
11. Discuss the Nash/Edgecombe school de-merger and how it will affect Nash County.
12. Oppose a statewide Foster Care Plan and keep foster care services with our Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization (Trillium Health Resources for Nash).

Chairman Davis provided information to the Board on the outdoor pet adoption event on Saturday, March 28, 2023 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Nash Community College hosted by Nash Community College Veterinary Medical Technology students.

On motion of Gwen Wilkins seconded by Sue Leggett and duly passed that the Nash County Board of Commissioners approve waiving the pet adoption fee for the outdoors pet adoption event on Saturday, March 28, 2023 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Nash Community College hosted by Nash Community College Veterinary Medical Technology students.

On motion of Fred Belfield seconded by Dan Cone and duly passed that the meeting adjourn.

Janice Evans, Clerk
Nash County Board of Commissioners