

**TENTATIVE AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

**WATAUGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM**

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AGENDA ITEM 2:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 7, 2022, Regular Meeting

June 7, 2022, Closed Session

DRAFT**MINUTES****WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022**

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting, as scheduled, on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 5:30 P.M. in the Commissioners' Board Room located in the Watauga County Administration Building, Boone, North Carolina.

Chairman Welch called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M. The following were present:

PRESENT: John Welch, Chairman
 Billy Kennedy, Vice-Chairman
 Carrington Peralion, Commissioner
 Larry Turnbow, Commissioner
 Charlie Wallin, Commissioner
 Anthony di Santi, County Attorney
 Deron Geouque, County Manager
 Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Wallin opened with a prayer and Commissioner Turnbow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the May 24, 2022, regular meeting and closed session minutes.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the May 24, 2022, regular meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
 Nay-0

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the May 24, 2022, closed session minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
 Nay-0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the June 7, 2022, agenda.

Commissioner Peralion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to approve the June 7, 2022, agenda as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
 Nay-0

PROPOSED RESOLUTION FOR WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR MIDDLE FORK GREENWAY

Mr. Joe Furman, Planning and Inspections/EDC Director, presented a proposed resolution for a Water Resource Grant for Boone Gorge Park which was a part of the Middle Fork Greenway. The resolution would obligate the County to assume responsibility and all conditions as specified by the grant.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to adopt the resolution as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO THE WATAUGA COMMUNITY HOUSING TRUST (WCHT)

Mr. Joe Furman, Planning and Inspections/EDC Director, presented the following proposed members for consideration of appointment to the Board of Directors of the Watauga Community Housing Trust (WCHT):

- Rob Howard, President of Howard Building Science, who was a builder/developer of sustainable affordable housing and spent most of his construction career with Habitat for Humanity. He was also a Building Science Lecturer at Appalachian State University.
- Lynn Coulthard who was associated with The Affordables (affordable housing group) and was also associated with St Mary's of the Hills in Blowing Rock.
- Meredith Maiken who was a Western North Carolina native and Senior at Appalachian State studying Sustainable Development and Planning and interested in long-term solutions to the housing affordability crisis in the region.
- Ben Loomis, Grant Coordinator for the Hunger and Health Coalition, who was a local nonprofit worker and Deep Gap resident interested in building structural solutions to the affordable housing crisis alongside work to address food insecurity and other community issues.
- Joe Furman, Watauga County Planning & Inspections and Economic Development Director, who was one of the founding Board members of the currently inactive Watauga Community Housing Trust.

As discussed at the May 3, 2022, Board meeting, the task of the new Board would be to revise the WCHT bylaws regarding Board membership and the method of appointment. Mr. Furman requested the customary second reading for appointments be waived.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to waive the second reading and appoint Rob Howard, Lynn Coulthard, Meredith Maiken, Ben Loomis, and Joe Furman as the Board of Directors of the Watauga Community Housing Trust.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

PROPOSED PROCLAMATION FOR ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Ms. Betsy Richards, Ms. Stevie John, and Ms. Angie Boitnotte present a proposed proclamation declaring June 15, 2022, as “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.” Ms. Boitnotte stated that broadened attention was brought to the issue throughout the month between Mother’s Day and Father’s Day and shared statistics on elder abuse. Ms. John read the proposed proclamation.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Peralion, moved to adopt the proclamation as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

PROJECT ON AGING MATTERS

A. Proposed Final Revised Allocation of Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 Supplemental Nutrition Funding (HDC5)

Ms. Angie Boitnotte, Project on Aging Director, stated that the Board had approved the plan to allocate funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Funding (HDC5) in the amount of \$23,592 on July 20, 2021. The initial allocation required revisions due to actual spending levels. No matching funds were required and the funds had to be expended by September 30, 2022.

Ms. Boitnotte requested the following revisions:

Service	Unit Based Allocation	Non-Unit Allocation	Totals
Congregate Meals	\$1,796	\$7,000	\$8,796
Home Delivered Meals	\$1,796	\$13,000	\$14,796
Totals	\$3,592	\$20,000	\$23,592

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to adopt the revised funding plan as presented by Ms. Boitnotte.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

B. Proposed Allocation of Projected FY 2023 Home & Community Care Block Grant (H&CCBG) Funds

Ms. Angie Boitnotte, Project on Aging Director, requested acceptance of the projected allocation of \$313,778 in Home and Community Care Block Grant (H&CCBG) funds for FY 2023. The required local match was \$34,865 and was present in the Project on Aging's FY 2023 requested budget. The proposed allocations were as follows:

HCCBG Service	HCCBG Allocation	Match
In-Home Aide Level I	\$87,089	\$9,677
In-Home Aide Level II	\$74,670	\$8,297
Congregate Meals	\$40,000	\$4,444
Home Delivered Meals	\$106,019	\$11,780
Transportation	\$6,000	\$667

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Peralion, moved to accept the FY 2023 allocations for the Home & Community Care Block Grant (H&CCBG) Funds as presented by Ms. Boitnotte.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET ORDINANCE

County Manager Geouque presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Ordinance for adoption. Below were proposed changes since the proposed budget was presented:

Budget Change Summary		
General Fund		
Revenues	Expenditures	
	\$869	Children’s Playhouse
	\$(869)	General and Liability Insurance
	\$12,000	Contracted Services – Medical Director
	\$(12,000)	Retiree Health Insurance Expense
	\$ 0	Net change and Overall Budget Increase

Chairman Welch stated that the property tax rate was decreased in the proposed Ordinance from \$0.403 to \$0.318 per \$100 of valuation would give Watauga County the lowest tax rate in the State. The Chairman gave a brief review of the budget which was balanced with no appropriations from the Fund Balance.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Ordinance as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Update on the Naming Application Request in Memory of Lawrence “Lan” O’Loughlin

County Manager stated that, at the May 24, 2022, meeting, Mr. Eric O’Loughlin, Ms. Jean Hord Roberts, and Ms. Ashley Ginn had presented a request to name the lap pool in the aquatic center at the Community Recreation Center (CRC) after Mr. Lawrence (“Lan”) O’Loughlin who was the Watauga High School Men’s and Women’s head swim coach from 1979 to 2003.

The County Manager stated that a public hearing was required to be scheduled to seek comments and input from County citizens. Once the public hearing was held the Board shall vote on the request. A unanimous vote of the Board was required for the naming application to be approved.

Brief discussion was held in regards to a date for the public hearing and a potential change for the second meeting in July due to a project deadline that had not yet been determined.

Due to the uncertainty of the date, Chairman Welch tabled scheduling a public hearing until the June 21, 2022, meeting, at which time the project deadline date would be known.

B. July Meeting Schedule

County Manager Geouque stated that historically, only one meeting was held in July due to all the work which had been done on the budget as well as the July 4th holiday. Also, historically, at the beginning of a new fiscal year there was limited business for the Board's consideration. The Manager recommended cancelling the first meeting in July and, at this time, holding the second meeting as currently scheduled for the third Tuesday on July 19.

At an earlier meeting, the July 19 meeting location was changed to the Community Room in the Community Recreation Center (CRC) in anticipation of the Board Room being used as a polling site for a second primary. According to Mr. Matt Snyder, Board of Elections Director, there would not be a second primary; therefore, staff recommended the July 19, 2022, regular meeting be held in the Commissioners' Board Room. A proposal to change the date of the second meeting may be made at the June 21, 2022, meeting due to a yet undetermined project deadline.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Wallin, moved to cancel the first meeting in July and move the second meeting location back to the Commissioners' Board Room in the Administration Building.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

C. Announcements

County Manager Geouque announced the following:

- The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' (NCACC) next Board of Directors meeting was scheduled in Watauga County on June 24-25, 2022. The NCACC invites the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and County Manager to speak at the beginning of the meeting on the 24th, to provide a brief welcome message to Watauga County. Vice-Chairman Kennedy stated that he would be in attendance to welcome the Association to the County as Chairman Welch had another commitment on that date.
- The NCACC also invites the Watauga County Board of Commissioners to be guests at the NCACC Board dinner which would be held at the Meadowbrook Inn on the evening of June 24th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Carol Thompson requested and received clarification that the public hearing for the naming request would be scheduled at the June 21, 2022, meeting.

County Attorney di Santi quoted portions of the below G.S. 1a-1 Rule 11 and stated that he could not in good faith file a Petition for Discretionary Review on the County's behalf in the Appalachian Materials, LLC, Board of Adjustment appeal after Judge Gavenus approval of Appalachian Materials' permit.

Rule 11. Signing and verification of pleadings.

(a) Signing by Attorney. – Every pleading, motion, and other paper of a party represented by an attorney shall be signed by at least one attorney of record in his individual name, whose address shall be stated. A party who is not represented by an attorney shall sign his pleading, motion, or other paper and state his address. Except when otherwise specifically provided by rule or statute, pleadings need not be verified or accompanied by affidavit. The signature of an attorney or party constitutes a certificate by him that he has read the pleading, motion, or other paper; that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable inquiry it is well grounded in fact and is warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification, or reversal of existing law, and that it is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation. If a pleading, motion, or other paper is not signed, it shall be stricken unless it is signed promptly after the omission is called to the attention of the pleader or movant. If a pleading, motion, or other paper is signed in violation of this rule, the court, upon motion or upon its own initiative, shall impose upon the person who signed it, a represented party, or both, an appropriate sanction, which may include an order to pay to the other party or parties the amount of the reasonable expenses incurred because of the filing of the pleading, motion, or other paper, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

(b) Verification of pleadings by a party. – In any case in which verification of a pleading shall be required by these rules or by statute, it shall state in substance that the contents of the pleading verified are true to the knowledge of the person making the verification, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes them to be true. Such verification shall be by affidavit of the party, or if there are several parties united in interest and pleading together, by at least one of such parties acquainted with the facts and capable of making the affidavit. Such affidavit may be made by the agent or attorney of a party in the cases and in the manner provided in section (c) of this rule.

(c) Verification of pleadings by an agent or attorney. – Such verification may be made by the agent or attorney of a party for whom the pleading is filed, if the action or defense is founded upon a written instrument for the payment of money only and the instrument or a true copy thereof is in the possession of the agent or attorney, or if all the material allegations of the pleadings are within the personal knowledge of the agent or attorney. When the pleading is verified by such agent or attorney, he shall set forth in the affidavit:

(1) That the action or defense is founded upon a written instrument for the payment of money only and the instrument or a true copy thereof is in his possession, or

(2) a. That all the material allegations of the pleadings are true to his personal knowledge and b. The reasons why the affidavit is not made by the party.

(d) Verification by corporation or the State. – When a corporation is a party the verification may be made by any officer, or managing or local agent thereof upon whom summons might be served; and when the State or any officer thereof in its behalf is a party, the verification may be made by any person acquainted with the facts. (1967, c. 954, s. 1; 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 1027, s. 55.)

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:03 P.M., Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Pertalion, moved to enter Closed Session to discuss Attorney/Client Matters, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Pertalion, moved to resume the open meeting at 6:51 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

ADJOURN

Commissioner Wallin, seconded by Commissioner Pertalion, moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

John Welch, Chairman

ATTEST:
Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

AGENDA ITEM 3:

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 21, 2022, AGENDA

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AGENDA ITEM 4:

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY UPDATE

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Matt Vincent, TDA Chair, and Wright Tilley, TDA Director, will provide an update to the Board on TDA matters.

The report is for information only; therefore, no action is required at this time.

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AGENDA ITEM 5:

DESTINATION BY DESIGN PROPOSALS

A. Imagine Watauga Action Plan

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Eric Woolridge, Destination by Design, will discuss with the Board the Imagine Watauga Action Plan. The Imagine Watauga Action Plan will replace the Boone Area Outdoor Recreation Plan adopted in 2010.

Mr. Woolridge will be looking for guidance and direction from the Board.



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To: Deron Geouque, Watauga County Manager
From: Eric Woolridge, President, Destination by Design Planning
Date: 06/15/2022
Re: Imagine Watauga Action Plan

The Watauga County Tourism Development Authority (WCTDA) and Boone Tourism Development Authority (BTDA) have retained Boone-based Destination by Design Planning to develop a new long-range tourism action plan to determine how best the TDAs can allocate their “tourism-related capital infrastructure” dollars.

The Imagine Watauga Action Plan will replace the WCTDA’s Boone Area Outdoor Recreation Plan, which was adopted in 2010 and called for the creation of a variety of new projects, including Rocky Knob Mountain Bike Park, the development of river accesses, and expanded greenways and trails, such as the Middle Fork Greenway.

For your review, attached is a project Fact Sheet and the complete scope of work for conducting the Imagine Watauga planning process. This project will rely heavily on public engagement, including a community-wide survey and series of focus groups, which are described in the Fact Sheet.

In addition, we intend to engage various communities throughout Watauga County. One specific meeting we are preparing for will be among Valle Crucis stakeholders. After talking with the County Manager, it would be helpful if the Commissioners could provide our team with direction on plans for the existing Valle Crucis school, which will soon be replaced. We anticipate that the community will want to provide ideas for the future of this property and surrounding locally held public land. It would be very beneficial to have guidelines for our discussion with Valle Crucis stakeholders. Our team sees this planning work as an opportunity to develop consensus on the future use of this property, and with your leadership, we can appropriately frame this dialogue.

Another significant opportunity identified early in this planning effort includes the future of the Armory property, which is jointly owned by the County and Town. Again, we see this planning exercise as an opportunity to develop consensus regarding the future of this site. We request that the Commissioners and Town Council each select three (3) representatives to serve on a project steering committee to help develop recommendations for this property (we make a similar recommendation to the Boone Town Council meeting on 6/22).

Our team looks forward to working with the Board of Commissioners and other stakeholders and leaders from throughout Watauga County. We anticipate that this final document will not only help guide local leaders on how best to invest tourism revenues, but will also effectively communicate our vision to state and federal grant agencies, thereby successfully leveraging and multiplying our local resources.

Tourism Master Plan

Boone TDA and Watauga County TDA

1: Direction Setting

1.1. *Direction Setting Meeting.* Facilitate a meeting among the Project Oversight Committee (POC) to establish a vision for planning and project success, providing clear expectations for the consultant team. Provide a draft project work schedule and timeline with key milestones for approval.

1.2. *Project Brand.* Develop a custom “internal” project brand to promote the Tourism Infrastructure Master Plan. Create a visual identity and messaging aimed at educating and energizing community leaders and citizens about this important work. Develop custom icons and a color palette to ensure consistency of print and digital materials throughout the planning process.

1.3. *Project Website and Fact Sheet.* Develop a compelling project website to disseminate information about the planning goals, planning process and how the public can get involved (ie. online survey and public forum). Develop a project Fact Sheet, including goals, process, and contact information, that can be sent to stakeholder email lists.

1.4. *Online Survey.* Develop an online community survey to obtain citizen ideas for plan direction. DbD expects to obtain 300-500 responses. The survey will be promoted via the promotional video.

1.5. *Project Promotional Video.* Conduct video interviews among community stakeholders, in which community leaders communicate the need for undertaking this master planning effort and how citizens can get involved. Obtain outdoor recreation activity and drone footage from throughout the County to help tell the story. Incorporate the project brand and compelling graphics to produce a custom video that creates citizen interest. Advertise the video on Facebook with a call to action encouraging citizens to visit the project website and take a community survey. [Provide up to two \(2\) additional local government leader interviews and obtain additional footage of existing Town of Boone assets to incorporate within the project promotional video.](#)

2: Discovery, Analysis, & Public Engagement

2.1 *GIS Database Development.* Obtain all pertinent GIS data. In addition, obtain county and municipal updated parcel data, aerial photography, floodplain and other environmental data, existing and proposed transportation networks, public infrastructure, utilities, zoning, and census data. This information will be critical for identifying gaps and new connectivity opportunities.

2.2 *Trends, Demographics and Info-graphic Development.* Analyze changes in occupancy tax revenues over the last five years and the proliferation of Airbnb and other short-term lodging tools. Conduct demographic and economic research for the County and region. Our team will work with local government leaders and the POC to ensure all important demographic information is compiled. Develop compelling info-graphics that clearly communicate findings. [Conduct an analysis of Town of Boone occupancy taxes and provide projections through 2040.](#)

2.3 *Plan Review.* Thoroughly review all existing local and regional plans and highlight key planning implications. This review will include any strategic or long-term land use, recreation, or strategic plans developed by local, state, federal, or non-profit agencies. [Conduct a review Boone-specific plans,](#)

such as, but not limited to sustainability plans, bike/ped plans, comprehensive plans, and recreation plans and highlight key planning implications.

2.4 Survey Analysis. The consultant team will review results of the online survey to obtain a broader understanding of citizen needs and wants. Develop info-graphics that highlight key findings.

2.5 Focus Groups and Interviews. With direction from the POC, the consultant team will conduct a combination of focus group meetings and individual interviews with key stakeholders, such as community health leaders, EDC board, Chamber of Commerce, Realtors Association, School Superintendent, private tourism oriented businesses, and key nonprofit and community organizations, such as Valle Crucis Historical Association, Valle Crucis Park, Green Valley Park, National Park Service, Blue Ridge and New River Conservancies, and NC Division of Parks and Recreation. Attend a Boone Town Council meeting, provide a summary of the planning process, request the formation of a focus group, and conduct up to two (2) focus group meetings specific to the Town of Boone tourism-related infrastructure priorities.

2.6 Field Visit and Gap Analysis. The consultant team will explore (3-5 days) assets located throughout the county to assess the condition of existing assets, identify resident and visitor access barriers, and opportunities for new or improved infrastructure. The DbD planning team shall conduct up to two (2) additional days of field work and site analysis based on focus group direction.

3: Visioning and Theme Development

3.1 Plan Framework. Develop a plan framework that identifies gaps and opportunities for tourism infrastructure development, “village” development, and outdoor recreation. Identify specific opportunities that can attract or support new or additional recreation and tourism user groups. Identify activities and opportunities that further community development, revitalization, and sustainable access to public and private lands. Organize the framework according to key thematic areas, such as by recreation activity, land manager, or geographic area. The plan framework will establish a plan organization that is customized to meet the needs of Watauga County. Provide a plan framework that address Boone-specific opportunities and needs.

3.2 Project Oversight Committee (POC) and WCTDA Board Workshop. The consultant team will conduct a workshop with the POC, present the framework plan and the results of all other research. The DbD team will present draft “emerging themes” and facilitate a “deep dive” with the POC to refine the overall plan direction and develop a project vision and mission. Prepare a presentation and conduct a separate meeting with Boone TDA to unveil the Boone plan framework.

4: Draft Plan Development

With an extensive understanding of the WCTDA's goals and vision, the consultant team will begin the plan development process, which, at a minimum, will feature the key elements outlined below.

4.1 Civic Master Planning and Place-Making. Develop up to seven (7) supporting illustrative site master plan and photo-renderings for key project areas. These illustrative plans will provide an aspirational framework for future strategic investments. Key plan features may include, but are not limited to greenways and open spaces, blueways, civic areas & plazas, village core revitalization and outdoor recreation connectivity, road networks, gateways, and land use development opportunities. These conceptual master plans are a necessary part of any planning process and will prepare the WCTDA to advance to the engineering and construction phase more quickly. Provide up to five (5)

custom schematics, renderings, and/or site plans related to Boone tourism infrastructure opportunities.

4.2 POC & WCTDA Board Presentation. Share the framework plan, civic master plans, answer questions, obtain critical feedback, and identify necessary draft plan changes. Ensure that stakeholders are comfortable with draft plans prior to hosting the public forum. [Include Town of Boone within this single presentation.](#)

4.3 Public Forum/ Tourism Summit. The consultant team will host a “drop-in” public meeting and feature draft plans, goals, policies, and illustrative master plans. The final meeting format will be determined by the POC and consultant team. Provide an opportunity for citizen feedback, and incorporate public comments and recommendations within final plan.

5: Final Plan Development

5.1 Develop Final Master Plan. The master plan document (approx. 150 pages) will be highly graphic and begin with an outline of project goals, the overall planning process, and public engagement methods and findings. Clearly organize all recommendations and illustrations. The implementation chapter will include a matrix with all recommendations, timeframe, and identify the project implementation partners. Outline priority needs and phasing, including short-term (<5 years) and long-term (>5 years) planning goals. [Create an additional chapter section that focuses on Town of Boone Opportunities.](#)

5.2 Grant Opportunities. Provide a matrix identifying key grant opportunities available to implement project recommendations. Outline grant funding amounts, matching requirements, and annual grant deadlines.

5.3 Final Presentation and Adoption. DbD will make a final presentation of the plan and assist WCTDA staff with adoption and/or any other presentations.

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AGENDA ITEM 5:

DESTINATION BY DESIGN PROPOSALS

B. Howard Knob Park Improvements

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Woolridge will update the Board on the Howard Knob Park and request approval to implement improvements.

Staff seeks direction from the Board.



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To: Deron Geouque, Watauga County Manager
From: Eric Woolridge, President, Destination by Design Planning
Date: 06/15/2022
Re: Howard Knob Park Improvements

In 2018 the Watauga County Tourism Development Authority (WCTDA) developed a master plan for Howard Knob Park. The WCTDA would like to implement some elements of this plan within the next 12 months, including new ADA parking and access, an improved overlook area, and other general aesthetic improvements.

These improvements are not intended to significantly change how the park is used, but to merely upgrade the existing resource.

At the meeting we'll present a basic map that illustrates the proposed improvements. With Commissioner approval, the WCTDA is prepared to move forward with developing construction documents and executing this work.

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2.6 Field Visit and Gap Analysis. The consultant team will explore (3-5 days) assets located throughout the county to assess the condition of existing assets, identify resident and visitor access barriers, and opportunities for new or improved infrastructure. The DbD planning team shall conduct up to two (2) additional days of field work and site analysis based on focus group direction.

3: Visioning and Theme Development

- 3.1 Plan Framework.** Develop a plan framework that identifies gaps and opportunities for tourism infrastructure development, “village” development, and outdoor recreation. Identify specific opportunities that can attract or support new or additional recreation and tourism user groups. Identify activities and opportunities that further community development, revitalization, and sustainable access to public and private lands. Organize the framework according to key thematic areas, such as by recreation activity, land manager, or geographic area. The plan framework will establish a plan organization that is customized to meet the needs of Watauga County. Provide a plan framework that address Boone-specific opportunities and needs.
- 3.2 Project Oversight Committee (POC) and WCTDA Board Workshop.** The consultant team will conduct a workshop with the POC, present the framework plan and the results of all other research. The DbD team will present draft “emerging themes” and facilitate a “deep dive” with the POC to refine the overall plan direction and develop a project vision and mission. Prepare a presentation and conduct a separate meeting with Boone TDA to unveil the Boone plan framework.

4: Draft Plan Development

With an extensive understanding of the WCTDA's goals and vision, the consultant team will begin the plan development process, which, at a minimum, will feature the key elements outlined below.

4.1 Civic Master Planning and Place-Making. Develop up to seven (7) supporting illustrative site master plan and photo-renderings for key project areas. These illustrative plans will provide an aspirational framework for future strategic investments. Key plan features may include, but are not limited to greenways and open spaces, blueways, civic areas & plazas, village core revitalization and outdoor recreation connectivity, road networks, gateways, and land use development opportunities. These conceptual master plans are a necessary part of any planning process and will prepare the WCTDA to advance to the engineering and construction phase more quickly. Provide up to five (5)

custom schematics, renderings, and/or site plans related to Boone tourism infrastructure opportunities.

4.2 POC & WCTDA Board Presentation. Share the framework plan, civic master plans, answer questions, obtain critical feedback, and identify necessary draft plan changes. Ensure that stakeholders are comfortable with draft plans prior to hosting the public forum. [Include Town of Boone within this single presentation.](#)

4.3 Public Forum/ Tourism Summit. The consultant team will host a “drop-in” public meeting and feature draft plans, goals, policies, and illustrative master plans. The final meeting format will be determined by the POC and consultant team. Provide an opportunity for citizen feedback, and incorporate public comments and recommendations within final plan.

5: Final Plan Development

5.1 Develop Final Master Plan. The master plan document (approx. 150 pages) will be highly graphic and begin with an outline of project goals, the overall planning process, and public engagement methods and findings. Clearly organize all recommendations and illustrations. The implementation chapter will include a matrix with all recommendations, timeframe, and identify the project implementation partners. Outline priority needs and phasing, including short-term (<5 years) and long-term (>5 years) planning goals. [Create an additional chapter section that focuses on Town of Boone Opportunities.](#)

5.2 Grant Opportunities. Provide a matrix identifying key grant opportunities available to implement project recommendations. Outline grant funding amounts, matching requirements, and annual grant deadlines.

5.3 Final Presentation and Adoption. DbD will make a final presentation of the plan and assist WCTDA staff with adoption and/or any other presentations.

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AGENDA ITEM 6:

PROPOSED W.A.M.Y. SUPPORT LETTER

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

W.A.M.Y Community Action, Inc. is applying for a Housing Preservation grant to allow for repairs and rehabilitation on very low-income family homes. They have successfully utilized this grant for the last two years and would like to continue to provide this service to low-income Watauga County citizens. Currently, they use the Housing Preservation grant to do repair work on homes, such as roofs, plumbing and electrical repairs, or mold removal.

As part of the grant application, W.A.M.Y must demonstrate the support of county officials for this type of work and that this is not a duplication of another program operated by the County. A letter is attached that requires the County Commission Chair's signature.

Board action is required to support W.A.M.Y's grant application and approved the attached letter.



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June 21, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

The Commissioners of Watauga County are very interested in addressing the housing issues faced by our low and very-low income citizens. We realize that there are many households living in substandard housing and unsafe conditions throughout our county. While the need is great; unfortunately, our resources are limited.

WAMY Community Action, Inc. has been providing housing and housing-related programs in our county for 58 years. In fact, over the years, their various housing programs have assisted hundreds of Watauga County residents by making their homes safer and more energy efficient.

To that end, the Commissioners of Watauga County fully support WAMY Community Action, Inc. in their application for Housing Preservation Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Division.

Sincerely,

John Welch, Chairman
Watauga County Board of Commissioners

WAMY Community Action, Inc.
2022 Application for Housing Preservation Grant Funds

1. A statement of activities proposed by the applicant for its HPG program as appropriate to the type of assistance the applicant is proposing, including:
 - i.) A complete discussion of the type of and conditions for financial assistance for housing preservation, including whether the request for assistance is for a homeowner assistance program, a rental property assistance program, or a co-op assistance program;

WAMY Community Action, Inc. will use the Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) funds to provide housing repairs, health and safety improvements, and energy efficiency upgrades to 15 homes for low and very-low income residents of Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties in rural, Western NC. The proposed HPG program will be a homeowner assistance program.

Type of Assistance – Grants will be made available to eligible homeowners to cover the cost of the repairs.

Conditions for Assistance – Homes will be identified through referrals from community partners and from the pool of applicants to WAMY’s housing department. All applicants will be required to complete the housing assistance application form. Based on information contained in that application, and the condition of the home upon an initial audit, homes will be determined to be suitable for HPG assistance, another housing program, or deferred. It is our intention to defer as few homes as possible by utilizing HPG funds to make repairs such as roof leaks, and plumbing and electrical issues, so that we can follow-up with weatherization and heating repairs or replacements. There are also many homes that require more energy efficiency upgrades than our weatherization program can financially cover. In the past, we have had to waitlist these families until we could afford to weatherize their homes, which may never come. With HPG funding, we could share the cost between the two programs, and get these families the services they so desperately need and deserve. This would allow us to truly serve those most in need.

Grant Activities – HPG program funds will be used for the cost of repair/rehabilitation on low and very low-income family homes. WAMY operates many housing programs in all four counties, in addition to the weatherization assistance program. In 2019, we formed Community Housing Coalitions in Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey Counties. These Coalitions are made up of state programs, local agencies, faith organizations and volunteer groups that work on homes. They work together to share the projects and the cost so that more can be accomplished. We plan to coordinate these programs so that the funding can be used most efficiently, and more families can receive assistance. An example of how this might work could look like this: A low-income family has a home that is a large old farmhouse. It needs a roof repair, has a plumbing issue and needs a ramp. Weatherization cannot do any of these repairs. HPG moves in and fixes the roof and at a cost of \$1,500. WAMY uses the Urgent Repair program to fix the plumbing issue and then uses \$7,100 in weatherization funds to insulate the home, air seal all around the home and put down a moisture barrier. Independent Living (a program of Vocational Rehabilitation) installs a ramp. So, for an HPG investment of \$1,500, that family was able to receive more than \$10,000 in services.

- ii.) The process for selecting recipients for HPG assistance, determining housing preservation needs of the dwelling, performing the necessary work, and monitoring/inspecting work performed;

Recipient Selection – Those selected for HPG assistance will have a housing application on file with the agency. Only those that are low or very low-income, as defined by less than 50% or 80% of the area median income for each county will be considered for HPG assistance. Applicants must be the owner of the dwelling and the land. Each applicant will be required to submit evidence of income and ownership. WAMY Community Action will follow and implement the guidelines for fair housing in serving and selecting HPG program recipients.

Determining Housing Preservation Needs – All eligible applicant homes will be evaluated by our housing staff to determine structural, energy efficiency and health and safety needs. A basic audit of the home will be completed to outline the repairs needed in priority order and to determine the cost/benefit for each. For homes that are considered

for weatherization, the assessment includes a safety and efficiency test on the heating system and water heater, a measurement of heat loss calculations, a check of insulation levels in the attic and walls and a blower door test to measure the air leakage of the home. This initial audit is a critical part of our program and allows us to prioritize the services and grants that we use to assist the families. For those that need health and safety or accessibility repairs, HPG will be used first. Others may simply need weatherization, and then heating and air repair and/or replacement, etc.

Performing the Necessary Work – The rehabilitation/repair work will be performed by agency approved subcontractors. When a home is identified for HPG, a solicitation for bids will be created and released. This solicitation will be sent to contractors that are on an agency list of approved contractors and may also be sent to outside contractors, depending upon the type of work needed. From that solicitation, WAMY will choose the most qualified and most economical subcontractor(s) for the work. Other factors may also be considered, such as the date that the project can be completed. A work order will be prepared by housing staff that will detail the work to be completed, including cost estimates for each item. Housing staff will review the scope of work with the applicant and finalize any work specification prior to assigning a subcontractor to begin the work. WAMY housing staff will walk through the dwelling with the subcontractor to go over the scope of work to ensure complete understanding of the work to be performed. All work will be in accordance with local, state and national building code requirements. Rehabilitation and repair of homes may include roof repair, window replacement, handicapped accessibility, and other health and safety measures. If HPG funds are to be used for energy efficiency work or the installation of heating systems, WAMY will forego the bid process and use our state approved subcontractors who have already been vetted and approved by the Department of Energy and our Board of Directors to do this work.

Monitoring and Inspection – Upon completion of the rehabilitation/repair, WAMY will contract with a disinterested third party to conduct a final inspection to verify compliance with work specifications. If the work is to be followed up with weatherization, a new work order will be prepared outlining the weatherization work and the job will be assigned to a new subcontractor for those services. All weatherization jobs receive a final audit and are reviewed by a Quality Control Inspector prior to closure. Once all work is completed, the applicant will sign a final acceptance form to document the successful completion of the work. At that time, the applicant will also be given a customer satisfaction survey to gauge their satisfaction with the services they received. This will measure their satisfaction with the work and the service they received from staff and subcontractors as well.

- iii.) A description of the process for coordinating with other public and private organizations and programs that provide assistance in rehabilitation of historic properties in accordance with 7 CFR 1944.673.

Coordination with Public and Private Organizations – WAMY does not anticipate doing any repair or rehabilitation work on properties that are historic. WAMY will also abide by the requirements of the Programmatic Memorandum of Agreement with the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Prior to beginning any work on a home, the property will be checked to see if it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

WAMY's process for complying with Stipulation I, A-G of the Programmatic Memorandum of Agreement is as follows:

- 1) Determine whether the property is already registered or otherwise determined to be significant by referencing the SHPO GIS website at <http://gis.ncdcr.gov/hpoweb/>. If the property does not appear on HPOWEB;
- 2) Consider the age of the building. If the building is more than 45 years old, SHPO will be consulted prior to any rehabilitation or repair work beginning. If the building is more than 45 years old, and if it is of a type that SHPO has indicated may be eligible or if the building appears to be of historical or architectural significance, SHPO will be consulted.
- 3) If properties are designated as historical, consultation with SHPO will be done to ensure that any work performed on the dwelling is in compliance with SHPO requirements.

- iv.) The development standard(s) the applicant will use for the housing preservation work; and, if not the Rural Development development standards for existing dwellings, the evidence of its acceptance by the jurisdiction where the grant will be implemented;

Development Standards – WAMY will use the standards and building codes of Rural Development along with the standards set forth in the building codes adopted by each county.

- v.) The time schedule for completing the program;

Time Schedule – WAMY will complete the Housing Preservation Grant in a 12 month period.

- vi.) The staffing required to complete the program;

Staffing – The staff working on the Housing Preservation Grant will be the Housing and Energy Development Director and the Housing and Energy Development Coordinator. The Director has more than 33 years of experience as a general contractor and business owner. He is very knowledgeable about building codes and standards. The Director is responsible for conducting the initial and final audits of all housing projects. He is also responsible for writing all work orders and monitoring subcontractor performance. In addition, the Director is a certified Energy Auditor and Quality Control Inspector by the Building Performance Institute.

The Housing and Energy Development Coordinator has been handling the administration of the various housing grants for the past three years. She is responsible for managing the eligibility criteria and other regulations of all the grants, including HPG. She maintains the applicant documentation, assigns subcontractors, and works with the Finance Director to track grant expenditures.

WAMY's Quality Assurance Manager is responsible for internal monitoring of all grant operations. She will do a review of client files to ensure accuracy of eligibility and other documentation. The Quality Assurance Manager will also work with program staff to ensure program goals and objectives are being achieved and the budget to actual figures are on target.

The Executive Director has managed several housing programs, including two Housing Preservation Grants and a Single Family Rehabilitation Grant. The Executive Director will be responsible for providing oversight; gauging programmatic performance and ensuring all reports are completed and submitted in a timely manner.

WAMY's Finance Director will be responsible for completed all reports and submitting financial reimbursement requests. She has 10 years of experience as Finance Director, including the fiscal management of two Housing Preservation Grants.

See resumes attached.

- vii.) The estimated number of very low- and low-income minority and nonminority persons the grantee will assist with HPG funds; and, if a rental property or co-op assistance program, the number of units and the term of restrictive covenants on their use for very low- and low-income;

Numbers Assisted – WAMY proposes to serve 13 very low-income and 2 low-income families with Housing Preservation Grant funding. Based upon previous experience, we expect that at least one of these will be a minority.

Rental or Cooperative – WAMY does not propose to use HPG funds on rental or cooperative properties.

- viii.) The geographical area(s) to be served by the HPG program.

Geographical Area – WAMY will serve Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties in rural, Western NC. None of these counties have been designated as metropolitan service areas. Each of these counties contains Rural Opportunity

Zones, with the largest in Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties. In addition, Mitchell County is designated as a Tier 1 County and both Avery and Yancey are Tier 2.

- ix.) The annual estimated budget for the program period based on the financial needs to accomplish the objectives outlined in the proposal. The budget should include proposed direct and indirect administrative costs, such as personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contracts, and other cost categories, detailing those costs for which the grantee proposes to use the HPG grant separately from non-HPG resources, if any. The applicant budget should also include a schedule (with amounts) of how the applicant proposes to draw HPG grant funds, *i.e.*, monthly, quarterly, lump sum for program activities, etc.;

WAMY Community Action, Inc.
HPG Annual Estimated Budget
2022-2023

Line Item	Non-HPG	HPG
Salaries	\$32,000	\$10,000
Fringe	\$7,100	\$2,860
Travel	\$4,750	\$1,800
Rent	\$3,875	
Copies/Postage	\$1,262	\$870
Phone	\$1,200	
Indirect	\$13,294	\$4,372
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$63,481	\$19,902
Materials	\$114,773	\$67,148
Subcontractors	\$93,509	\$56,750
Inspectors		\$ 6,200
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$208,282	\$130,098
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$271,763	\$150,000

Schedule to Draw Down Funds – WAMY will draw down funds quarterly based upon actual expenditures.

- x.) A copy of an indirect cost proposal as required in 2 CFR part 200 as adopted by USDA through 2 CFR part 400, when the applicant has another source of federal funding in addition to the HPG program;

Accounting System – WAMY is using Grant Management Systems financial software. This system allows us to track our grants separately and prepare reports as needed. All purchases must be pre-approved by the Executive Director and both the Executive Director and the Finance Director check all invoices for accuracy. The Program Assistant works with the Finance Director to pay all accounts payable and complete payroll. The Finance Director is responsible for all financial reporting. A system of checks and balances is in place to ensure segregation of duties.

- xi.) The method of evaluation to be used by the applicant to determine the effectiveness of its program which encompasses the requirements for quarterly reports to Rural Development in accordance with § 1944.683(b) of this subpart and the monitoring plan for rental properties and co-ops (when applicable) according to § 1944.689 of this subpart;

Method of Evaluation - The Housing Development Coordinator will monitor progress on each dwelling to ensure quality workmanship and adherence to the work plan. Effectiveness of the program will be based upon the affordability and health and safety of each applicant dwelling. In addition, WAMY will evaluate our program effectiveness through a

comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives set forth in the pre-application (number of very low-income households assisted), as well as the percentage of HPG funds invested to total funds.

WAMY's Quality Assurance Manager will conduct internal monitoring of a sampling of applicant files at least annually to ensure eligibility documentation is in place and appropriate procedures are being followed. The Executive Director, Finance Director, Quality Assurance Manager, and program staff meet bi-monthly to do a review on program goals versus actual performance and to discuss any adjustments that may need to be made. In addition, the Planning and Evaluation Committee of WAMY's Board of Directors will review the program's progress throughout the year, as well as customer satisfaction surveys to ensure that applicants are pleased with the work and the services they are receiving.

Quarterly Reports - WAMY will adhere to the quarterly reporting requirement of Rural Development. HPG funds will not be used on rental properties or co-ops. Quarterly reports will be completed by the Housing Development Coordinator, the Finance Director and reviewed by the Executive Director.

- xii.) The source and estimated amount of other financial resources to be obtained and used by the applicant for both HPG activities and housing development and/or supporting activities;

Other Financial Resources – WAMY plans to use HPG funds in conjunction with many other sources to increase the efficiency and impact of our housing programs. Currently, we are using Housing Preservation in conjunction with our federal Weatherization and Heating and Air Replacement and Repair program. This has enabled us to greatly reduce the number of homes we have had to defer due to budgetary constraints or repair needs of the home. We have continued to search out new sources of funding and now have other resources to bring to the table. WAMY has funding from the NC Housing Finance agency that can be used to do emergency repairs to homes. We also have created a Community Housing Coalition in Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey Counties to bring all stakeholders together to share the workload and cost of low-income home repairs. We also have some unrestricted funds from local sources to use when federal funds are not available. All these sources together are allowing us to make a significant impact on the housing issues in our area. The Housing Preservation Grant is a driving force in this effort. In total, we hope to invest more than \$575,000 in the housing market in our four-county area over the next year.

- xiii.) The use of program income, if any, and the tracking system used for monitoring same;

Program Income – WAMY will not incur any program income through the HPG.

- xiv.) The applicant's plan for disposition of any security instruments held by them as a result of its HPG activities in the event of its loss of legal status;

Disposition Plan – WAMY plans to offer HPG funds as grants. No loans will be given.

- xv.) Any other information necessary to explain the proposed HPG program; and

Other – WAMY's Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment of 2022 indicated that substandard housing was an issue in all four of our counties. In fact, housing was the #1 need in all four counties. As a community action agency, we were designed to respond to the needs of our community, so we take this need very seriously. To that end, we have pulled together several small grants and local resources to create a strong housing department to address this need. The Housing Preservation Grant is an important part of our plan of action. By using HPG to do some of the repairs/rehabilitation work, we can then use our other resources to make the home more energy efficient and healthier for the family. With limited resources, it is increasingly important to maximize every dollar. By using these funds collectively, we are giving more people more services, and doing it more efficiently.

- xvi.) The outreach efforts outlined in § 1944.671(b) of this subpart.

Outreach - Since housing repairs are such a need in our area, there is rarely a need for outreach; however, in an effort to reach a diverse population and to ensure equal access, WAMY staff regularly speaks with area civic organizations, senior

citizen centers, and other human service organizations to explain the program(s) and to encourage referrals. Presentations are made quarterly at inter-agency meetings in all four counties. Ads are regularly placed in community newspapers, radios and online spots such as raysweather.com. The agency also participates in various expos, fairs and festivals across the region to promote our programs and activities. Community leaders are sought out in minority neighborhoods and asked to assist with recruitment efforts. All publications will include the statement "WAMY Community Action, Inc. is an equal opportunity program. Discrimination is prohibited by Federal Law." WAMY will maintain a file outlining all our outreach activities and including copies of any advertising or printed materials.

2. Complete information about the applicant's experience and capacity to carry out the objectives of the proposed HPG program.

Experience and Capacity - WAMY Community Action, Inc. has been providing housing services to the low-income of Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties for 58 years. The agency has recent experience with Weatherization, including a multi-million dollar American Recovery Act grant, Single Family Rehabilitation, Urgent Repair and Housing Preservation Grants.

Our Housing and Energy Development Director has owned and operated a successful building company and has more than 33 years of experience as a general contractor. The Executive Director of the agency has successfully managed all of the housing grants for the past 10 years and has 30 years of experience with the agency.

We recently completed two grants through the North Carolina Community Action Association where we were recognized as leaders in serving low-income families with repair work and air quality improvements. As mentioned earlier, we recently formed Community Housing Coalitions in three of our Counties, and in 2 years, we have raised more than \$518,000 to fund the Coalitions.

Even during COVID-19, our service continued to the extent possible. We wore full protective gear, met with clients outside and did projects that could be completed without going inside the home. WAMY met all of our goals and continued to serve low-income families by adding health & safety kits to our services. These kits were delivered to the families that we served and included masks, hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes and information about COVID-19 safety.

3. A brief narrative statement which includes information about the area to be served and the need for improved housing (including both percentage and actual number of both low-income and low-income minority households and substandard housing), the need for the type of housing preservation assistance being proposed, the anticipated use of housing preservation resources for historic properties, the method of evaluation to be used by the applicant in determining the effectiveness of its efforts (according to paragraph (b)(1)(xii) of this section).

Information About Service Area - WAMY plans to offer HPG services in Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties in Rural Western NC. These counties are very rural, with Watauga having the largest population due to Appalachian State University.

Data	Avery	Mitchell	Watauga	Yancey
Home Ownership	75%	78%	60% *percentage skewed due to college population	73%
Housing > 40 years old	61%	64%	60%	67%
Substandard Housing	11%	14%	26%	14%
White below poverty	14%	12.4%	24.2%	16.2%
African American below poverty	40.4%	100%	45.2%	6.6%
American Indian below poverty	32.4%	52.4%	30.9%	27.3%
Asian below poverty	23.7%	52.6%	37.1%	24%

Hispanic below poverty	34.9%	31.6%	6.7%	27.3%
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*Statistics provided by NC Department of Commerce, 2019 County Health Rankings and the U.S. Census Bureau.

Need for HPG Services – Housing was ranked as the #3 need in all four counties in WAMY’s 2019 Comprehensive Community Needs Survey. Not only was affordability and availability an issue, quality of housing was determined to be a significant barrier to the quality of life of low-income families. For those living on limited incomes, maintenance and repair of their homes is often the first thing to be neglected in favor of other pressing financial needs, like utility bills, food costs, or medical needs. Over time, these maintenance issues progress and turn into expensive and more threatening repair needs – things a low-income family can never afford to fix. From the chart above, you will see that most of the housing in our area is over 40 years old. Old houses often come with little to no insulation, old plumbing, leaky roofs and other structural issues. Not only are the houses getting older, so are the applicants to our programs and the citizens in our counties. WAMY’s service area is aging at a rate faster than the state average. That means more and more of our applicants are in need of accessibility improvements to their homes. They need doors widened, ramps built and new appliances. These are all things that our federal weatherization grant is not equipped to provide.

Having this Housing Preservation Grant would allow WAMY to help families in ways that we cannot with our other funding. This past two years, we have been able to assist 28 homes that we would have had to defer or put on a waitlist without the HPG funding. We have been able to repair roofs, install heating systems, and weatherize homes that were too costly for our limited funds and much more.

Measuring the need for HPG services solely on the poverty rate in our four counties would be misleading. It is true that our poverty rates are low, with the exception of Watauga County. However, if you look at the median income compared to the living wage, you will see that most people fall into the category of the working poor. Many work two or three jobs just to make ends meet. The cost of living compared to the average wages in our area is extreme. For example, a single person in Avery County would need to earn \$19,100 per year to be self-sufficient (based on the self-sufficiency standard calculator by United Way NC). The average single applicant to our housing programs has an income of \$12,817.

HPG for Historic Properties – WAMY does not anticipate doing housing preservation work on historic properties; however, if a property is identified as historic, staff will work with the State Historic Preservation Office to ensure that all work is in compliance with their requirements.

Method of Evaluation – WAMY will evaluate the success of our program by the number of homes that we are able to rehabilitate or repair and by the satisfaction of the applicants. WAMY will also monitor the funding used to ensure that all applicable resources are being used to ensure that each applicant is getting the maximum amount of services. All of the work performed through the HPG will be inspected by a disinterested third party to ensure the work is up to appropriate standards.

4. A statement containing the component for alleviating overcrowding as defined by §1944.679 of this subpart.

Overcrowding - Funds from the HPG program will be made available to alleviate overcrowding by making additions to households that meet the definition of overcrowded. The most commonly used measure is one person per room in the household. WAMY will utilize the U.S. Census definition of a “room” for the purpose of determining occupancy.

5. A list of other activities the applicant is engaged in and expects to continue, a statement as to other funding, and whether it will have sufficient funds to assure continued operation of the other activities for at least the period of the HPG grant agreement.

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AGENDA ITEM 7:

TAX MATTERS

A. Monthly Collections Report

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Larry Warren, Tax Administrator, will present the Monthly Collections Report and be available for questions and discussion.

The report is for information only; therefore, no action is required.


Monthly Collections Report

Watauga County

Bank deposits of the following amounts have been made and credited to the account of Watauga County. The reported totals do not include small shortages and overages reported to the Watauga County Finance Officer

Monthly Report May 2022

	<u>Current Month</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Current Month</u> <u>Percentage</u>	<u>Current FY</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Current FY</u> <u>Percentage</u>	<u>Previous FY</u> <u>Percentage</u>
<u>General County</u>					
Taxes 2021	92,153.70		36,472,751.71	98.53%	98.73%
Prior Year Taxes	38,274.06		371,110.78		
Solid Waste User Fees	10,268.06		2,604,116.41	97.45%	97.68%
Green Box Fees	110.53		522.39	NA	NA
Total County Funds	\$140,806.35		\$39,448,501.29		
<u>Fire Districts</u>					
Foscoe Fire	969.79		472,522.04	99.04%	98.93%
Boone Fire	1,649.21		896,398.21	98.46%	98.67%
Fall Creek Service Dist.	7.98		9,646.19	98.70%	98.29%
Beaver Dam Fire	222.55		99,714.58	94.53%	97.33%
Stewart Simmons Fire	267.95		254,791.85	98.66%	98.73%
Zionville Fire	513.30		113,147.80	96.88%	97.00%
Cove Creek Fire	918.04		241,184.82	97.71%	97.93%
Shawneehaw Fire	58.54		105,482.83	98.28%	98.62%
Meat Camp Fire	2,132.44		209,799.98	97.20%	98.01%
Deep Gap Fire	1,451.46		186,305.03	97.88%	97.98%
Todd Fire	748.68		62,694.26	98.36%	98.84%
Blowing Rock Fire	1,541.19		498,722.49	98.55%	99.41%
M.C. Creston Fire	123.21		5,758.02	90.74%	91.24%
Foscoe Service District	129.10		74,633.37	98.71%	98.21%
Beech Mtn. Service Dist.	0.00		1,659.57	99.94%	99.94%
Cove Creek Service Dist.	0.00		324.15	100.00%	100.00%
Shawneehaw Service Dist	0.00		6,357.20	97.48%	95.27%
	\$10,725.46		\$3,229,496.20		
<u>Towns</u>					
Boone	17,608.89		6,689,448.74	99.20%	99.10%
Municipal Services	171.83		207,153.38	98.95%	98.48%
Boone MV Fee	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Blowing Rock	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Seven Devils	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Beech Mountain	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total Town Taxes	\$17,780.72		\$6,896,602.12		
Total Amount Collected	\$169,312.53		\$49,574,599.61		

 Tax Collections Director

 Tax Administrator

AGENDA ITEM 7:

TAX MATTERS

B. Refunds and Releases

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Larry Warren will present the Refunds and Releases Reports. Board action is required to accept the Refunds and Releases Reports.

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OWNER NAME AND ADDRESS	CAT YEAR PROPERTY REASON	BILL	EFF DATE	JUR	REF NO	VALUE	CHARGE	AMOUNT
1591119 R & L MANAGEMENT PO BOX 769 BLOWING ROCK, NC 28605	PP 2019	3253	05/31/2022			0	G01	2.58
	591119999			F01			F01	.32
	TAX RELEASES NO LONGER IN WATAUGA COUNTY				8117			2.90
1591119 R & L MANAGEMENT PO BOX 769 BLOWING ROCK, NC 28605	PP 2020	1355	05/31/2022			0	G01	3.95
	591119999			F01			F01	.49
	TAX RELEASES NO LONGER IN WATAUGA COUNTY				8118		G01L F01L	.40 .05
								4.89
1591119 R & L MANAGEMENT PO BOX 769 BLOWING ROCK, NC 28605	PP 2021	3048	05/31/2022			0	G01	3.95
	591119999			F01			F01	.49
	TAX RELEASES NO LONGER IN WATAUGA COUNTY				8119		G01L F01L	.40 .05
								4.89
DETAIL SUMMARY		COUNT: 3		RELEASES - TOTAL		0		12.68

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RELEASES - CHARGE SUMMARY FOR ALL CLERKS

YEAR	CAT	CHARGE	AMOUNT	
2019	PP	F01	FOSCOE FIRE PP	.32
2019	PP	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	2.58
			2019 TOTAL	2.90
2020	PP	F01	FOSCOE FIRE PP	.49
2020	PP	F01L	FOSCOE FIRE LATE LIST	.05
2020	PP	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	3.95
2020	PP	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	.40
			2020 TOTAL	4.89
2021	PP	F01	FOSCOE FIRE PP	.49
2021	PP	F01L	FOSCOE FIRE LATE LIST	.05
2021	PP	G01	WATAUGA COUNTY PP	3.95
2021	PP	G01L	WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	.40
			2021 TOTAL	4.89
			SUMMARY TOTAL	12.68

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RELEASES - JURISDICTION SUMMARY FOR ALL CLERKS

JUR	YEAR	CHARGE	AMOUNT
F01	2019	F01 FOSCOE FIRE PP	.32
F01	2019	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY PP	2.58
F01	2020	F01 FOSCOE FIRE PP	.49
F01	2020	F01L FOSCOE FIRE LATE LIST	.05
F01	2020	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY PP	3.95
F01	2020	G01L WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	.40
F01	2021	F01 FOSCOE FIRE PP	.49
F01	2021	F01L FOSCOE FIRE LATE LIST	.05
F01	2021	G01 WATAUGA COUNTY PP	3.95
F01	2021	G01L WATAUGA COUNTY LATE LIST	.40
		F01 TOTAL	12.68
		SUMMARY TOTAL	12.68

AGENDA ITEM 7:

TAX MATTERS

C. Proposed Board of Equalization and Review Hearing Dates

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Warren will present dates for the Board of Equalization and Review to hear appeal cases.

Board action is requested to accept the dates as presented.



WATAUGA COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATION

*Courthouse, Suite 21 – 842 West King Street – Boone, NC 28607
(828) 265-8021 – FAX (828) 264-3230*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deron T. Geouque
CC: Anita Fogle, Clerk to the Board
FROM: Larry D. Warren
SUBJECT: 2022 Board of Equalization and Review Hearing Dates
DATE: June 14, 2022

I'd like to address the County Commissioners at the June 21st meeting to discuss dates and times for the 2022 Board of E&R hearings. My recommendation is:

Monday July 11, 2022 – 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Monday July 25, 2022 – 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Tuesday July 26, 2022 – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday July 27, 2022 – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday July 28, 2022 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Upon your approval of the dates and times, my office will begin scheduling appointments in 15 minute increments.

Thank you.

AGENDA ITEM 8:

PROPOSED COURTHOUSE COMPUTER SYSTEMS SOFTWARE LICENSE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Amy Shook, Register of Deeds, will request Board approval of the software contract with Courthouse Computer Systems, current vendor. The contract is in the amount of \$36,225. Adequate funds have been budgeted to cover this expense.

Board action is required to approve the contract in the amount of \$36,225 with Courthouse Computer Systems for the Register of Deeds software.

Courthouse Computer Systems-Software License and Support Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT made by and between Courthouse Computer Systems, Inc. ("Licensor") and the Watauga County Register of Deeds office ("Licensee").

The "Agreement" covers data conversion, licensing, software support website maintenance, and microfilm conversion for a contract period of July 1, 2022 through June 30th 2023 as outlined below:

1. Definitions

1.1. "Designated Environment" means the computer equipment currently in place in the office.

1.2. "Error" means a material failure of the Software to function in conformity with the Specifications.

1.3. "Licensed Copies" means the number of copies of the Software being licensed to the Licensee.

1.4. "Location(s)" means the Licensee office at 842 West King Street, Boone, NC 28607.

1.5. "Office" means the Watauga County Register of Deeds office.

1.6. "Software" refers to any of the supported software modules defined in section two of this Agreement.

2. Software Modules Included

1. Document Recording and Cashiering
2. Document Indexing
3. Document Retrieval
4. Document Imaging
5. Internet Document Retrieval
6. Fee Reporting
7. Vital Records Management
8. Marriage License Issuance
9. Online Marriage Application (both Internet and Office Kiosk)
10. Image Redaction
11. E-Recording
12. User Accounting-including support of escrow accounts
13. Fraud Alert Notification System

Functionality incorporated within these software modules includes, but is not limited to:

1. The ability to easily export records in the system to an ASCII text file format to ensure forward compatibility without costly data conversion if the county decides to switch to a different software vendor at a later date. This guarantees complete safety and security by ensuring that your data will always be readable in the future. The Register of Deeds office can create and store these files on a daily basis.

2. The seamless integration of Point of Sale (POS) stations with the indexing system. The POS module operates as the office cash register by controlling the cash drawer, printing receipts, and producing detailed ledger reports of all transactions.

3. The immediate accessibility of documents for in-office retrieval. If desired, original documents may be scanned immediately for viewing on retrieval stations throughout the office.

4. The automatic generation of monthly reports that reference the complete set of financial data maintained in the system.

5. The ability to print traditional index books on-demand.

6. The ability to print traditional document books on-demand.

7. The ability to back-index and back scan vital records.

8. The ability to back-scan document books.

9. Compliance with the 2012 North Carolina Standards for Indexing Real-Property documents as well as any subsequent standards that take effect.

10. Perform those functions and operate in compliance with all representations contained in Licensor's promotional literature.

3. Services Provided by Licensor

1. Data Conversion-the Licensor will convert all existing document images. Licensor will also convert and load all indexing data from the existing software system. All document image conversion and computerized index data conversion will be conducted as part of the Agreement.

2. Website Maintenance- The Licensor will provide Internet hosting of Land Record Indexes and Images for the Licensee. The Licensee will have the capability to upload new index information and images on a daily basis.

3. Telephone Support- The Licensor will provide telephone numbers that can be used as needed by the Licensee for assistance regarding the supported Software Modules and services. Telephone support is available during normal business hours (8:00AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday). Licensor responds to all telephone support issues based upon the criticality of the issue, with systems that are completely non-functional receiving highest priority. Licensor endeavors, but does not guarantee, to respond to all non-critical issues within one business day.

4. Remote Support-Licensor will provide remote on-line support for the software modules through direct broadband connectivity provided by the Licensee. Remote online support allows the Licensor to perform system troubleshooting and make certain updates or configuration changes more quickly. Licensor agrees that it shall use the method of Remote Access chosen by the Licensee. This method may be subject to change as determined by the Information Technology Director for Licensee. Licensee will be sent confirmation of the individual books included in the batch.

5. Additional Services-The Licensor is available to provide additional services as needed at separately negotiated rates that are not included within the terms of this Agreement. These services include, but are not limited to,

back-file document scanning, and making images of old index books electronically searchable.

6. Statutory Changes-If changes are required either by general statute or state guidelines, the licensor will make necessary software updates at no charge to ensure compliance.

4. Licensee Responsibilities

1. Licensee shall permit secured remote access to the Supported server and PC desktops in order for Licensor to provide service.

2. Licensee shall periodically complete a total backup of all databases maintained by the office.

3. Licensee shall permit free and full access, including secure remote access, to the Supported Hardware in order for Licensor to provide service.

4. Licensee shall provide equipment that is dependable and sufficient to meet the needs of the office.

5. Licensee shall provide remote connectivity, using a method of Licensee's choosing, so that Licensor can securely connect to the network and access individual machines in the Register of Deeds office to provide support.

5. Licensor Responsibilities

1. Licensor shall protect any of the Licensee's confidential information and shall not disclose any of the Licensee's information, public or private, to any third party without written consent from the Watauga County Register of Deeds.

2. While the Licensor is connected to Watauga County over VPN, the Licensor shall protect the County network by maintaining current antivirus software and updates on any connecting PC's and not attempting to connect to any PC's or servers on the Watauga County network that are not PC's or servers used by the Register of Deeds office.

3. Licensor shall not disclose any of Watauga County's network or authentication information to third parties without the written consent of the Watauga County Information Technologies Director.

4. Licensor shall not change any security settings on PC's or servers without the written consent of the Watauga County Information Technologies Director. Security settings may include but are not limited to the creation of network shares, firewall settings, user group assignment, and folder or registry permissions.

6. Loaner Equipment

During the installation of software in the office, the Licensor may loan computer equipment to assist in the transition. All equipment provided by the Licensor remains the property of the Licensor. Any loaner equipment provided by the Licensor will be done so free of charge.

7. Software License

Licensor grants Licensee a non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use up to sixteen copies of the Software and Documentation solely for its internal operations at the Location(s) and on the Designated Environment for the term of this Agreement. All Software and Documentation remains the property of the Licensor. Licensee agrees to not make unauthorized copies of the Software and Documentation.

8. Proprietary Rights

Licensee acknowledges and agrees that the copyright, patent, trade secret, and all other intellectual property rights of whatever nature in the Software or Documentation are and shall remain the property of the Licensor, and nothing in this Agreement should be construed as transferring any aspect of such rights to the Licensee.

9. Confidentiality

9.1 Confidential Information

"Confidential Information", shall mean the Software, Documentation, and terms and conditions of this Agreement. Licensee acknowledges the confidential and proprietary nature of the Confidential Information and agrees that it shall not reveal or disclose any Confidential Information for any purpose to any other person, firm, corporation, or other entity, other than office or county employees with a need to know such confidential information to perform employment responsibilities consistent with Licensee's rights under this Agreement. Licensee shall safeguard and protect the Confidential Information from theft, piracy, or unauthorized access in a manner at least consistent with the protections Licensee uses to protect its own most confidential information and in a manner conforming to industry standards, whichever is greater.

9.2 Unauthorized Disclosure

Licensee shall notify Licensor immediately upon discovery of any prohibited use or disclosure of Confidential Information, or any other breach of confidentiality and shall fully cooperate with the efforts of Licensor to regain possession of the Confidential Information and to prevent the further prohibited use or disclosure of the Confidential Information.

10. Warranty

Licensor represents to Licensee that: (1) during the Agreement Period, the Software shall operate without any Errors; and (2) upon notification to Licensor during the Agreement Period of any errors, Licensor will, during its normal business hours and at no cost to Licensee, use reasonable efforts to correct such Errors which are reproducible and verifiable by Licensor. Licensor further warrants that the Software will perform its intended purpose and shall comply with all representations made in its promotional literature.

11. Price

For the Software License and Implementation Services outlined in this Agreement, Licensee agrees to pay Licensor an annual maintenance and support fee of \$36,225 and no cents. The Licensor agrees that the annual maintenance and support fee for the services outlined in this Agreement will not increase for the duration of the Agreement. Licensee agrees to pay all invoices within thirty (30) days of the date of invoice.

12. Optional Additional Services

12.1 Customization and Extensive Data Conversion

Additional time allotments for software customization are available on a time and materials basis of \$125 per hour.

13. Term and Termination of Agreement

13.1 Termination and Remedy

Licensee may terminate the Agreement without prejudice to any other remedy Licensee may have, in the event of any material breach of this Agreement which is not remedied within thirty days of Licensee's notice to Licensor of the breach and Licensee's intent to terminate the License. Termination shall not relieve Licensee's obligation to pay all amounts that are already accrued and owing or which Licensee has agreed to pay.

13.2 Breach

The Licensor may terminate this Agreement, without prejudice to any other remedy Licensor may have, immediately without further obligation to Licensee, in the event of any breach by Licensee, which cannot be remedied within thirty days of Licensor's notice to Licensee of the breach and Licensor's intent to terminate the License.

13.3 Cessation of Use

Upon Termination of this Agreement, Licensee will cease using the Software and Documentation and return all copies of the Software, Documentation, and all other Confidential Information in its possession or destroy all copies of such materials residing in computer memory. Licensor shall be entitled to enter the Location(s) to repossess any Software, Documentation, and any other Confidential Information, so long as such repossession does not compromise the future ability of the Register of Deeds to access and retrieve electronic records in accordance with the statutory duties of the Register of Deeds. Licensee shall, within thirty days from the effective date of termination, certify in writing that all copies of the Software and Documentation have been returned, deleted and destroyed.

13.4 Non-Appropriation

Licensor acknowledges that Licensee is a governmental entity, and the contract validity is based upon the availability of public funding under the authority of its statutory mandate.

In the event that public funds are unavailable and not appropriate for the performance of Licensee's obligations under this contract, then this contract shall automatically expire without penalty to Licensee thirty (30) days after written notice to Licensor of the unavailability and non-appropriation of public funds. It is expressly agreed that Licensee shall not activate this non-appropriation provision for its convenience or to circumvent the requirements of this contract, but only as an emergency fiscal measure during a substantial fiscal crisis, which affects generally its governmental operations.

In the event of a change in the Licensee's statutory authority, mandate and mandated functions, by state and federal legislative or regulatory action, which adversely affects Licensee's authority to continue its obligations under this contract, then this contract shall automatically terminate without penalty to Licensee upon written notice to Licensor of such limitation or change in Licensee's legal authority.

14. Renewal

This Agreement will renew automatically for subsequent terms of one year. Licensor shall notify Licensee sixty days in advance of the renewal date of any changes to the Agreement. Acceptance will be assumed if the Licensee does not notify Licensor at least thirty days prior to the renewal date.

15. Validity

If any part of this Agreement is held to be illegal or unenforceable, the validity or enforceability of the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected.

16. Survival

Sections 6, 7 and 8 shall survive the termination of this Agreement for any reason.

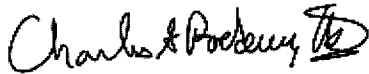
17. Entire Agreement

This Agreement and its schedules and Addendums comprise the entire Agreement between the parties for licensing and support and is not subject to change or modification except by written Agreement signed by both parties.

18. Assignment

Neither party may assign this agreement without the written consent of the other party to this Agreement.

LICENSOR:



Charles A. Roederer, III
Courthouse Computer Systems
President

LICENSEE:

John Welch
Chairman, Watauga County
Commissioners

6/6/2022

Date

Date

Attest:

Anita Fogle
Clerk to the Board

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Misty Watson
Watauga County Finance Officer

AGENDA ITEM 9:

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Proposed Contractor Prequalification Policy

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

In preparation for the bidding of the new Valle Crucis Elementary School, staff is requesting the Board adopt the attached contractor prequalification policy. The policy will ensure the lowest responsive bidder is also financially and technically able to complete the project.

Board approval is requested to approve the contractor prequalification policy as presented.

Watauga County Contractor Prequalification Policy

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Section I

Purpose and Background

Watauga County, North Carolina is establishing a Contractor Prequalification Policy in accordance with **North Carolina General Statute 143-135.8**. In accordance with this statute the governing body of the governmental entity shall adopt an objective prequalification policy applicable to all construction or repair work prior to the advertisement of the contract for which the governmental entity intends to prequalify bidders. This pertains only to projects for which Watauga County intends to prequalify bidders. Watauga County does not intend to prequalify contractors for each and every project. The Contractor Prequalification Policy is intended to be general in nature and will be separate from a required Project Specific Contractor Prequalification Application.

Section II

Contractor Prequalification Evaluation Criteria

Watauga County shall evaluate the Project Specific Contractor Prequalification Application and determine whether the applicant is prequalified to bid on the project based on the information contained in the application, on any supplemental information acquired by Watauga County from the applicant, or any other relevant information known to Watauga County.

In order to be considered for a Project Specific Contractor Prequalification, the applicant must meet and/or supply the following:

- A. A governmental entity may prequalify bidders for a particular construction or repair work project when all of the following apply:
 - (1) The governmental entity is using one of the construction methods authorized in G.S. 143-128(a1)(1) through G.S. 143-128(a1)(3).
 - (2) The board or governing body of the governmental entity adopts an objective prequalification policy applicable to all construction or repair work prior to the advertisement of the contract for which the governmental entity intends to prequalify bidders.
 - (3) The governmental entity has adopted the assessment tool and criteria for that specific project, which must include the prequalification scoring values and minimum required score for prequalification on that project.
- B. The objective prequalification policy adopted by a governmental entity pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section shall meet all of the following criteria:
 - (1) Must be uniform, consistent, and transparent in its application to all bidders.
 - (2) Must allow all bidders who meet the prequalification criteria to be prequalified to bid on the construction or repair work project.
 - (3) Clearly state the prequalification criteria, which must comply with all of the following:
 - a. Be rationally related to construction or repair work.
 - b. Not require that the bidder has previously been awarded a construction or repair project by the governmental entity.
 - c. Permit bidders to submit history or experience with projects of similar size, scope, or complexity.
 - (4) Clearly state the assessment process of the criteria to be used.
 - (5) Establish a process for a denied bidder to protest to the governmental entity denial of prequalification, which process shall be completed prior to the opening of bids under G.S. 143-129(b) and which allows sufficient time for a bidder subsequently prequalified pursuant to a protest to submit a bid on the contract for which the bidder is subsequently prequalified.
 - (6) Outline a process by which the basis for denial of prequalification will be communicated in writing, upon request, to a bidder who is denied prequalification.
- C. If the governmental entity opts to prequalify bidders, bids submitted by any bidder not prequalified shall be deemed nonresponsive. This subsection shall not apply to bidders initially denied prequalification that are subsequently prequalified pursuant to a protest under the governmental entity's prequalification policy.

Section III

Contractor Prequalification Denial Appeal Process

Watauga County will notify the contractors in writing (certified/return receipt) within 60 days of close of the Project Specific Contractor Prequalification Application submittal due date as to the results of their assessment point rankings and the status of their prequalification.

A contractor will be allowed five business days following receipt of notice to file a protest regarding a prequalification denial. Contractors shall follow the procedures described below. Protests that do not follow these procedures shall not be considered. The protest procedure constitutes the sole administrative remedy available to a contractor which did not meet the prequalification requirements.

All protests must be in writing and signed by the protesting contractor or an authorized Agent. The protest must state the grounds for the protest with specific facts and complete statements of the actions being protested. A description of the relief or corrective action being requested should also be included. All protests shall be submitted to the Watauga County department which initiated the Project Specific Contractor Prequalification Application request.

Only protests stipulating an issue of fact concerning the following subjects shall be considered: a matter of bias, discrimination or conflict of interest on the part of an evaluator; errors in computing the score, and non-compliance with procedures described in the prequalification document.

Upon receipt of a protest, a protest review will be held by selective Watauga County department manager/director, staff, consulting engineer(s), and trade engineer(s) germane to the project complexity. The protest review team will consider the record and all available facts and issue a decision within ten business days of receipt of the protest. If additional time is required, the protesting party will be notified of the delay.

The final determination of the protest shall: find the protest lacking in merit and uphold the original action; find only technical or harmless errors in the assessment process and uphold the original action; find merit in the specific protest, correct the errors and re-evaluate the assessment point scoring. If the re-evaluated scoring determines the contractor deemed prequalified the contractor will be allowed to subsequently bid on the specific project for which they are now prequalified.

Formal bids will not be received until a minimum of ten days after the protest is resolved and the protesting contractor prequalified.

Section IV

Watauga County Prequalification Form for Prime Contractor

This form gathers information about the contractors seeking to qualify for the work and provides a general format for the prequalification criteria. **Completing this questionnaire does not guarantee prequalification.** Evaluation of the submittal shall be performed by the prequalification committee.

PREQUALIFICATION DUE DATE/TIME: _____
(date) (time)

Submitted to:

 Contact Name receiving prequalifying packages

 Agency/Institution

 Address

 Address

 City/State Zip Code + 4

 Phone number Fax Number

 E-mail address

Project:

 Name of Project

 Project Owner

 Project Location/Address

 Project Architect

 Project Phase Project Start Date (Approx.)

 Project/Phase Duration Anticipated Bid Date

 Total Project Budget Phase Budget

Project Description: *Insert applicable project description at time of advertisement*

SECTION 1. GENERAL COMPANY INFORMATION

1. a. Primary/Main office location (from where the project will be managed)

Company Name

Physical Address

Mailing Address

City/State Zip Code + 4
(_____) (_____)
Phone number Fax number

Primary Contact Name Secondary Contact Name

Primary Contact Email Address Secondary Contact Email Address

Organization

1. b. Business type (check box) Corporation Partnership Limited Liability Company Sole Proprietor Joint Venture

Indicate your NC Statewide Uniform Certification: (check box): MBE HBE AABE AIBE
 WBE SDB DBE
 _____ Other (specify) _____ Certifying Agency/State (specify)

Is your firm registered with the State of North Carolina to do business? Yes No

Is your firm owned or controlled by a parent or any other organization? Yes No

Describe Ownership if

Yes: _____

List all other names your firm has operated as for the past five (5) years:

1. c. Licensing Information (Please provide all North Carolina professional licenses required for you to perform your services.)

<u>NC License number/ name of licensee</u>	<u>License Limit/Level</u>	<u>State/County/City Privilege License (provide copy)</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Has any license ever been denied or revoked? Yes No If yes, please describe, _____

1. d. Type of Work Performed on a regular basis

Primary Scope of Work:

Secondary Scope of Work:

Other Scope of Work:

What type of work do you self perform?

Bonding

1. e. (1) Attach letter, dated within the last 30 days, from your surety company, signed by their Attorney in Fact, verifying their willingness to issue sufficient payment and performance bonds for this project, on behalf of your firm and the dollar limits of that bond commitment, both single and aggregate. Surety company bond rating shall be rated "A" or better under the A.M. Best Rating system or The Federal Treasury List.

Have you attached a surety letter? Yes No

1. e. (2) Have funds been expended by a surety company on your company's behalf within the past 10 years?
 Yes No If yes, explain...

Insurance

1. f. The minimum requirements of coverage will be listed in the General Conditions. Firms must indicate that they can provide evidence of insurance coverage, should they be the successful bidder by attaching a copy of their insurance certificate. Have you attached a copy of your insurance certificate?
 Yes No

Commercial General Liability insurance for the Project written on an occurrence form with policy limits of not less than « One Million » (\$ « 1,000,000 ») each occurrence, «Two Million » (\$ « 2,000,000 ») general aggregate, and « Two Million » (\$ « 2,000,000 ») aggregate for products-completed operations hazard, providing coverage for claims including Three Million (\$3,000,000) Umbrella – see Article 11 AIA A201-2017

.1 damages because of bodily injury, sickness or disease, including occupational sickness or disease, and death of any person;

- .2 personal injury and advertising injury;
- .3 damages because of physical damage to or destruction of tangible property, including the loss of use of such property;
- .4 bodily injury or property damage arising out of completed operations; and
- .5 the Contractor’s indemnity obligations under Section 3.18 of the General Conditions

Automobile Liability covering vehicles owned, and non-owned vehicles used, by the Contractor, with policy limits of not less than « One Million » (\$ « 1,000,000 ») per accident, for bodily injury, death of any person, and property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance and use of those motor vehicles along with any other statutorily required automobile coverage.

Workers’ Compensation at statutory limits.

Employers’ Liability with policy limits not less than « Five Hundred Thousand » (\$ « 500,000») each accident, «Five Hundred Thousand » (\$ « 500,000 ») each employee, and « Five Hundred Thousand » (\$ « 500,000 ») policy limit.

Financials

1. g. Attach latest balance sheet and income statement, if available, based on company type. Audited statements preferred. If not available, attach a copy of the latest annual renewal submission to the relevant licensing board. (Company must submit financial data and must clearly indicate “confidential” on the document to avoid this item from becoming part of a public record.) Have you attached a balance sheet? Yes No

Barred from Bidding

1. h. Is your present company, its officers, owners, or agents currently barred from bidding public work in North Carolina? Yes No

SECTION 2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Experience - Size/Capacity/Workload

2. a. (1) List the annual dollar value of construction work the company **has completed and has under contract** for each year over the last (3) three calendar years (if applicable). If three years of data cannot be provided, please explain.

1 _____(yr)	2 _____(yr)	3 _____(yr)
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2. a. (2) How many projects do you currently have under contract or in progress and what is their total dollar value?

- _____(# of projects);
- \$ _____ (Current projects contract amount);
- \$ _____(Projects current amount remaining to bill)

2. a. (3) What was your largest single project completed in the past five years?
 _____ Sq. Ft. \$ _____ (Dollar Amount)
 _____ Location _____ Year Completed

2. a. (4) Projects Current Amount Remaining to Bill (from 2.a.2 above)
 \$ _____ (Dollar Amount)

2. a. (5) List the three largest contracts currently under contract or in progress, including for each, the name of the project, owner, architect and/or GC/CMR and contact information below.

#1 –Project Name	
Description of Work Performed	
Contract Delivery Method (CM/GC)?	
Owner Name/ Representative	
Owner Address/Phone #/Email	
Architect Name/Representative	
Architect Address/Phone #/Email	
GC or CM Name/Representative	
GC or CM Address/Phone #/Email	
Contract Dollar Value and HUB Participation %	
Percentage Complete	
Current Anticipated Completion Date	

#2 –Project Name	
Description of Work Performed	
Contract Delivery Method (CM/GC)?	
Owner Name/ Representative	
Owner Address/Phone #/Email	
Architect Name/Representative	
Architect Address/Phone #/Email	
GC or CM Name/Representative	
GC or CM Address/Phone #/Email	
Contract Dollar Value and HUB Participation %	
Percentage Complete	

Current Anticipated Completion Date	
#3 –Project Name	
Description of Work Performed	
Contract Delivery Method (CM/GC)?	
Owner Name/ Representative	
Owner Address/Phone #/Email	
Architect Name/Representative	
Architect Address/Phone #/Email	
GC or CM Name/Representative	
GC or CM Address/Phone #/Email	
Contract Dollar Value and HUB Participation %	
Percentage Complete	
Current Anticipated Completion Date	

Office Locations

2. b. Will this project be managed and directed from an office in NC? An office in NC is defined as “The principal place from which the trade or business of the bidder is directed or managed,” per GS 143-59 (c). Yes No

Litigation/Claims

2. c. (1) Has your company had any judgments entered against it or been the target of a suit by an owner in a construction project within the past 10 years, whether resolved or still pending resolution? Yes No

2. c. (2) Are there currently any judgments or suits pending or outstanding against your company, its officers, owners, or agents arising from a construction project? Yes No

2. c. (3) Has your company ever been terminated from a construction project or otherwise defaulted or removed from a construction project within the past 10 years? Yes No

2. c. (4) Have you or your company ever paid liquidated damages on a state project within the past 10 years? Yes No

2. c. (5) Has your company, its officers, owners, or agents ever been convicted of conflicts of interest, bribery, bid rigging, fraud, misappropriation, embezzlement, false claims, or other financial crimes within the past 10 years? Yes No

Safety Record

2. d. List your company’s Experience Modification Rate (EMR) for the past three years. (Attach OSHA 300 Log for the last 3 years.) Have you attached OSHA 300 log? Yes No

Present EMR Rate Previous Year’s EMR Rate EMR rate of two years ago

If these rates reflect corporate performance over several locations, please explain, to the extent possible, the performance experience of the location serving this project: _____

List any OSHA fines and Jobsite fatalities in the past 3 years with an explanation: _____

Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Plan and Record

2. e. Does the company currently have a documented plan for engaging subcontractor participation from Historically Underutilized Businesses? Yes No. If yes, please attach.

List the company’s three highest HUB participation percentages on projects completed within the last three years?

Project #1 _____ HUB Participation _____%

Project #2 _____ HUB Participation _____%

Project #3 _____ HUB Participation _____%

SECTION 3. PROJECT SPECIFICS

3.a. The assigned project superintendent for this project shall be: _____. Include a professional resume, including but not limited to education, training, certifications, similar project experience and owner/architect references (name, phone number and email address). Have you included a resume and references? Yes No

If the assigned superintendent cannot be guaranteed for this project, please provide an alternate superintendent (with resume and references).

3.b. The experience this superintendent has on similar types of projects as evidenced by their resume is: _____ 0-2 _____ 3-4 _____ 5-10 _____ >10 years.

3.c. The assigned project manager for this project shall be: _____. Include a professional resume, including but not limited to education, training, certifications, similar project experience and owner/architect references (name, phone number and email address). Have you included a resume and references? Yes No

If the assigned project manager cannot be guaranteed for this project, please provide an alternate project manager (with resume and reference).

3.d. The experience this project manager has on similar types of projects as evidenced by their resume:
 ___ 0-2 ___ 3-4 ___ 5-10 ___ >10 years.

Similar Projects

3.e. List three (3) current or completed projects of similar type which most closely reflect the size and complexity of the type of work being requested for the currently proposed project within the last 10 years.

#1 –Similar - Project Name	
Description of Work Performed	
Location of Project	
Contract Delivery Method (CM/GC)?	
Owner Name/ Representative	
Owner Address/Phone #/Email	
Architect Name/Representative	
Architect Address/Phone #/Email	
GC or CM Name/Representative	
GC or CM Address/Phone #/Email	
Contract Dollar Value and HUB Participation %	
Percentage Complete	
Original Contract Completion Date	
Actual or Anticipated Completion Date (explain if different from original date)	
If complete, provide “Contractor Evaluation Rating” (if applicable)	
Project team: Project Executive, Project Manager, Superintendent	
University project? Campus occupied? Building occupied?	
Total value of change orders?	
#2 –Similar - Project Name	
Description of Work Performed	
Location of Project	
Contract Delivery Method (CM/GC)?	
Owner Name/ Representative	

Owner Address/Phone #/Email	
Architect Name/Representative	
Architect Address/Phone #/Email	
GC or CM Name/Representative	
GC or CM Address/Phone #/Email	
Contract Dollar Value and HUB Participation %	
Percentage Complete	
Original Contract Completion Date	
Actual or Anticipated Completion Date (explain if different from original date)	
If complete, provide "Contractor Evaluation Rating" (if applicable)	
Project team: Project Executive, Project Manager, Superintendent	
University project? Campus occupied? Building occupied?	
Total value of change orders?	
#3 –Similar - Project Name	
Description of Work Performed	
Location of Project	
Contract Delivery Method (CM/GC)?	
Owner Name/ Representative	
Owner Address/Phone #/Email	
Architect Name/Representative	
Architect Address/Phone #/Email	
GC or CM Name/Representative	
GC or CM Address/Phone #/Email	
Contract Dollar Value and HUB Participation %	
Percentage Complete	
Original Contract Completion Date	
Actual or Anticipated Completion Date (explain if different from original date)	
If complete, provide "Contractor Evaluation Rating" (if applicable)	
Project team: Project Executive, Project Manager, Superintendent	
University project? Campus occupied?	

_____ County

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that _____
_____, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the
foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official seal, this the ___ day of _____
____, 20____.

(Official Notary Seal or Stamp)

Signature of Notary Public

My commission expires
_____, 20 _____

AGENDA ITEM 9:**MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS*****B. Proposed Contract with Vincent Valuations, LLC*****MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

The 2022 revaluation is now complete and the County needs to prepare for the next revaluation that is scheduled for 2027. During the 2022 budget retreat, the Commissioners discussed the next revaluation for the County and the need to conduct a full measure and list. Included is a contract with Vincent Valuations, LLC to conduct the 2027 revaluation for \$38.50 per parcel. In addition, the contract includes the cost to provide new construction services at \$29.50 per parcel. The contract would be effective July 1, 2022. Adequate funds have been budgeted to cover the 2022-2023 expenses.

Board approval is required to approve the contract with Vincent Valuations, LLC for the 2027 revaluation and new construction review services.

**NORTH CAROLINA
WATAUGA COUNTY**

SERVICE CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT is made, and entered into this the 21st day of June, 2022, by and between the **COUNTY of WATAUGA**, a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina, (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY"), and **Vincent Valuations LLC** a corporation duly authorized to do business in the state of North Carolina, (hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR").

For and in consideration of mutual promises to each as herein after set forth, the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1. **SCOPE OF SERVICES.** CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to provide the services and/or materials under this contract pursuant to the provisions and specifications identified in "Attachment 1" (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Services"). Attachment 1 is hereby incorporated herein and made a part of this contract. Time is of the essence with respect to all provisions of this contract that specify a time for performance.
2. **TERM OF CONTRACT.** The Term of this contract for services is from 7/1/2022 to 9/30/2027 unless sooner terminated as provided herein.
3. **PAYMENT TO CONTRACTOR.** COUNTY agrees to pay CONTRACTOR at the rates specified for Services performed to the satisfaction of the COUNTY, in accordance with this contract. Unless otherwise specified, CONTRACTOR shall submit an itemized invoice to COUNTY by the end of the month during which Services are performed. A Funds Reservation number may be assigned to encumber the funds associated with this contract and must appear on all invoices and correspondence mailed to Purchaser. Payment will be processed promptly upon receipt and approval of the invoice by COUNTY.
4. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** COUNTY and CONTRACTOR agree that CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor and shall not represent itself as an agent or employee of COUNTY for any purpose in the performance of CONTRACTOR's duties under this Contract. Accordingly, CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for payment of all federal, state and local taxes as well as business license fees arising out of CONTRACTOR's activities in accordance with this Contract. For purposes of this contract taxes shall include, but not be limited to, Federal and State Income, Social Security and Unemployment Insurance taxes.

CONTRACTOR, as an independent contractor, shall perform the Services required hereunder in a professional manner and in accordance with the standards of applicable professional organizations and licensing agencies.

5. **INDEMNIFICATION.** To the fullest extent permitted by laws and regulations, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold harmless the COUNTY and its officials, agents, and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, direct, indirect, or consequential (including but not limited to fees and charges of engineers or architects, attorneys, and other professionals and costs related to court action or mediation) arising out of or resulting from CONTRACTOR's performance of this Contract or the actions of the CONTRACTOR or its officials, employees, or subcontractors under this Contract or under contracts entered into by the CONTRACTOR in connection with this Contract. This indemnification shall survive the termination of this Contract.

In claims against any person or entity indemnified under this provision by an employee of the CONTRACTOR, a subcontractor, an employee of a subcontractor, or an agent of the CONTRACTOR or a subcontractor, the indemnification obligation under this provision shall not be limited by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the CONTRACTOR or a subcontractor under workers' or workmen's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

6. INSURANCE. CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract the following insurance coverage from an insurance company(s) licensed to do business in North Carolina. All of the policies required of the CONTRACTOR shall contain a waiver of subrogation provision to waive all rights of recovery under subrogation or otherwise against the COUNTY. In the event CONTRACTOR'S Insurance Policy or Certificate of Insurance conflicts with the aforesaid language concerning "waiver of subrogation" this contract shall govern. CONTRACTOR shall advise the COUNTY of any cancellation, non-renewal, or material change in any policy within ten (10) days of notification of such action and provide updated certificates of insurance evidencing renewals within fifteen (15) days of expiration. CONTRACTOR'S insurance shall be primary and any insurance or self-funded liability programs maintained by the COUNTY shall not contribute with respect to the CONTRACTOR's insurance. COUNTY shall not be listed as an additional insured on any Insurance Policy or Certificate of Insurance of the CONTRACTOR. In the event CONTRACTOR'S Insurance Policy or Certificate of Insurance conflicts with the aforesaid language concerning "additional insured" this contract shall govern.

6.1 Commercial General Liability: Insurance Services Office (ISO) Form CG 00 01 on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury, and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than **\$1,000,000** per occurrence and **\$1,000,000** aggregate.

6.2 Commercial Automobile Liability: ISO Form CA 00 01 covering any auto with limit not less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

6.3 Worker's Compensation and Employers Liability: as required by The State of North Carolina, with statutory limits, and Employers Liability Insurance with a limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

By requiring insurance herein, the COUNTY does not represent that coverage and limits will necessarily be adequate to protect CONTRACTOR, and such coverage and limits shall not be deemed as a limitation on CONTRACTOR's liability under the indemnities granted to the COUNTY in this Contract. CONTRACTOR shall provide the COUNTY a valid certificate of insurance, in advance of the performance of any work, exhibiting coverage required. CONTRACTOR shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein.

The failure of the COUNTY at any time to enforce the insurance provisions, to demand such certificates of insurance, or to identify a deficiency shall not constitute a waiver of those provisions, nor reduce obligations of the CONTRACTOR to maintain such insurance or to meet its obligations under the indemnification provisions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained in this section shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the governmental immunity of the COUNTY, which immunity is hereby reserved to the COUNTY.

7. TERMINATION.

7.1. EVENT OF DEFAULT. Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder:

- a. Failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule,
- b. Failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or
- c. Failure to perform any other covenant, term, or condition of this Agreement.

Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the County may take one or more or all of the following actions:

1. Give Contractor written Notice of the Event of Default, specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of greater or lesser specification of time, seven (7) calendar days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely

remedied, terminate the agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Contractor written Notice of Termination; and/or

2. Deduct any and all expenses incurred by the County for damages caused by the Contractor's Event of Default; and/or
3. Treat the agreement as breached and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both, including damages and specific performance.

7.2 TERMINATION PAYMENT. In the event this contract is terminated for any reason, the CONTRACTOR shall be compensated only for work completed through the termination date. Any incomplete work will be compensated on a pro-rata basis.

- 8. COUNTY NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPENSES.** COUNTY shall not be liable to CONTRACTOR for any expenses paid or incurred by CONTRACTOR, unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- 9. EQUIPMENT.** CONTRACTOR shall supply, at its sole expense, all equipment, tools, materials, and/or supplies required to provide Services hereunder, unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- 10. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS.** CONTRACTOR shall abide by all statutes, rules, regulations, laws, and executive orders Federal, State and Local as they relate to, but are not limited to, (i) services in general, (ii) payment of employees, subcontractors and agents, (iii) the Fair Labor Standards Act and (iv) the Wage and Hour Division. In the event CONTRACTOR is determined by the final order of a court or appropriate agency to be in violation of any Federal, State or Local statute, rule, regulation, law or executive order or this provision, this Contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part by COUNTY and CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further COUNTY contracts.
- 11. HEALTH AND SAFETY.** CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs required by OSHA and all other regulatory agencies while providing Services under this Contract.
- 12. NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT.** CONTRACTOR shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, sex, race, creed, national origin, or disability. CONTRACTOR shall take affirmative action to ensure that qualified applicants are employed and that employees are treated fairly and legally during employment with regard to their age, sex, race, creed, national origin, or disability. In the event CONTRACTOR is determined by the final order of an appropriate agency or court to be in violation of any non-discrimination provision of federal, state or local law or this provision, this Contract may be canceled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part by COUNTY, and CONTRACTOR may be declared ineligible for further COUNTY contracts.
- 13. AUDIT RIGHTS.** For all Services being provided hereunder, COUNTY shall have the right to inspect, examine, and make copies of any and all books, accounts, invoices, records and other writings relating to the performance of the Services. Audits shall take place at times and locations mutually agreed upon by both parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CONTRACTOR must make the materials to be audited available within one (1) week of the request for them.
- 14. DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE.** To prevent disputes and litigation, it is agreed by the parties that any claim or dispute between COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR, arising from this Agreement or the services and/or materials being provided by the CONTRACTOR, shall be sent to the WATAUGA County Manager who shall appoint a qualified mediator to address the issue. Such request shall be submitted to the County Manager in writing within ten (10) days of the claim or dispute. Upon receipt of a timely written claim, the Manager, or his designee, shall notify the Mediator who will conduct a mediation and notify the CONTRACTOR in writing of the decision within forty five (45) calendar days from the date of the submission of the claim or dispute,

unless the Mediator requires additional time to gather information or allow the parties to provide additional information. The Mediator’s orders, decisions and decrees shall be non-binding. Mediation, pursuant to this provision, shall be a pre-condition to initiating litigation concerning the dispute. During the pendency of any dispute and after a determination thereof, parties to the dispute shall act in good faith to mitigate any potential damages including utilization of schedule changes and alternate means of providing services and/or materials. The costs of mediation shall be divided equally between parties to the dispute.

The mediation session shall be private and shall be held in WATAUGA County, North Carolina. Mediation under this provision shall not be the cause for a delay of services and/or materials being provided which is the focus of the dispute.

If the disputed issue cannot be resolved in mediation or either party disagrees with the results of the mediation, the parties may seek resolution in the General Court of Justice in the County of WATAUGA and the State of North Carolina. If a party fails to comply in strict accordance with the requirements of this provision, the non-complying party specifically waives all of its rights provided hereunder, including its rights and remedies under State law.

- 15. **EXISTENCE.** CONTRACTOR warrants that it is a corporation or otherwise legal entity duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the State of North Carolina and is duly qualified to do business in the State of North Carolina and has full power and authority to enter into and fulfill all the terms and conditions of this contract.
- 16. **NON-SOLICITATION.** During the period of agreement and for the period of six months following the project completion date, the County will not solicit for employment or hire any Company employee without the express written consent of the Company.
- 17. **FORCE MAJEURE.** In no event shall the CONTRACTOR be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, strikes, work stoppages, extreme periods of inflation, accidents, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (software and hardware) services; it being understood that the CONTRACTOR shall use reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the appraisal industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.
- 18. **CORPORATE AUTHORITY.** By execution hereof, the person signing for CONTRACTOR below certifies that he/she has read this contract and that he/she is duly authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the CONTRACTOR.
- 19. **SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.** CONTRACTOR shall not assign its interest in this Contract without the written consent of COUNTY. CONTRACTOR has no authority to enter into contracts on behalf of COUNTY.
- 20. **NOTICES.** All notices which may be required by this contract or any rule of law shall be effective when received by certified mail sent to the following addresses:

COUNTY OF WATAUGA

CONTRACTOR
ATTN: Ryan Vincent
226 COWAND RD
Merry Hill, North Carolina 27957

21. HEADINGS. The subject headings of the sections are included for purposes of convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of any of its provisions. This contract shall be deemed to have been drafted by both parties and no interpretation shall be made to the contrary.

22. GOVERNING LAW. This Contract shall be governed by and in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina. All actions relating in any way to this Contract shall be brought in the General Court of Justice in the County of WATAUGA and the State of North Carolina.

23. ENTIRE CONTRACT. This contract, including Attachment 1, shall constitute the entire understanding between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR and shall supersede all prior understandings and agreements relating to the subject matter hereof and may be amended only by written mutual agreement of the parties.

24. COMPUTER ACCESS. The county shall provide remote access to the counties CAMA system, Tyler IAS, along with any other relevant data bases required to complete data entry work such as Survey 123.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties have expressed their agreement to these terms by causing this Service Contract to be executed by their duly authorized officer or agent.

COUNTY OF WATAUGA

Name and Title

Print Name/Title: _____

CONTRACTOR

By: _____

Authorized Representative

Print Name/Title: _____

ATTACHMENT 1” to follow



VINCENT
VALUATIONS

Watauga County Managers Office
Deron Geouque, County Manager

Mr. Geouque,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a proposal to Watauga County for the 2027 General Reappraisal (Revaluation) Project. Vincent Valuations has a respectable understanding of the requirements and needs of the County. Our expertise, services and review processes align and match the goals and expectations set forth.

Our staff has completed and assisted multiple counties with their statutory general reappraisals (revaluations). We have developed time tested methods to accurately and efficiently complete revaluations ensuring quality, and property attributes are accurately recorded and identified. It is our goal to work with the county throughout the project, learning your processes and offering any input for improvement practices that will save the county both time and money.

We propose the following rates for services for the 2027 revaluation:

Full measure and list reappraisal including the following:

- Full measure and list of each property in the county by qualified staff appraisers
- Photographs
- All reappraisal related data entry
- Full in office review
- Schedule of Values development and presentation
- 100 Person days of appeals

The above services shall be invoiced at a rate of \$38.50 per parcel.

In addition to the full measure and list reappraisal Vincent Valuations can assist the county with the statutory duties of annual new construction appraisal. Staff will visit all permits, collect all pertinent information, take photographs, and deliver the information to county data entry staff. Staff will review the data entered values for accuracy and consistency and ensure the appraised values are inline with the current schedule of values.

The above services shall be invoiced at a rate of \$29.50 per parcel.

We welcome feedback and thank you for this opportunity. Vincent Valuations is excited about the Watauga County project. We are hopeful for the opportunity to work with the county on this very important project.

Ryan Vincent

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MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

C. July Meeting Schedule

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

The first meeting in July has been cancelled. Staff will know at the June 21, 2022 meeting if the July 19 meeting date needs to be changed or can proceed as scheduled.

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MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

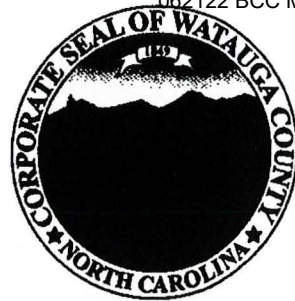
D. Update on the Naming Application Request in Memory of Lawrence “Lan” O’Loughlin

MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

Mr. Eric O’Loughlin, Ms. Jean Hord Roberts, and Ms. Ashley Ginn presented a request to name the lap pool in the aquatic center after Lawrence (“Lan”) O’Loughlin at the last Board meeting. Mr. O’Loughlin was the Watauga High School Men and Women’s head swim coach from 1979 to 2003.

Should the Board wish to approve the request, a public hearing is required to be scheduled to seek comments and input from County citizens. Once the public hearing has been completed the Board shall vote on the request. A unanimous vote of the Board is required for the naming application to be approved.

Staff seeks direction from the Board.

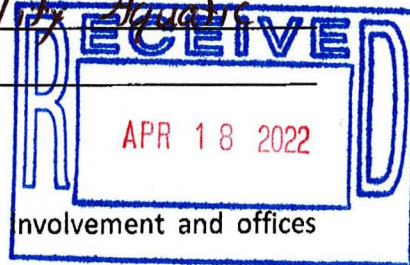


Watauga County Facility, Property, and Space Naming Application

Before submitting, please review the County Facility, Property, and Space Naming Policy.

Name of proposed honoree(s) Lawrence ("Lan") O'Loughlin

Proposed location of the building, structure, memorial, plaque, marker, area, or facility to be named Watauga County Recreational Facility Aquatics Center



If the proposed honoree(s) is a living individual please attach:

- a) Current resume (may include items b-d below).
- b) List of volunteer and/or service activities, including dates of involvement and offices held.
- c) List of professional accomplishments.
- d) List of honors and/or awards, both volunteer and professional, including dates awarded.
- e) Information regarding any significant donations, gifts, financial support or contributions made by the individual to Watauga County.
- f) Additional documents that support the proposal (optional)

If the proposed honoree(s) is a deceased individual, please attach:

- a) Source-identified, dated copy of obituary.
- b) List of volunteer and/or service activities, including dates of involvement and offices held.
- c) List of professional accomplishments.
- d) List of honors and/or awards, both volunteer and professional, including dates awarded.
- e) Information regarding any significant donations, gifts, financial support or contributions made by the individual to Watauga County.
- f) Additional documents that support the proposal (optional).

If the proposed honoree(s) is an organization, please attach:

- a) A copy of the charter for the organization, including mission statement.
- b) A copy of the minutes of the meeting or authentic copy of the proclamation made that substantiates the organization's desire to seek a County facility, property, or space naming or renaming opportunity.
- c) List of service to community, both volunteer and monetary, including dates of involvement and results.
- d) Authentic copies of recognitions awarded by national organization of which the local organization is an affiliate.
- e) List of other honors/awards earned by organization.
- f) Narrative as to why the organization should be honored with the naming of a facility.
- g) Information regarding any significant donation, gifts, financial support or contributions made by the organization to the County.

Narrative describing why the individual should be honored with the naming or dedication of a building, structure, memorial, plaque, marker, area, or facility: See attached letter

Attach additional pages if more space is required.

Please note: Honoree will be subject to a background check.

Please submit this application and all attachments to: **Watauga County Manager
814 West King Street, Suite 205
Boone, North Carolina 28607**

Applicant Contact Information & Signature

Name Eric O'Loughlin

Organization N/A

Address 350 Blue Ridge Vista

City Boone State NC

Telephone 828-719-5303

E-mail ericoloughlin@gmail.com

Applicant Signature *Eric O'Loughlin* Date 4/14/22

Office Use Only

Date Received: _____ By: _____

Notes: _____

Watauga County Facility, Property, and Space Naming Application

Name of Proposed Honoree(s): Lawrence ("Lan") O'Loughlin

Proposed Location of the building structure, memorial, plaque, marker, area, or facility to be named:
Watauga Country Recreational Facility Aquatic Center

If the proposed honoree is a **deceased individual**, please attach:

- A) Source-identified dated copy of the obituary
- a. <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sunsentinel/obituary.aspx?n=lawrence-oloughlin&pid=977089>
- B) List of volunteer and/or service activities, including dates of involvement and offices held:
1. (1990's-2000's) Watauga County Recreational Task Force Committee Member
 2. (1990's-2000's) – Organizer & Facilitator for Watauga County Senior Games – Swimming
 3. (1980's-2000's) – Co-Founder & Faculty Advisor of the Mountain Alliance program at Watauga High School (WHS)
 - i. Adventure activities that challenge and empower students to identify and value their personal strengths & encourage students to learn to overcome obstacles, embrace adversity, and cultivate leadership skills.
 4. (1980's-2000's) – Mountain Alliance Liaison & Expedition Lead with Outward Bound National Program
 - ii. Program that teaches outdoor adventure programs for people of all ages and walks of life. Delivers powerful life lessons by encouraging participants to safely and confidently step outside their comfort zones while traveling in spectacular wilderness areas. Promotes personal growth, self-confidence, and strength of character through outdoor experiential learning.
 5. (1980's-1990's) - Organized local community clean-up events (river clean-ups, park building, etc.)
- C) List of Professional Accomplishments:
1. 1979-2003 WHS Teacher
 2. 1979-2003 WHS Men & Women's Head Swim Coach
 3. 1980-1989 WHS Men's Head Cross Country Coach
 4. 1981-1989 WHS Women's Cross-Country Program Founder and Head Coach
 5. 1982-1985 WHS Men & Women's Head Track Coach
- D) Honors and/or Awards, both volunteer and professional, including dates awarded
1. Inducted into Watauga County Sports Hall of Fame 2005
 2. Inducted into WHS Sports Hall of Fame 2021
 3. Women's Swimming
 - i. Conference Champion ('91,'94,'96,'97,'98,'99,'01,'02)
 - ii. State Performance
 - a. 8th ('85)
 - b. 8th ('00)
 - c. 3rd ('03)

- d. ('97) 200 Freestyle relay state champions (Megan Keefe, Brenda Taylor, Ashley Norman, Lindsay Taylor)
 - iii. Conference Swimming Coach of the Year ('86,'87,'88,'92,'96,'98,'99)
 - 4. Men's Swimming
 - i. Conference Champion ('01)
 - ii. State Performance
 - a. 11th ('82)
 - b. 18th ('85)
 - iii. State Champion Swimmer ('83)
 - 5. Men's Cross Country
 - i. Conference Champion ('80,'81,'85,'87,'88)
 - ii. Sectional Champion ('81)
 - iii. State Performance
 - a. 9th ('87)
 - b. 11th ('88)
 - iv. Conference Coach of the Year ('81,'85,'86)
 - 6. Women's Cross Country
 - i. Conference Champion ('82,'83,'85,'87,'88,'89)
 - ii. Sectional Champion ('82,'83,'85)
 - iii. State Performance
 - a. 1st ('85)
 - b. 3rd ('82)
 - c. 4th ('87,'88,'89)
 - d. 5th ('83)
 - iv. Conference Coach of the Year ('85,'86,'89)
 - 7. Mr. WHS Pageant Founding Honoree ('00)
 - i. Fundraising campaign to provide financial support to local individuals and families with medical expenses of the Watauga community
- E) Information regarding any significant donations, gifts, financial support, or contributions made by the individual to Watauga County
- a. Lan O'Loughlin Personal Achievement Award
 - i. In honor of Lan O'Loughlin, WHS set up this personal achievement award and with the community's financial support, the award provides up to a \$4,000 monetary gift for the recipient(s) each year.
 - 1. "The Lan O'Loughlin Award celebrates the quality of the game played and not the score alone. It honors the quality of the study effort and not just the grade. It is a tribute to one's compassion for others with the knowledge that one of the greatest challenges any of us faces is in living for purposes greater than those that touch only our lives."
- F) Additional documents that support the proposal
- a. Please see additional letters/emails sent from parents and athletes directly to the commissioner's office that speak to Lan's character and his impact on the community

Narrative describing why the individual should be honored with the naming of dedication of a building, structure, memorial, plaque, marker, area or facility:

As referenced in the Lan O'Loughlin Personal Achievement Award set up by the WHS Booster Club in Lan's honor in 2000 with funding support from the community, Lan represented many things to Watauga County and his positive impact continues to influence the community today. Lan grew up in Ft. Lauderdale, FL where he swam and played water polo competitively from age 6 through college and achieved top state and national ranking for several years including #1 ranking in the state of Florida in 1972. Additionally, he achieved All-American status in both swimming and water polo and qualified for the 1972 Olympic trials in swimming.

Lan and his wife moved to Boone in 1979, when he was recruited for the head coaching position for the swim team at Watauga High School and as a teacher. Within a year, he also assumed responsibility as head coach for the men's cross-country team. Questioning why there was no cross-country program for women at WHS, he began that program in 1981 and within a few years the women's team was the state champions. In addition to these extensive coaching commitments and full time teaching, Lan also coached both the men's and women's track teams in the 1980's.

While his professional accomplishments both in the classroom and in coaching were profound, his impact and legacy were rooted in his ability to inspire confidence and bring out the best from his students and athletes. Lan saw an individual's potential even when he or she might not see it in themselves. He constantly strived to foster that potential through his compassionate and motivational style of teaching and coaching. Even students that were not in his classroom or coached by him directly felt his presence at Watauga High School through other programs and events he cofounded or organized such as Mountain Alliance and trash clean-ups.

In appreciation of the significant impact Lan made at WHS and the larger Watauga community, the WHS Student Council started the Mr. WHS pageant in his honor in 2000. Twenty years later, this pageant is going strong and has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to help defray the medical expenses of several students, faculty and staff in Watauga County.

Lan's influence continues to live on through the thousands of students and athletes he influenced during his lifetime in Watauga County. His lasting legacy can be remembered through the type of aquatic facility he and the Watauga County Recreational Task Force Committee for so many years envisioned, fought for and is finally becoming a reality for the community.

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#	Name	Comments	Current Watauga County Resident
1	Jonathan Miller	Lan was my coach, my mentor, my colleague, and my friend. I had the honor of serving as his assistant coach for ten years. In all the time I swam or worked for him, I always knew he had the best interest of the student-athlete in his heart. No one was ever turned away from joining the team and everyone had a place. It is more than fitting that we should recognize Lan by naming the aquatic facility in his honor.	Yes
2	Michelle Clemens	100% accurate	Yes
3	Jerry cantwell	A great teacher, coach and good friend. Left us way to early. He should be recognized.	Yes
4	Tracy Weston	A man who deserves to have the County Rec pool named after him for sure!	Yes
5	William Winkler	A perfectly appropriate choice!	Yes
6	Dennis	A truly first rate coach and, more importantly, person.	Yes
7	Mariesa Johnson	A well deserving man. His student loved him and I was one of them!	Yes
8	Trimella Chaney	A wonderful idea to honor the legacy of a wonderful man.	Yes
9	Steven Mateiko	A wonderful inspiration to so many	Yes
10	Dan Krontz	Absolutely the right thing to do	Yes
11	Shelia Deal	Absolutely! The best coach ever! And a wonderful, kind human being.	Yes
12	Cathia Silver	Absolutely, I am in full support that the Aquatic Center should be named after Lan for his dedication and leadership with the youth in our community for so many years.	Yes
13	Bob Sudduth	Also an excellent CC coach	Yes
14	Jim Stonesifer	an outstanding teacher and person	Yes
15	Mary Farthing	As a current Watauga County resident, I would very much like the recreation center pool to be named for Lan.	Yes
16	Shelton Wilder	As a friend and colleague LAN was 110% every day for the kids, the athletes, the sport, and his friends. I can not think of WHS aquatics without this memory. This recognition will be more than appropriate, it was earned and deserved by LAN the Man. I sure hope this happens!	Yes
17	Phyllis MacBryde	As a lap swimmer in the old Recreation Center pool, I witnessed the encouragement and support he gave Watauga County high school swimmers. He dedicated himself to these young athletes, motivating them to meet the goals they set for themselves.	Yes
18	Carol OLoughlin Thompson	As Lan's wife, I witnessed his heartfelt service to others, particularly the youth of our community. Whether as a teacher or as a coach, he instilled character in each student that he worked with, and most of all, belief in themselves. His dream was that the youth of Watauga County would learn how to swim before they graduated from high school. He worked tirelessly for a new pool and recreation center where this could become a reality. His legacy will live on in the naming of the aquatic center in his honor.	Yes
19	Mark Shook	Being the swim coach and helping all the kids in his career, there is NO better person to name this after!	Yes
20	Sammy Adams	Born x Raised in Boone. WHS grad. :)	Yes
21	Tyler Langley	Coach Lan was my CC and Diving coach at WHS in the early 90s, he was great and deserving of this tribute.	Yes
22	Frank Agate	Dedicated teacher and mentor	Yes
23	kathy agate	Didn't know Lan, but would like his legacy to live on in Watauga County!	Yes
24	Marguerite MacCaskill	Didn't know Lan, but would like his legacy to live on.	Yes
25	Mary Underwood	Even though I never met Lan, I knew of him through so many people in the community and always heard such positive things about him. I think naming the facility after him would be fitting tribute after all he has done for the youth in this area.	Yes
26	Jason Deathridge	For Lan's dream of the new aquatic center and his dedication to the community!	Yes
27	Merle Todd	Great idea!	Yes
28	Richard Furman	Great man and teachero	Yes
29	Cindy barr	Great man and wonderful coach and teacher	Yes
30	Mark Gould	Great man!	Yes
31	Joe Wellborn	Great name choice here!	Yes
32	Elizabeth Rupp	He was a fantastic swim coach and very favorably remembered by everyone who knew him! We loved him and he was a man of great integrity and character!! Please name our new recreation complex after him!	Yes
33	Stephanie Triplett	He was a good teacher.I enjoy it	Yes
34	Faye Cooper	He was a terrific swim coach and great mentor.	Yes
35	Jennifer Greene	He was an anxious f swim coach and so grateful I had him!!!	Yes
36	Brittney Calhoun	He was one of my favorite teachers in high school!! What incredible memories I have of him and this would be such an honor for him.	Yes
37	Kay McGowan	Hope this happens!	Yes

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38	Terry Childers	How fitting to have the aquatic pool named for one whose life affected and enriched so many.	Yes
39	Margaret Jonas	I can't imagine any more deserving person to name this facility for.	Yes
40	Logan Rowell	I can't imagine anyone more deserving of having their name and their spirit watching over the lanes of the new pool.	Yes
41	Connie Barthet	I didn't get to know him but have heard about him for years and know that he had a wonderful family.	Yes
42	Ben Henderson	I didn't personally know Lan but I knew OF Lan. As did everyone in the county!! This would be a fitting tribute.	Yes
43	Rich Campbell	I fully support the Aquatic Center being named in honor of Lan O'Loughlin. He did so much to promote the sport of swimming in our community and of the need of a recreation center. It would be a fitting legacy.	Yes
44	Jane Rogers	I fully support this effort.	Yes
45	Judd Huffman	I support this great idea!	Yes
46	Rachel Witmer	I think it is a wonderful idea to name the aquatic center after Lan!	Yes
47	Ralph E Lentz II	I was blessed to have Lan as a coach when I swam for the Watauga Co. Swim Team in the late 70s and early 80s. This would be a great honor for Lan, and also for the Aquatic Center in the New Rec. facility. Watauga County was blessed to have him.	Yes
48	Robert H Bridgeman	I was not fortunate enough to have had Lan as a teacher or a coach, but knew him and his family through church. I know his students and swimmers would be honored to see his name on such a prominent place in Boone.	Yes
49	Margaret Edwards	I was privileged to have four children coached by Lan, on both the county and high school swim teams. He was, without a doubt, the epitome of the ideal coach- someone who is an expert at their chosen sport and who also models integrity, encouragement, and compassion in encounters with team members. He impacted our children in ways that affected their lives and not just their performance at the time. I always knew they were not only coached well, but protected emotionally by his concern for them as individuals. They knew he cared about them, and this motivated them to do their best. I can't think of any better name to attach to the new pool.	Yes
50	Susie Miler	I was very blessed to know Lan. He loved my family and we loved him.	Yes
51	Carolina C Elliott	I worked with Lan at WHS, and watched him set a wonderful example for young folks, in coaching and in the classroom. If you ever saw him in his Halloween costume each year, it would make you smile and laugh again. Great guy, and so deserving of this honor, which is truly an honor for us.	Yes
52	Lowell Younce	I would be honored to support naming the Aquatic center after Lan O' Loughlin. Not only was Lan a great teacher, he was a role model for many WCS students and swim team members.	Yes
53	Gabriel A Pagan Lopez	If you want to be the Best, Swim with the Best!! When I pray, I think of the guidance you still provide, as well as your fun yet competitive spirit that keeps me going.	Yes
54	Ophea Huntsman	I'll always remember his whistle and coaching.	Yes
55	Stacey Harris	In Watauga County the Soccer field have been named after Ted Mackorell fields and the track at the high school was named after Leigh Cooper Wallace. Leigh did not teach half as long as this man did, just because his family was not a local shouldn't mean he doesn't have the right to have the aquatic center named after him.	Yes
56	Ray Karaus	Inspirational teacher, coach, human being. This is an easy choice. My thanks to the Board in advance.	Yes
57	Robert Barnes	It would be an honor to recommend naming the aquatic center in memory of Lan O'Loughlin.	Yes
58	Carol Hinshaw	Lab was my Children's coach. We loved him.	Yes
59	Lee Stroupe	Lan and I joined the coaching staff at Watauga High School at the same time in 1979. We shared office space as science teachers during those 24 years together. I watched his dedication to his student athletes in all the years he coached. I can't think of a more noble way to honor and memorialize his achievements.	Yes
60	Catherine Cole	Lan coached 4 of my children in swim team, and was an integral part of their education which extended far beyond the pool, and included integrity, resilience, humility, commitment, team work, dedication and endurance. I would love to see his name on our local community pool.	Yes
61	Brenda Reese	Lan deserves this honor.	Yes
62	Gabriel Lopez	Lan is my coach for life. Still with me %100	Yes
63	Annie Pipes	Lan made a huge contribution to the Boone Community at large. Every Child was treated equally. Lan as did Dr. Bill Horn, shared a mutual goal to advance the health, wellness and availability for a safe place for the community young to gather. There is not better way to honor those who designed our youth to be who they are and reach for goals no matter how small. Watauga County needs more individuals to step up. Naming the Rec center after Lan is forward thinking.	Yes
64	Karen K James	Lan made a significant impact in Watsuga County, not just with the teenagers he taught and coached at the HS, but throughout the community. He would be so proud to finally see a world-class pool at the Rec Center. Please name it for Lan O'Loughlin!	Yes
65	Hanes Boren	Lan not only was a great swim ,but he was a positive influence for students and anyone he met .	Yes

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66	Judy Seamone	Lan Oâ€™Loughlin Aquatic Center Naming Application	Yes
67	Penny Anne Taylor	Lan Oâ€™Loughlin should absolutely be honored and remembered and memorialized by naming the new Watauga Country Rec Ctr Pool after him! Itâ€™s a wonderful idea considering the number of hours he put in at the pool side in this country teaching so many young team members to swim at their highest level!	Yes
68	Cassie Rush	LAN Oâ€™Loughlin touched so many young peopleâ€™s lives. He was a great coach and role model.	Yes
69	Mandy Southern	Lan O'Loughlin was a wonderful coach! I swam on the Watauga County team for 2 yrs and the Watauga High School team for 4 years under Lans leadership. He loved swimming and was an inspiring and encouraging coach and person. He is greatly missed and I would love to see his legacy live on in Watauga County!	Yes
70	Rosella Bridgeman	Lan put Watauga County on the map for swim teams in NC, while developing model citizens of his swimmers. He definitely deserves this memorial.	Yes
71	Elena Taylor	Lan set a precedent in our community of health and wellness in particular for the youth by fostering a deep sense of strength and commitment of self through his encouragement and mentorship.	Yes
72	Tyler Deal	Lan taught me how a true coach was supposed to treat you and I value every moment I had the privilege of learning from him. I learned how to swim but so much more as well.	Yes
73	Marietta Miller	Lan touched my family in such a profound way. This is to thank him from the bottom of my heart.	Yes
74	John Cooper	Lan touched the hearts of so many of the children of Watauga County and worked tirelessly to have the kind of facility that the County Built.	Yes
75	Matt Rupp	Lan was a coach and mentor to thousands. He deserves this.	Yes
76	William Wright	Lan was a coach to all three of my kids and was a source of great encourage and learning.	Yes
77	Barbara Bevington	Lan was a gifted coach and teacher. My sons, Steve and Andrew Jackson benefitted immensely from their time and experience with Lan. I am completely in favor of naming the swimming complex at the Watauga County Recreation Center in honor and memory of Lan Oâ€™Laughlin	Yes
78	Lynn R Ginn	Lan was a great coach and role model for our daughters.	Yes
79	susan younce henson	Lan was a great teacher and coach. This is a well deserved honor.	Yes
80	Jodi Cash	Lan was a huge influence on my life and especially on the way I coached my own swimmers! Pool should be named after him!!	Yes
81	Jeff Tiller	Lan was a major supporter of the young people of our county who was incredibly generous with his time and talents.	Yes
82	Paige Garland	Lan was an amazing coach!	Yes
83	Carol Brown	Lan was an amazing man, a wonderful teacher and a mentor to many young people at Watauga High School. I cannot think of a better tribute to him than naming the Aquatic Center for him. I endorse this proposal 120%	Yes
84	Jo herring	Lan was an amazing positive influence on so many young people! He was a compassionate competitive coach to each individual swimmer and it didnâ€™t matter if you were the fastest or the slowest!	Yes
85	Kay Campany	Lan was an incredible man. I attended the dinner honoring Lan, shortly after he learned he had cancer. Hundreds of former and current students he taught and coached as well as their parents turned out to tell him how much he meant to them. He treated all swimmers regardless of their talent the same. It would be a wise decision to name the pool after him.	Yes
86	Bill Herring	LAN was an inspiration to our three children who swam for him. Would love to see him honored in this way.	Yes
87	Mike and Joni Salzano	Lan was an inspiration to the young people of this community both in and out of the pool.	Yes
88	Debbie Stevens	Lan was an inspiration, whose life ended way too soon. It would be a gift to future generations to continue his legacy of giving and learning by naming our amazing aquatic center after this amazing man.	Yes
89	Mary Etta Moretz	Lan was an outstanding coach. He was very inclusive encouraging all swimmers to do their personal best. It was always about the student and not about him. That is indeed rare.	Yes
90	Alex Fish	Lan was my first swim coach. He passed away early in my high school career but I wish I had the opportunity to know him better.	Yes
91	Billy Herring	Lan was my guiding light in high school. Not just as my swim coach but as a role model. Advice that he gave on the pool deck wasn't always for swimming and that advice continues to serve me to this day. Lan made us believe anything was possible. I never in a million years thought a scrawny mountain kid could win a state championship but in 1983, with Lan's guidance and belief in me, I won that state championship. I know he instilled these same strengths in hundreds, if not thousands of students and athletes at Watauga High School.	Yes
92	Joseph Hill	Lan was our ski club head and put as much passion getting us on the Hill for the annual snowbird trip as he did coaching and teaching. He was real, aware, and kind. His legacy would rightly fit a building meant to provide fun, recreation, and sportsmanship. Country commission, the people that put you in position are giving instruction. Please serve us well, as you committed.	Yes
93	James Gragg	Lan was so much more than a swim coach & teacher in this community!	Yes
94	Bryce Holder	Lan was someone we all should strive to be like. One of a kind!	Yes

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95	Sara Mayhew	Lan was such an inspiration to so many young people in the county. He gave of himself tirelessly and never let his cancer diagnosis detract from his positive attitude and efforts to bring a community rec center to the Boone area.	Yes
96	Jon-Paul Lacy	Lan was the kind of friend, teacher, Coach, and customer you wanted to do your best for. He kept me swimming and in school during some tough high school drama filled years when I thought about leaving. I am a successful today because he as well as other great teachers at WHS kept me going forward. The afternoon practices were work no doubt. It was a family and Lan was there everyday encouraging us with his famous grin and whistling. Thank you Sir for everything you help me become. Let's get this named in his honor and keep his memory as a reflection for all he did for an eternity.	Yes
97	Donald Goddard	Lan was the reason I ran cross country for 4 years at WHS he talked from the heart and was a great role model for me. Always had a kind word or a joke to help an awkward teenager.	Yes
98	Mike Dreisbaugh	LAN was well liked and respected by students and friends. He encouraged the students to be the best they could and be.	Yes
99	Ray Miller	Lan's life is truly an inspiration - not only for those who knew him personally but also for those of us who have come afterwards. A life resonates well beyond the time in which one lived and Lan's certainly does	Yes
100	Dan Barnwell	Let's name it after Lan.	Yes
101	Steff McDaniel	Love Lan, his spirit and mentorship guided many swimmers, students and Alamabam fansâ€¦	Yes
102	Christy Morsette	Mr O'loughlin was my favorite teacher from high school I have some of the funniest memories from his class no one deserves this more than him!! He always lives his students and teaching!!	Yes
103	Jenny Thompson	Mr. O'Loughlin was an amazing teacher!!	Yes
104	Heather Mull	My favorite teacher and great family friend.	Yes
105	Alexia Watson	Name it after him!!	Yes
106	Dottie Sykes	No one else more deserving than Lan!	Yes
107	Jim Clemens	Of course!	Yes
108	Chris Hemion	One of my brothers swam for Lan. I was a manager for the team. He was one of the most genuinely nice human being I have ever had the pleasure to meet.	Yes
109	Tim Dowell	Only name that makes sense	Yes
110	James s Accardi II	Please do this	Yes
111	Norma Teague	Since Lan began thoughts on this project and did not live to see the completion, this would be a great honor in his memory.	Yes
112	Bryan Willis	Sometimes doing the right thing goes beyond who can give money to have something named after themselves. Do the right thing!!	Yes
113	Clifford Farthing	Strongly recommend this action.	Yes
114	Betsy Church	Such a worthy recipient of this honor. I cannot imagine anyone who positively impacted aquatics more in the High Country than Lan.	Yes
115	Nick	Thank you Lan	Yes
116	Jennifer Lacy	Thank you!	Yes
117	Patty Blanton	There is no one I would rather see honored in this way than Lan.	Yes
118	Faye Cooper	There is no one in my mind more deserving of having their name on the Watagua County Recreation Complex's aquatic center than Lan O'Laughlin. He worked for years along side many who held tight to the vision that has finally become a reality in our recreation facility.	Yes
119	Nanci Tolbert Nance	This honor would be richly deserved; Lan was a special person.	Yes
120	Andy Harkins	This is a GREAT idea and Lan would be the natural pick for this.	Yes
121	Cynthia Wright	This is a recognition that is well deserved for Lan and his family. I support the naming of the New aquatic center to be Lan O'L oughlin Aquatic Center	Yes
122	Kathie Milligan Billing	This is great facility. I never knew Lan ,but have heard wonderful Things about him . What a great tribute this would be in his memory to his family , community and all of those that were in favor of the need of a new facility. With my daughter being a swimmer in high school it just makes me smile to see the county and Highschool have space to host home meets .	Yes
123	Light Thomas	This man inspired so many young people and was loved by this community.	Yes
124	Shana Scott	This needs to be named after Lan!	Yes
125	Richard Culatta	This would be an appropriate gesture that is well deserved	Yes
126	Donna Sollecito	This would be such a wonderful thing for this community. Iâ€™m personally enjoying the new pool I love the aqua size classes this was one of the main reasons I joined.	Yes
127	Heather Rogers	This would be wonderful!	Yes
128	Denise Goetz	Totally support this!	Yes
129	Grace C Dorsey	Valuable teacher, coach, and leader in Watauga County.	Yes

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130	Tom Bracken	Very happy to do this!!	Yes
131	Anita Stroupe	Well earned and deserved!	Yes
132	Jo Ann Hallmark	What a wonderful way to honor a wonderful man!!	Yes
133	Kathy Idol	Wonderful idea. He coached both my kids	Yes
134	Pat Morgan	Wonderful teacher and friend to our children. Naming the aquatic center after Lan is very fitting.	Yes
135	Sharon Brooks	Worked with Lan at WHS	Yes
136	Julie Trueman	working with the children of Watauga County is an important commitment to be recognized	Yes
137	Nancy Caudill	Would love to honor Lane !	Yes
138	Barbara Young	Wounderful person!	Yes
139	Lisa Coop	Yes! Well deserved.	Yes
140	Robert Willis		Yes
141	Karen B Lewis		Yes
142	Susan Wells		Yes
143	Stacy Campany		Yes
144	Pamela Greer		Yes
145	Melissa Garner		Yes
146	Nancy Bell		Yes
147	Nikki Slade		Yes
148	Shane Miller		Yes
149	Wanda Smith		Yes
150	Catharine		Yes
151	Marissa Winkler		Yes
152	Candace Sjodin		Yes
153	Teresa Norman		Yes
154	Jerry H Moretz II		Yes
155	Kay Durfor		Yes
156	Durfor George		Yes
157	Nathan Anderson		Yes
158	Pattie Jenkins		Yes
159	Cindy Godwin		Yes
160	Virginia Ann Bagg		Yes
161	Garrett stigall		Yes
162	Carolyn Godwin		Yes
163	Tammie Hill		Yes
164	Patty Russell		Yes
165	Marie Russo		Yes
166	Kent Graham		Yes
167	Dennis Grady		Yes
168	Jack Pepper		Yes
169	Martha Stephenson		Yes
170	Kimberly Eggers		Yes
171	Regina Alford		Yes
172	Jamie Glover		Yes
173	Sherr Lowder		Yes
174	Grace Coffey Greer		Yes
175	Jennifer Norris		Yes
176	Elizabeth McCracken		Yes

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177	Julie Karaus		Yes
178	Jenny Miller		Yes
179	Kimberly Helseth Rushing		Yes
180	Stephanie Tolbert		Yes
181	Amy Norris Johnson		Yes
182	Michelle Hollars		Yes
183	Pam Margolis		Yes
184	Andrew Wade		Yes
185	Lindsay Hannon		Yes
186	Ginny Anderson		Yes
187	Thomas Uzzell		Yes
188	Celeste Smith		Yes
189	Anna McGuire		Yes
190	Phillip Bruch		Yes
191	Carole N Mayer		Yes
192	Jack Mayer		Yes
193	Lance Blalock		Yes
194	Drew Taylor		Yes
195	Kim Holt		Yes
196	Natalie Watson		Yes
197	Mike Cole		Yes
198	Elizabeth Pedroni		Yes
199	Chris Harmon		Yes
200	Janell Wright		Yes
201	Dusty Washburn		Yes
202	Alicia Phillips		Yes
203	Devereaux Looper		Yes
204	Monica Coffey		Yes
205	Louise Moore		Yes
206	Jennifer Perez		Yes
207	Parker Chakales		Yes
208	Charlie Chakales		Yes
209	Jenny Bryk		Yes
210	Tara greer		Yes
211	Amanda Cottrell		Yes
212	Megan Martin		Yes
213	miranda stevens		Yes
214	Jackie Wright		Yes
215	Reagan Breitenstein		Yes
216	Judy Roberts		Yes
217	Michael Squeglia		Yes
218	Coffey Laura		Yes
219	Cory Wellborn		Yes
220	Tina Houston		Yes
221	Victoria W		Yes
222	Victoria Marie		Yes
223	Mary Williams		Yes

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224	Anita Kitchens		Yes
225	Sally Geis		Yes
226	Andi Dandelion		Yes
227	Jorge escobar		Yes
228	Ross Gosky		Yes
229	Jean Studeman		Yes
230	James Studeman		Yes
231	Geri Purpur		Yes
232	Jane Rex		Yes
233	Anne Sukow		Yes
234	Sharon Breitenstein		Yes
235	Jessic Wood		Yes
236	Patrick Sukow		Yes
237	Angie potter		Yes
238	Ruth Dotson		Yes
239	Joan Ward		Yes
240	Cindy Brown Greer		Yes
241	don dotson		Yes
242	Josie Herring		Yes
243	Lola Herring		Yes
244	Disa Herring		Yes
245	Piper Haas		Yes
246	Sydney Marsh		Yes
247	maggie		Yes
248	Morgan		Yes
249	Mary Kathryn Riddle		Yes
250	sam		Yes
251	Annie Fowler		Yes
252	Logan		Yes
253	Maggie Cheves		Yes
254	Sabrina Cheves		Yes
255	Virginia St Clair		Yes
256	Craig Bridgeman		Yes
257	Amy Atkins		Yes
258	Lauren Patterson		Yes
259	Scott St Clair		Yes
260	Cameron St Clair		Yes
261	Mark Zrull		Yes
262	Mike curcio		Yes
263	Elizabeth Winkler		Yes
264	Lainey Edmisten		Yes
265	Shelly Russell		Yes
266	Shannon Carroll		Yes
267	Angela Shook		Yes
268	Valerie Rash		Yes
269	Liz Hoffman		Yes
270	Jeanie Miller		Yes

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271	Tracey W Greene		Yes
272	Lisa Kaczmarczyk		Yes
273	Beverly Broschinski		Yes
274	Michelle Wise Curry		Yes
275	Lorrie Presnell		Yes
276	Steve Presnell		Yes
277	JESSICA MAINS		Yes
278	Curtis Hubbard		Yes
279	Heidi Ellis		Yes
280	Debra Klein		Yes
281	Pat Geiger		Yes
282	Elizabeth Harris		Yes
283	Janet Culatta		Yes
284	Yvonne Mullis		Yes
285	Linda Hollar		Yes
286	Ollie Jackson		Yes
287	Kim McCune		Yes
288	Jennifer Norris		Yes
289	Dona Alejandro		Yes
290	Lauren Stansberry		Yes
291	Sondra Edwards		Yes
292	Steve Idol		Yes
293	Louann Kitchell		Yes
294	Kitzi Burkett		Yes
295	Bobbie tester		Yes
296	Peggy David Taylor		Yes
297	Larry Nance		Yes
298	Joy Pritchett		Yes
299	Susan Lawrence		Yes
300	Judy Hawks		Yes
301	Lisa Watson		Yes
302	Julie Cornett		Yes
303	Bonnie Guy		Yes
304	Allan Johnson		Yes
305	John Haas		Yes
306	deborah b lentz		Yes
307	Terry Isaacs		Yes
308	Connie Goff		Yes
309	Robert Baker		Yes
310	Kara Reece Smith		Yes
311	Laura Graham		Yes
312	Priscilla Harter		Yes
313	Dorothy Barker		Yes
314	Kay Dixon		Yes
315	Cheryl Stanley		Yes
316	Tom Van Gilder		Yes
317	Adam Cole		Yes

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318	carol L vine		Yes
319	Faye Kelley		Yes
320	Eric Breitenstein		Yes
321	Scott Vandiver		Yes
322	Alex Vines		Yes
323	Jamie Hall		Yes
324	Jeff Turner		Yes
325	Kellie Gore		Yes
326	Ryan Johnson		Yes
327	Carolyn Greene		Yes
328	Kay Ruble		Yes
329	Ray Ruble		Yes
330	maddie faye		Yes
331	Hatherley Armfield		Yes
332	Chloe Hemsoth		Yes
333	sheridan brasier		Yes
334	Natalie Fitch		Yes
335	Amber		Yes
336	Sophie Hughett		Yes
337	Peyton cline		Yes
338	Cameron Fletcher		Yes
339	Lauren		Yes
340	Shelton Karaus		Yes
341	Trey Dunnigan		Yes
342	Kathy Triplett		Yes
343	Karami Wallace		Yes
344	Rylee Councill		Yes
345	Bailey b		Yes
346	Cloey Hadley		Yes
347	vivi rushing		Yes
348	Gwendolyn Anderson		Yes
349	Melisa Mettam Hennessey		Yes
350	John Rowell		Yes
351	Tom Brown		Yes
352	Lindsey Williams		Yes
353	ragan h		Yes
354	Melissa		Yes
355	Kimberly Mateiko		Yes
356	Gloria Thorson		Yes
357	Lori Hill		Yes
358	Thomas Rowell		Yes
359	Gordon sox		Yes
360	Art Barber		Yes
361	David Winkler		Yes
362	Diane Wilcox		Yes
363	Heidi Campbell		Yes
364	Tom Wright		Yes

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365	Darlene Smith		Yes
366	Geoffrey D Alexander		Yes
367	Callie Fraley		Yes
368	Melony Winkelmann		Yes
369	Ann Brown		Yes
370	Alex Brown		Yes
371	Phil Ginn		Yes
372	Cindy Wallace		Yes
373	Alvin Blake Brown		Yes
374	Crystal Clevenger		Yes
375	Adam Tilson		Yes
376	Debbie Kirkley		Yes
377	Michelle Underwood		Yes
378	Samuel Addison		Yes
379	Gail Ruppard		Yes
380	wes weaver		Yes
381	Lynne Mason		Yes
382	Bill Mauldin		Yes
383	Andrew Mason		Yes
384	Emma Schneider		Yes
385	Carrie Lusk		Yes
386	Tucker Thomas		Yes
387	Kayla Thomas		Yes
388	Matt Smith		Yes
389	Melanie Greene		Yes
390	Robert Nathan		Yes
391	Julie Ginn Garner		Yes
392	Michael Garner		Yes
393	Ashley Stigall		Yes
394	Virginia Corrigan		Yes
395	Debra Butler		Yes
396	maggie		Yes
397	Lola herring		Yes
398	sarah		Yes
399	Bob Meier		Yes
400	Rosemary Mock		Yes
401	Micki Earky		Yes
402	JL Mock		Yes
403	Trish Hughett		Yes
404	Ashley Shook		Yes
405	Laura Kratt		Yes
406	McKenzie Hellman		Yes
407	Teresa Lentz		Yes
408	JoAnn Laney		Yes
409	Celeste Jernigan		Yes
410	Daniel Brown		Yes
411	Milton Bland		Yes

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412	Cheryl Bland		Yes
413	Tracy Markland		Yes
414	Ian Brown		Yes
415	Sandra Folts		Yes
416	Carolyn and Ron Kanoy		Yes
417	Stacy Conn		Yes
418	Robin Franklin		Yes
419	Jerry Franklin		Yes
420	Michael Cash		Yes
421	Josh Teague		Yes
422	Jen Teague		Yes
423	Eri Ohashi		Yes
424	Betsy Krause		Yes
425	Blair Turner	20+ years later and I can still hear Lan's whistle as he walked the pool deck. I was never going to be the top swimmer, but I got the same attentive, individualized coaching from a coach who understood both who I was and, in understanding that, what I needed in order to be better. Exceptional human, exceptional coach - I can think of no more appropriate name for this facility.	No
426	Berns Carol	A beautiful opportunity to honor Lan and a reminder that goodness overrides all. Thanks	No
427	Adrian H	A community leader we all hope to honor.	No
428	Marta McWhorter	A worthy man for the honor.	No
429	Kim Greeley	â, with love	No
430	Shannon Wilkes	Amazing man, amazing legacy!	No
431	Pam Reed	Amazing person and coach. I can still hear that "whistle".	No
432	Seth Breitenstein	An incredible man and fitting tribute to the impact he had on so many.	No
433	Jenny Primm	As a former WHS swim team member who was coached by Lan it would be a wonderful tribute to his legacy for this aquatic center to be named after him. He was a wonderful coach but even more importantly, he was a wonderful teacher and mentor to so many Watauga County young people.	No
434	Doug Blackford	Both of our kids were greatly influenced by Lan as a coach and as a friend	No
435	Wade H Booth	Coach Lan was a great man and mentor to so many. This would truly be a great honor to name the pool after him.	No
436	Amy Bower	For Sweet Luna	No
437	Olivia Higgins	Former resident, this would be a beautiful tribute.	No
438	Sara Maxwell	Former student and member of the WHS swim team for 4 years. 1994-1998. He was an amazing teacher and coach!	No
439	Nick	Go Lan!	No
440	Matt Doll	Graduated WHS in 1985. Coach Lan was a great guy.	No
441	Michael Fender	Great coach and great Teacher!	No
442	Brooke Biethan Xavier	Great initiative! Lan's legacy lives on in his son, Eric, who is an inspiration.	No
443	Scott Miller	Great man, coach and teacher.	No
444	Will Robinson	Great memory	No
445	Will Robinson	Great memory	No
446	Michelle Wilson	Great teacher!	No
447	Ken Smith	Great tribute.	No
448	Leigh Singley Stephenson	Grew up in Watauga county, and Lan gave such an impact on the Swimming and youth in the county.	No
449	Sylvia Dickens	Had the privilege of meeting Mr O and getting to know his daughter Leslie. Obviously he made an impact in his life.	No
450	Melissa Peddy	He coached me! He was an awesome man!	No
451	Bobby Cremins	He coached my step daughter at Watauga High	No
452	Laurie P Oates	He was a simply and powerfully positive person in so many kids lives including my son's -	No
453	Katie Betz Michal	He was an amazing coach and teacher and I had the privilege of knowing him as both!!	No
454	Trisha Cook	He was an inspiration to us all. He is so truly missed. I'm honored to sign this petition!	No
455	Ingrid Knight	He was my first swim coach when I started at the Watauga club team at age five! I always loved his presence, support, & positive attitude.	No

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456	Roy H Ginsberg	Here's hoping the new center will be named for Lan from one of his Nova High School 1972 classmates.	No
457	Darren Gary	Hope youâ€™re doing well Eric! I remember going to your fathers memorial service in high school! I never met him but know he has family and friends that love and miss him dearly	No
458	Eve Van Devender	I am grateful for Lan inspiring many in the pool and in the classroom. I still swim regularly thanks to the skills he instilled many years ago. Honoring his name on the new aquatic center would be fitting.	No
459	Michael Elledge	I both ran and swam for Lan. He was a fantastic person, coach, and mentor. He set the foundation for both individual and team success. I truly believe that some of the accomplishments I enjoy today are attributable the the I learned from Lan at WHS.	No
460	Stephanie O'Loughlin	I can't think of a more deserving individual than Lan.	No
461	Allan Golotko	I did not have the privilege of knowing Lan Oâ€™Loughlin personally, but I do have the honor to work closely with his son Eric, who is a business colleague of mine at Morgan Stanley. In my opinion, there is no stronger evidence of the character Lan possessed than seeing that character in the fine and upstanding son he raised in Eric. Eric possesses and exhibits the best qualities that a parent would strive for in their children. Eric is gracious, generous with his time, puts others before self, places a high value on integrity, and approaches everything he takes on with excitement and with the kind of passion that makes people want to be part of Ericâ€™s world. If Lan was here today, I would thank him for how he has instilled such strong and positive values in his son and share with him how proud he must be as a father. I can only imagine the positive impact Lan had on the community and the naming of the Aquatic Center in his memory would be a great honor for him, his family, and the community. Your consideration in naming the facility, the Lan Oâ€™Loughlin Aquatic Center is greatly appreciated!	No
462	Marti Eads	I didn't swim for Lan at WHS but remember his positive presence and would be happy to know that he received this tribute!	No
463	Glenn Rivera	I graduated high school with Lan. This would be a fitting testimony to this tremendously talented and dedicated man.	No
464	Shannon Oliver	I grew up in Boone and graduated from Watauga. I remember LAN well. This would be an honor.	No
465	Rachel Crenshaw	I grew up in Watauga County and swam competitively since age 6. Lan was my coach for years on both the county and high school teams. His influence in my life - and hundreds of other swimmers - wasn't limited to my performance in the pool. He modeled commitment to excellence and integrity, and he cared immensely about each of us as an individual, not just what we achieved athletically. Now I have children of my own and find myself holding each of their coaches up to the standard that Lan set as my coach in those influential adolescent & teen years. There is no one more fitting to name the new aquatic center after. Lan's impact on thousands of young athletes and students should be honored and recognized in this way.	No
466	Kim Sue	I had the honor of swimming under coach Lan. Such a great coach and friend.	No
467	Ed Cook	I had the opportunity and pleasure to work with Lan as an assistant swim coach while attending App State. We remained close throughout the remainder of his life. What a great way to honor a wonderful person, who dedicated so much time, effort and positive energy to an entire community.	No
468	Julia E Gibson	I have many fond memories of Lan as our swim coach	No
469	Christie Emanuel	I have so many fond memories of Lan and his enthusiastic coaching.	No
470	Jim craine	I knew Alan for over 40 years. Moved to Boone to work with him coaching. I was the Aquatic Director for Watauga County from 1985-88 current Ashe county resident. No one I know had done more for swinging in this area than Alan I feel the pool should be named for him if anyone.	No
471	Whit Whitaker	I knew Lan as a teacher colleague, as a swim team parent and as a friend. His generosity of time, caring of others and fun loving spirit towards life was felt by his students, his team, his colleagues and his friends. He was a role model for us all.	No
472	Rosemary Wander	I know Lan through his children. Through them I know that he was a kind, thoughtful individual who I very much wish that I could have met. Mother-in-law to Leslie O'Loughlin Wander	No
473	Dunst Tiffany	I lived in watauga most of my life and still have ties there. This is a smart decision.	No
474	Jackie Quinlan	I met Lan's son, Eric, in college shortly after Lan's passing. Eric and I immediately bonded over our connection to Boone. I saw Lan's legacy in Eric's passion for swimming and magnetic personality. I would love to see his legacy live on at the new aquatic center!	No
475	Alexander Combe	I never knew Lan, but have heard wonderful things about him through his son, Eric.	No
476	Alistair Reader	I remember seeing Mr. O'Loughlin coach and the respect his swimmers held for him.	No
477	Stephanie Idol Mull	I still hear his whistle when my own kids are in the pool! He was a great coach and man! Loved my 4 years on the WHS swim team with Lan!!	No
478	Laura Fraley	I strongly support naming the aquatic centre to recognise Lan Oâ€™Loughlin and his commitment to this recreational facility. It is well-deserved recognition for his many efforts!	No
479	Barry PAPPY DOC Ellis MD	I support naming the swim complex for Lan.	No
480	Margaret Ellis	I swam for Lan for many years and can think of no one better deserving. He took a personal interest in his swimmers and displayed the utmost dedication to coaching. Even when he was battling cancer he was a role model to all of us. What a wonderful tribute to his legacy.	No
481	Ashley Norman Smith	I swam for Lan from 1994-1997. He was the best coach I ever had!	No

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482	Liz Kreml	I swam for Lan his first year coaching at Watauga High. I was a trouble maker but he was kind to me and gave me good advice.	No
483	LYNN HARWOOD	I think that picture is from my yearbook. Great opportunity to remember him and his efforts.	No
484	Starla W	I was a student at WHS when he was a coach and he definitely had an impact.	No
485	Amy S	I was on WHS swim team for 4 years with coach Lan! It would be perfect for this facility to be named after him.	No
486	Mike Fox	I was the Aquatics Director of the old Swim Complex during part of Lan's coaching tenure. I saw firsthand his love and dedication to his students, swimmers, the swim team, and his family. To name this facility after Lan would be so appropriate and deserving!	No
487	BRENT SPECHLER	I went to high school with Lan and was fortunate to have him as m friend. Great guy. Lan deserves the naming!	No
488	Julie Spechler Fink	I went to high school with Lan where he was a top swimmer on our team. After high school he maintained his integrity, life of giving back to others, love of his family, freinds and his community. It would be an honor to have his name on the Aquatic Center. Once his name is there I will visit and take a photo of me in front of his name in his honor and his memory. He was such a wonderful person.	No
489	Jenny Hinshaw	I would love for the aquatic center to be naked after Lan. What an amazing tribute to an amazing person!	No
490	Katherine McFarland	I would love to support naming the recreational center pool after Lan.	No
491	Pandora Januszewski MD MS FACP	Iâ€™m writing to add a voice of strong support to this petition asking that Lanâ€™s athletic center bear his name. I was not fortunate to know him, but Iâ€™ve known and loved many people who loved him. Even from this distance I could see the profound effect he had on young people in his community. This gesture would be such a fitting tribute.	No
492	Lauren Suggs	In 1993, I attended the WHS swim team meeting and met Lan for the first time. I wanted to be a springboard diver. He told me to show up for swim practice, and we would do some diving afterward. I attended that first swim practice and was hooked because of Lan. He made you feel like an important part of something, instantly. He also kept his word and coached me in diving 3 extra nights a week. He stayed and hour longer (away from his wife and children), and I now realize he knew nothing about diving! Thatâ€™s just the kind of person he was, and I loved every moment I was around him. He was always smiling and positive. You could not maintain a teenager bad attitude while in his presence. He is incredibly deserving of this honor.	No
493	Jiali Nusser	In support of Oâ€™Loughlin family	No
494	Kenny Catalano	It is imperative that this aquatic center be named in honor of Lan Oâ€™Loughlin for his countless years of service to his community	No
495	Hannah Cassidy	It would be a great tribute to Lan Oâ€™Loughlin and his dedication to others to name the pool after him.	No
496	David Kirby	Itâ€™s been 40 years since I was a student at Watauga High School. I was not on the swim team, but I knew those who were. Lan Oâ€™Laughlin was a positive presence at WHS in the time I was there, so much so I remember him to this day. I was shocked at his untimely passing like everyone else. Naming this center after Lan is wonderful way to honor his spirit â€” and his memory.	No
497	Theresa Tipton	Lan and I were classmates in Jr. High school. He and his twin Mike were swimmers back then, in the late 60â€™s. This would be a wonderful tribute to a great person.	No
498	Jeremiah Wander	Lan clearly had such a massive impact on the community of Watauga County - it seems like a wonderful gesture to name this facility in his honor.	No
499	James littlejohn	Lan coached me in Cross Country for 3 yrs in the early 80's. That's s would be a great tribute.	No
500	Cynthia Cobourn Slack	Lan dedicated his life to swimming and teaching. He was an anchor to the Nova High School swim team and became an anchor of inspiration to the Watauga County community. He deserves this honor.	No
501	Michael OLoughlin	Lan did more for family and friends than most people can imagine. He was a great person who cared for all.	No
502	Olivia Chapman	Lan did so much for the community, society and most importantly students. Let his legacy live on to inspire younger students & swimmers to do the same.	No
503	Ashley Rebecca Ginn	Lan embodied the spirit of the High Country â€” a talented, yet humble man who invested in the lives of young people, including mine. During my high school years, I observed the skill and expertise that enabled Lan to lead countless teams to victory, from local to state level championships. Although he enjoyed every win, Lan cared far more about sportsmanship, work ethic and character. Swimming was merely the channel he used to teach lessons which rippled far beyond the water. Lan served his community with humility, not for personal gain or accolades, but for the good of others. His swimmers are now scattered across the country, separated by decades of time and miles of distance. Today, we unite together in our hope that you, as the leaders of the community we once called home, will join us in honoring the life and legacy of a man who never thought his name would be on a building â€” which is the very reason it should be.	No
504	Margaret Crocker	Lan had a huge impact on his community in Boone in many different ways. My family has known Lan since 1972. The hours he spent teaching in the classroom and coaching on the pool deck were enormous. Lan was a leader and lead by example during his life. His memory and family are deserving of this honor!	No
505	Jack Singley	Lan had a lasting effect on my life and so many others. He would be a great person to honor in this way.	No
506	Amy Huffman	Lan had an outsized influence on my and so many others lives. Iâ€™m so grateful to him for all he taught me about swimming and life.	No

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507	Kathy Farthing Weaver	Lan I'm Loughlin was a wonderful coach, teacher and mentor to lots of youth in Watauga County and the Watauga Aquatic Center should be named after him. I was born and raised in Watauga County and resided there until 2007.	No
508	Shannon Sparks	Lan is the best coach ever!! He taught me about athleticism, personal victory and how to be a better human!!	No
509	Sayre Ellis	Lan lives in all of us!	No
510	Daniel Feldman	Lan Oâ€™Loughlin, humbly served the community of Watauga County as a high school teacher and swim coach for 24 years until passing away from cancer at the age of 49. Whether teaching in the classroom or motivating with his unforgettable â€œwhistleâ€ on the pool deck, Lan dedicated his life to bringing out the best in others. Additionally, Lan envisioned and worked tirelessly to make a recreational facility in Watauga County a reality. Sadly, Lan never saw that dream come to fruition before his passing in 2003. In recognition of the thousands of people that he influenced, both in and out of the pool,	No
511	Bruce Griffin	Lan O'Loughlin was a community figure and it would be great to honor his memory this way.	No
512	Ralph Megna	Lan served his country in the US Navy, and served his community as a teacher and coach, devoted to inspiring his students and athletes. He is precisely the kind of role model who should be memorialized in this fashion.	No
513	Ellen Aeschleman	Lan so deserves to have the Aquatic Center named for him. He coached my daughter in swimming, but more importantly, instilled in her a love of the sport gave her confidence in all other walks of life. I can honestly say Lan was one of the best people I have ever known.	No
514	Nick	Lan taught me how to swim after I broke my leg in 3rd grade.	No
515	Rick Adams	Lan taught me much of what I know of swimming as a kid, and coached me in high school. He was so much fun and so inspiring every single day. It would be fitting to name the center after him.	No
516	Patrick Phillips	Lan was a coach, mentor and friend. I ran Cross Country 86-89. His humility and selflessness is sorely missed in today's high school athletics.	No
517	Kimberley M Buelow	Lan was a dedicated professional and a wonderful example to us all.	No
518	Bryan D Wilson	Lan was a great coach during a tough time when I was on the team. We had to practice in pools without heat and pools not designed for competitive swimming when the old complex pool was out of order, but he made it work. I believe many swimmers went on to get scholarships and were State champions. Lan was inclusive in recruitment, generous with his time, and encouraged and pushed improvement at all skill levels in the sport. He would be proud and honored to know how his community remebers him.	No
519	amra hayslett	Lan Was a great teacher and an awesome coach! I even remember one time he borrowed my Ace Frehley Halloween costume when I was in HS to use for a big party he was going to at Tweetsee that year. Great Memory!	No
520	Marsha Barber	Lan was a pillar of Watauga County through his high school teaching and dedicated work with thousands of young people in the pool. He made an impact on so many and the community should be proud to have his name on the new aquatic center.	No
521	Betsy McIntire	Lan was a wonderful coach and role model to our children.	No
522	Bonnie Kearns	Lan was a wonderful school classmate who went forward to give his best to the world doing what he loved.	No
523	Brenda Taylor	Lan was an amazing coach and mentor. This would honor his lifelong commitment.	No
524	Tericia Eller	Lan was an amazing coach!	No
525	Matthew Kelly	Lan was an amazing influence on me as I grew up in NC, and my entire family will always hold him close to our hearts. Naming this new center after him would be such a great way to keep his memory strong within the community he loved.	No
526	David McIntire	Lan was an amazing man and coach.	No
527	Amy Holway	Lan was an amazing swimming coach for my family, and inspired me to learn to love swimming.	No
528	Casey Graham	Lan was an amazing, inspiring man who left a lasting impact on countless young people who grew up in the high country. He and his family are so deserving of this honor.	No
529	Julie Bahr	Lan was an asset to the community and his life's work of coaching should be recognized.	No
530	Tarrah Callahan	Lan was an incredible soul who touched more lives than he will ever know. What a beautiful tribute!	No
531	David Barber	Lan was an inspiration to so many!	No
532	Jessica Haywood	Lan was an Inspirational swim coach and definitely deserves this honor!	No
533	Kelly Scott	Lan was my neighbor and friend. He was a wonderful swim coach, and he deserves this more than anyone!	No
534	Jodie Pine	Lan was my swimming and cross country coach in the 1980's and had a huge impact on my life. Would love to see this dream become a reality.	No
535	Lauren Wellborn	Lan was such a special person and put in a lot of energy to get to know the young folks in Watauga County. I'm so lucky to have known him. It is very fitting that the rec center Lan envisioned be named after him.	No
536	nancy strachan	Lan was such a wonderful role model and person!	No
537	Hannah B Whitaker	Lan was such an amazing swim coach and I give thanks to him and the swim team for being a lifelong recreational swimmer	No
538	Richard Johnston	Lan was the most inspirational coach that I had.	No

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539	Janice Welsh	Lan was Watauga Swimming. I swam for him in 1982.	No
540	Eddie Strachan	Lan would even take time while on vacation giving my kids swimming and diving lessons.	No
541	Steven Fraley	Lan's commitment has been second to Watauga County and the swim program is second to none. He deserves this!	No
542	Dylan Karaus	Lan's dedication to Watauga County and Watauga swimming will never be matched. His legacy will always be remembered if we honor him by naming the new aquatic center after him.	No
543	Lang Ellis	Lan's involvement in our daughters' lives was a highlight of their time in high school.	No
544	Jean Malcolm	Lan's daughter and my daughter have been good friends since elementary school. We also went to church together. Although I never saw him coach, I knew him as a great dad and a positive influence to those around him. No one would have loved the complex more than Lan! Please honor him in this very special way.	No
545	Todd Lineberger	Let make this happen!!!!	No
546	Marion Hughes	Let's do this	No
547	Diane Small Griffin	Lived in Boon from 1982-2004.	No
548	Patrick Morgan	Love this man, our coach! Will it matter that I was? Lan mattered. Whenever I'm near a pool I hear his whistle.	No
549	Frances Scott	Most deserving	No
550	Martha Cutler	My 2 children swam on the WHS team throughout high school. Lan was an inspiration to them and to us and I can think of no better way to honor his memory than to place his name on the pool.	No
551	Eric O'loughlin	My father, coach and greatest mentor - I would not be the man I am today without Lan's influence and hope his legacy can live on at the aquatic center he dreamed of for so many years and finally a reality for the community he loved so much.	No
552	Marty Landau	My name is Marty Collins Landau. Coach Lan was an amazing man who was my CC coach, swim coach and diving coach at WHS. His name would look amazing and inspire Watauga County kids to be like Lan! I live in Wilmington, NC currently but almost back to Watauga full time. Soon hopefully!	No
553	SANDRA HARMON	My uncle!!!! I am so excited for this to happen. He had such a positive impact on his community!	No
554	Penny Tostoe	No better, more caring coach, father, or person, ever.	No
555	Alan Bennett	No brainer!!!	No
556	Amy Harrington	None better	No
557	William Watterson	Not a Watauga County resident but a teacher at WHS for 13 years. I knew Lan well and often ate lunch with him. No one deserves this honor more.	No
558	Dory Franklin	On his swim team for years growing up. Great coach.	No
559	Andy Krause	One of the best men I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. I could go on and on. He deserves this honor!!	No
560	Charles Tostoe	Out standing person	No
561	Laura Kennedy	Parkway Elementary and WHS class of 2001	No
562	Craig Durfor	Please!	No
563	Henry Blackford	Proud alumn of Watauga High swim program under Lan. I would love to see this happen!	No
564	Robb Fraley	Renaming the new aquatic centre in Lan O'Loughlin's honor would be especially important to the community given Lan's strong support and commitment to the Community and the facility.	No
565	Tugman Kurt	Right up there with Jack Gross as one of the best coaches I ever had.	No
566	Jason Horton	Signing in support of Eric and the O'Loughlin family!	No
567	Jan Overman	So appreciative for the positive influence he was on my son's life while he swam for WHS! A true hero!	No
568	Pat Sauls	So well deserving of this honor!	No
569	Lisa A Glenn Walters	Such a great man	No
570	Bianca Davis	Such a great soul. Grew up in Boone and remember him well as a teacher at watauga. Should definitely honor his name.	No
571	Mary Katherine Ogden	Thank you, Lan! A small gesture compared to your commitment, dedication, and passion.	No
572	Marion Herring	The best coach and role model in my childhood. A true legend.	No
573	Jenny Beck	The O'Loughlin family is one that went synonymously with swimming in Boone. Lan was a family friend and a superior human being. His dedication to the community as a coach, friend, and mentor was evident in the way he loved others and was passionate about bettering the High Country. I cannot think of another person who is better suited for the new swim complex to be named in honor of. His coaching whistle will ring through the air and be heard beneath the waters as people young and old aspire to find health and happiness in the pool.	No
574	Jill Huffman	There is no other name	No
575	Tim Tompkins	There would be no one better suited for this honor	No

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576	Leslie Wander	This amazing aquatic center is Lan's dream. He helped so many others realize their potential and dreams it seems fitting to name this facility after him. His impact on the youth in Watauga County has been felt for decades and should be honored in this way.	No
577	Robert Sox	This is a fitting tribute to a great Watauga resident and teacher	No
578	Jane Owen	This totally needs to happen. So many people were impacted by Lan. Wonderful coach, Wonderful person. ââââ,	No
579	Gay Murphy	This would be a well deserved honor. Lan was a great person, teacher, and coach.	No
580	Aidan Renaghan	This would be a wonderful way to support Lan O'Loughlin and recognize his contribution to the community	No
581	Katharine Brazile	Though I never had the honor and privilege of meeting Lan, I am lucky enough to call his son Eric a close friend, and godfather to one of my children. Eric is an incredible human being. He is a honest, dedicate, and a hard worker. But even more so, he is kind, thoughtful and is always thinking of others needs over his own. These traits came from his father I have no doubts. To honor Lan is also to honor his wonderful children he has left us.	No
582	Ryan Strachan	Uncle Lan was a positive influence for countless people. This is a great way to honor everything he has done for the community.	No
583	Jane Long	Watauga High graduate	No
584	Lisa Robertson	We love and miss you Uncle Lan!!	No
585	Katherine Willis	Well deserving honor for Lan	No
586	Natasha Marcuard	What a wonderful family and great legacy. Love you all.	No
587	Cecile Arnold	While I did not have the pleasure of being coached by Lan, his legacy lives on in Eric, his son, who is one of the kindest, most caring people I know. His strength reflects the immense legacy that Lan left behind, which would be a great benefit to the community.	No
588	Patty Matz Browne	WHS c/o 1987 Onie of the best coaches I knew, Coach Lan worked tirelessly in support of the WHS students and the community. He and his family deserve this honor.	No
589	Angela Barnhardt-Cole	WHS class of 1984. Lan was a great coach and educator. He positively impacted so many students and athletes.	No
590	Lisa Winebarger Baity	WHS GRAD 1986	No
591	Andrea Turbyfill	WHS grad.	No
592	Billie Hicklin	With pleasure I support this effort to honor Lan.	No
593	Councill Robbins	Wonderful teacher, coach and person.	No
594	Pam Workman	Worthy name	No
595	Marianna Durfor		No
596	Braden Orr		No
597	Len Hagaman		No
598	Margaret Holman		No
599	Brian Gill		No
600	Alyson Knapp		No
601	Melanie Porter		No
602	Marc Mansour		No
603	Sarah Simmons		No
604	Devin DeMenno		No
605	Andy Jaglall		No
606	Katie Hartsell		No
607	Jakob Bauder		No
608	Matthew Potteiger Goggin		No
609	Taylor Edmundson		No
610	John J Coombs		No
611	Tim Loyer		No
612	Candace Burlingame		No
613	Sean heffernan		No
614	Leigh Suggs		No
615	Matt Mcilwain		No
616	Will Huffman		No
617	Holly Feldman		No

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618	O'Loughlin Sandra		No
619	Michele Kacurov		No
620	Dan Bachovchin		No
621	Ellie Rounds Bloom		No
622	Tracy Breitenstein		No
623	Kelsey Isaacs		No
624	Brad Gorter		No
625	Kathy Sullivan		No
626	Pam Bowser		No
627	David Vilinsky		No
628	Linda Lowman		No
629	Brian Moynihan		No
630	Janet Kang		No
631	Mark Silber		No
632	Jess Gadway		No
633	Sarah Bastarache		No
634	Laurel Crepeau		No
635	Judi Rowland Lillie		No
636	Anand karsan		No
637	Sara Glenn		No
638	Paige Williams		No
639	Karin M		No
640	Bryan Guarnier		No
641	Michelle Scott		No
642	Dylan Russell		No
643	Iilir Salihi		No
644	Jennifer Callahan		No
645	Kevin Strachan		No
646	Sean Musselman		No
647	Gwen Gridley		No
648	Alice Strachan		No
649	Juan Lara		No
650	Orin Smith		No
651	Ann Doyle		No
652	Kristen Diver		No
653	Nathan Kirkley		No
654	Beth singley		No
655	Lou Ann Kernodle		No
656	Mike Kernodle		No
657	Robyn		No
658	Ashley C		No
659	Luther B Eggers		No
660	Holly Oehm		No
661	Paul thompson		No
662	Victoria Nomdedeu		No
663	Anna Grant Kaline		No
664	Jade Rodier		No

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665	Kelsey Gliesing		No
666	Michael Provencio		No
667	Deanna Lombardo		No
668	Katharine Holder		No
669	Carolyn Kitchens		No
670	Martha Van Devender		No
671	Zhaozhao Dongmen		No
672	Amelia Lightner		No
673	Christina Spolsky		No
674	Kim cicio		No
675	isabel gavilan		No
676	Alexandra Fitzpatrick		No
677	Lydia DuMont		No
678	Harry H Hicklin		No
679	Allison Perri Newman		No
680	Michelle swann		No
681	Gerard Falzon		No
682	Tiffany Ledford		No
683	Kara Simmons		No
684	Allison Grant		No
685	Heather Seddon		No
686	Kristin Robertson		No
687	Dwayne Stuckey		No
688	Barb Clark		No
689	Alana Williams		No
690	Eric Darnell		No
691	Amy Mandeville		No
692	Courtney Cortesi		No
693	Jes Bertrand		No
694	Jane Cheek		No
695	Helen Markopoulou		No
696	Jasmine Chevalier		No
697	Aaron Chevalier		No
698	Bryan Nichols		No
699	Nick Williams		No
700	Melissa Shampine		No
701	Erin Morrow		No
702	Joe Mertes		No
703	Leslie Sue		No
704	Justin Gould		No
705	tara Carosa		No
706	Lorry Schneider		No
707	Jamie Tyler		No
708	Susan Irvin		No
709	Mackenzie Ratledge		No
710	Marcy Holladay		No
711	Eric Holladay		No

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712	Carlotta Cook		No
713	Danielle Bauder		No
714	Angie Oloughlin		No
715	Ryan Mockler		No
716	Austin Oates		No
717	Meredith Strachan		No
718	Heather Rhem		No
719	Kim Ezrine		No
720	Emily Eichhorn		No
721	Kay Borkowski		No
722	Gary Murphy		No
723	Theresa McCoy		No
724	Molly		No
725	Olivia Thomas		No
726	Adam Rawls		No
727	Elizabeth Unsworth		No
728	Laura Tugman		No
729	Ritchie Roark		No
730	Allen Aycock		No
731	Andrew Abbott		No
732	Erin Brownfield		No
733	Roger Greene		No
734	Lee Mabry		No
735	Tami Patterson		No
736	Mindy whitehead		No
737	Amy Mast		No
738	Catherine Stewart		No
739	Robin Ward Miller		No
740	Allport Laura		No
741	James Parker		No
742	Myron Greer		No
743	Charlotte Bozorth		No
744	Martha W Pate		No
745	Pam Smith		No
746	Robin Greene Rickards		No
747	Heather Cameron		No
748	Tricia Lancaster		No
749	Dwayne Raulerson		No
750	Tracey Avant		No
751	angela kelley		No
752	Christine Clinebell Kreps		No
753	Danielle Talley		No
754	David Stroupe		No
755	Windy McIntire Shull		No
756	Kristin Stroupe		No
757	Glenn P Knowles		No
758	Diane Megivern		No

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759	Sam Austin		No
760	Kathryn Krousos Bailey		No
761	Chris Larson		No
762	Lucy Blackford		No
763	Kimberly Sundt		No
764	Mary Kent Whitaker		No
765	Charles Martindale		No
766	Lisa Garcez		No
767	Neva Wentworth Doctor		No
768	Kathleen M Fitzpatrick		No
769	Josh Little		No
770	Loren Burke		No
771	Madeline Shook		No
772	David Jackson		No
773	Colette Greene		No
774	Lora wentz		No
775	Christian Teague		No
776	Jennifer Rickell		No
777	Sam		No
778	Lynn Fulcher		No
779	Diana Morgan		No
780	Miranda DuBrey-Lefler		No
781	Steve Borowitz		No
782	Jenna Curry		No
783	Sean Sullivan		No
784	Andrew Uchin		No
785	Jeanne Starr		No
786	Jessica Mackie		No
787	Jenn smith		No
788	Trey Kavanaugh		No
789	Trey		No
790	Dawn Ward		No
791	David Ward		No
792	Cassie		No
793	Joy Ward Conklin		No
794	Julie Ward		No
795	Erica Singleton		No
796	Barnett Susan		No
797	Julie Mackorell		No
798	Janet Hunter		No
799	Brian Clevenger		No
800	Lesley MacVane		No
801	Meredith Aberle		No
802	Christy Parsons		No
803	Jonathan Edwards		No
804	Jodie Oblak		No
805	Chris Oblak		No

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806	Ruthanne Combs		No
807	Tracey Ginn Amerson		No
808	Asheton Amerson		No
809	Laura Olszewski Peterson		No
810	Vanessa Callaway-Fobbs		No
811	William		No
812	Jeff Barnett		No
813	Jon Mock		No
814	Thomas Kelly		No
815	Elle Hauschen		No
816	Jake Ghera		No
817	Dan Rupp		No
818	Jennifer R Denny		No
819	Kalina Cunningham		No
820	Michelle Marlowe		No
821	Suzanna Fix		No
822	Alycia Good		No
823	Karen V Eaton		No
824	Kristin Weiss		No
825	Emily Chen		No
826	Meaghan Merriam		No
827	Jennifer L Hartley		No
828	Jessica Hoerschelmann		No
829	Michelle Adolphsen		No
830	Mike VanCamp		No
831	Lindsay Lavin		No
832	Amber Davis		No
833	Marie Kieronski		No
834	Philip Karl Dierking		No
835	Iris Jiang		No
836	virginia kuo		No
837	Kasi Dishman		No
838	Meade Willis		No
839	Alicia Allman		No
840	Ford Willis		No
841	Jane Cheek		No
842	Lily Kerrigan		No
843	Janet Dickens		No
844	Judy Hartley		No
845	Emma-Catherine Ali		No
846	L Stevenson		No
847	Jessica		No
848	Amanda Kuklinski		No
849	Lana Bailey		No
850	Kristine White		No
851	Sean Wentworth		No
852	Joe Copeland		No

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853	Linda Irvin		No
854	Tiffany Miller		No
855	Jessica Brady Reader		No
856	Kelsey Fox		No
857	Rev John Schneider		No
858	Lytton Gilliland		No
859	Joseph B Horrell		No
860	Ben Godfrey		No
861	Patrice Dolan Copeland		No
862	Daniel Steelman		No
863	Rob Watts		No
864	Amanda Bowers		No
865	Tyler Hartley		No
866	Daniel Cheek		No
867	Allison H		No
868	James Miller		No
869	Lisa Shaw		No
870	Lauren Hatcher		No
871	Becca Jett		No
872	Julia Lundstrem		No
873	Kathleen Kieronski		No
874	Barbie Fisher		No
875	Caroline Ellis		No
876	John Fisher		No
877	Paula Domermuth		No
878	Joseph Fisher		No
879	Matt Adams		No
880	Jennifer Gargrave		No

WATAUGA COUNTY FACILITY, PROPERTY, AND SPACE NAMING POLICY

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a process for the naming or dedication of public buildings, structures, memorials, plaques, markers, areas, and facilities owned by the County.

II. AUTHORIZATION

The Board of County Commissioners shall name, rename, and dedicate all public buildings, structures, memorials, areas, and facilities. County staff may name initial construction projects to identify the site and location for delivery of materials, services, and inspections.

III. OBJECTIVES

The following objectives have been established for naming or dedication of public buildings, structures, memorials, plaques, markers, areas, and facilities:

- A. Provide appropriate name identification for public buildings, structures, memorials, areas, and facilities in the County.
- B. Provide citizen input into the process of naming, renaming and dedication of public buildings, structures, memorials, plaques, markers, areas, and facilities in the County.
- C. Ensure control for the naming, renaming and dedication of public buildings, structures, memorials, plaques, markers, areas, and facilities in the County.

IV. QUALIFYING NAMES

- A. Public buildings, structures, memorials, plaques, markers, areas, and facilities shall be named in a manner that will provide an easy and recognizable reference and individual identity of the area or facility for the citizens of the County. Potential options include:
 - 1. The geographic location of the facility.
 - 2. A geologic, historical, botanical, horticultural, or scientific feature inherent to the area.
 - 3. An outstanding feature of the facility.
 - 4. The adjoining subdivision, school, or street.
 - 5. Commonly recognized historical event, group or individual.
 - 6. An individual, donor or group who contributed significantly to the acquisition or development of the individual facility.
 - 7. An individual or group who demonstrated exceptional service(s) or outstanding achievement(s) in the interest of the community as a whole.
 - 8. A resident of the County with sound moral and social character and whose life was exemplary and worthy of recognition.
- B. Public buildings, structures, memorials, plaques, markers, areas, and facilities may be named, renamed or dedicated for an individual only after that individual has been deceased for at least one (1) year. A person currently holding a local elected office or serving on a County advisory board may not be considered for the naming, renaming, or dedication of public buildings, structures, memorials, areas, and facilities.

V. PROCESS OF CONSIDERATION

Naming, renaming, and dedication of public buildings, structures, memorials, plaques, markers, areas, and facilities proposals shall originate in the following manner: An individual or an organization may file an application recommending the naming or dedication of public buildings, structures, memorials, plaques, markers, areas, and facilities. The format is shown in the Watauga County Public Facility, Property, and Space Naming Application. County buildings, structures, memorials, plaques, markers, areas, and facilities to be named must not currently be named.

A. Making an Application:

1. All applications must be submitted on the form entitled "Watauga County Public Facility, Property, and Space Naming Application," which may be obtained on the County website (www.wataugacounty.org) or in person at the Watauga County Manager's Office located at 814 West King Street, Boone, NC 28607.
2. The application must be supported by official documentation including but not limited to:
 - i. Naming for an individual:
 - a. Current resume, if living; source-identified, dated copy of obituary, if deceased (the resume may cover b-d below).
 - b. List of volunteer/service activities, including dates of involvement and offices held.
 - c. List of professional accomplishments.
 - d. List of honors/awards, both volunteer and professional, including dates awarded.
 - e. Narrative as to why the individual should be honored with the naming, renaming or dedication of a County building, structure, memorial, or area.
 - f. Information regarding any significant donations, gifts, financial support or contributions made by the individual to the County.
 - ii. Naming for an organization:
 - a. A copy of the Charter of the organization, including mission statement.
 - b. A copy of the Minutes of the meeting or authentic copy of the proclamation made that substantiates the organization's desire to seek a naming, renaming or dedication of public building, structure, memorial, area, or facility opportunity.
 - c. List of service to community, both volunteer and monetary, including dates of involvement and results.
 - d. Authentic copies of recognitions awarded by a national organization of which the local organization is an affiliate.
 - e. List of other honors/awards earned by organization.
 - f. Narrative as to why the organization should be honored with the naming, renaming or dedication of public building, structure, memorial, area, or facility.
 - g. Information regarding any significant donations, gifts, financial support or contributions made by the organization to the County.

The burden of supporting the application rests with the individual or group submitting the application.

- B. The Watauga County Public Facility, Property, and Space Naming Application shall be submitted with all required supporting documentation to the Watauga County Manager, 814 West King Street, Boone, NC 28607.
- C. During a 15 business day period following the filing of an application, the County Manager will verify the documentation presented with the application.
- D. At the end of the verification period, the County Manager will place the application on the agenda of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners for its consideration.
- E. The Board of County Commissioners will review and consider the application. After review and consideration of the application, the Board will schedule a public hearing to seek comments and input on the application from County citizens.
- F. Once the public hearing has been completed, the Board will vote in favor or against the application. Upon a unanimous vote of the Board, the naming, or dedication of the public building, structure, memorial, plaque, marker, area, or facility will be initiated.
- G. The renaming of a public building, structure, memorial, area, or facility is strongly discouraged. It is recommended that efforts to change a name be subject to the most critical examination so as not to diminish the original justification for the name or discount the value of the prior contributions.
 - 1. Public buildings, structures, memorials, plaques, markers, areas, and facilities named after individuals should not be changed unless it is found that the individual's personal character is or was such that the continued use of his/her name would not be in the best interest of the community.
 - 2. In order for a public building, structure, memorial, plaques, markers, area, and facility to be considered for renaming, the recommended name must qualify according to this Policy.
- H. Public buildings, structures, memorials, plaques, markers, areas, or facilities donated to the County can be named by deed restrictions by the donor. The naming and acceptance is subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners.
- I. In lieu of naming a facility; plaques, markers, and memorials may be considered and are subject to the requirements and standards as set forth in this policy. The Board of Commissioners shall determine the style, size, and placement on a case-by-case basis. In general, the plaque, sign, or marker shall blend or compliment the facility or area. Any plaque, sign, or marker approved by the Board must meet all County and Town regulations when applicable.
- J. The County will make every effort to preserve any dedication plaque or other dedicated object such as a tree, bench, etc. If necessary, due to repair of surrounding areas, construction or redesign of an area or facility, the plaque or dedication object may be relocated. If the plaque or other dedication object cannot continue to be maintained or after a reasonable period of time, it may be removed by the County.
- K. The County Commissioners may waive or modify any requirement of this policy as it deems appropriate on a case-by-case basis.

VI. APPLICABILITY

This policy governs only those applications made to request Watauga County buildings, structures, memorials, plaques, markers, areas, facilities and spaces naming or renaming opportunities.

VII. LIMITATIONS

- A. Although the Board of County Commissioners should be sensitive to the need for continuity in designating Naming Opportunities and to the recognition given to generous donors throughout its history, it cannot guarantee the continued designation of a Naming Opportunity.
- B. Designation of a Naming Opportunity will only apply to that particular County building, structure, memorial, plaque, marker, area, or facility and the name cannot be transferred to another County building, structure, memorial, plaque, marker, area, or facility without being proposed using the formal process outlined in the Policy.
- C. The use and ownership of any County facility, property, or space may change; consequently, the designation of a Naming Opportunity is not a guarantee that the use or ownership of the County building, structure, memorial, plaques, marker, area, or facility will remain the same in perpetuity.
- D. The naming of any County building, structure, memorial, plaques, marker, area, or facility by the Board of County Commissioners shall not create a property interest in the Naming Opportunity.

VIII. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The County Manager is responsible for monitoring and ensuring regular review of this Policy.
- B. All costs associated with the publication of the notice shall be paid by the applicant. If the designation is approved by the County Commissioners, all costs associated with the signage and installation shall be the responsibility of the applicant.
- C. Any individual, family, group or organization sponsoring a dedication or memorial must provide sufficient funds to purchase, install and maintain any plaque or other form of label associated with the recognition.
- D. The County will make every effort to preserve any dedication plaque or other dedicated object such as a tree, bench, etc.
- E. If the dedication includes the gift of a tree or other plant, the County will provide its regular standard of landscape care for the planting. If the planting does not survive, the County is not obligated to provide a replacement.
- F. The County Commissioners may waive or modify any requirement of this policy as it deems appropriate on a case-by-case basis.

May 16, 2022

Dear Watauga County Commissioners,

In order to better understand the influence that Lan O'Loughlin had in the lives of the youth of our community, attached are a few letters that exemplify what he meant to so many students, athletes and even parents.

Respectfully,

Carol O'Loughlin Thompson

The 2007 Lan O'Loughlin Personal Achievement Award

Presented by Leigh Wallace

Lan O'Loughlin.

An incredible man. An incredible man whose life was tragically cut short by cancer. He fought his final battle the way he taught his swimmers and runners to compete – with courage, with an unrelenting will to win, and with the faith that if you work hard and believe in yourself...good things can happen. Lan was a science teacher at WHS and a cross country and swim coach for many, many years. From the time he first began coaching at Watauga in 1979, Lan spent just as much time teaching the important life lessons to his athletes as he did critiquing their strokes and looking at his stopwatch. He truly believed that his coaching responsibilities were just as much about developing the character of the athlete as it was about turning that athlete into a conference, regional or maybe even a state champion. Lan developed strong relationships with his swimmers. He was a trusted adult – a friend – that they could easily relate to. He taught them about human compassion and the value of honesty and honest effort. He inspired his athletes to *want* to run and swim their hardest, knowing that that was the only way to feel true personal satisfaction.

When Lan realized that his cancer might beat him, he wanted to continue to inspire young student-athletes to reach their full potential. Before his death, he helped to create the Lan O'Loughlin Personal Achievement Award – an award that recognizes and honors a graduating senior who has the traits and qualities that Lan himself demonstrated every day as a teacher, a coach, and certainly in his battle with cancer. Candidates for this prestigious award are nominated by a teacher or coach and then a panel of five people chooses the winner, who also receives a \$1000 college scholarship. The recipient this year is surely someone who Lan would have been proud of. He has shown dedication and commitment to worthy goals while competing as a two-sport athlete throughout high school. On top of the demands of being a varsity athlete, he has held down a job for three years to make his own spending money and to save up for college. He has overcome some personal struggles, while maintaining a very positive attitude. He is a caring brother and son. He is a friend to many. He has volunteered his time on various mission trips and he helped a local family in crises by participating in and raising money through the Mr. WHS Pageant. This fun and popular pageant began when Lan was sick to help raise money for his medical bills. Lan would be pleased to know that this pageant continues today and that this year's winner of his award also was this year's winner of the Mr. WHS Pageant. Lan would also find it interesting that this year's winner is a twin. Lan, too, was a twin.

I am pleased to present the 2007 Lan O'Loughlin Personal Achievement Award to **CALEB MARTIN**.

Lan,

To your team you are a leader,
a teacher, and a friend.

To the rest of us that know you
you are a role model: an example of
strength, courage, determination, and all-
around cool.

So it is only fitting that we contribute
as much as possible, to make sure the
award that bears your name follows your
legacy, and does as much good as it can.

Jeff
Holmwood
WHS SR - 2032

Sen,

I would like to say Thank You for everything that you have done for me. I have always had the utmost respect for you in everything. You have always made me feel strong and strive to be the best that I could be. Your loving and open personality have touched everyone that has had the privilege to work with and know you. You have left an imprint on my heart and in my life. You truly are the best at everything you do; teach, coach everything. Thank you for everything you have done for me throughout the four years at WHS. God Bless You ▽
-♥ Jennifer Greene

Dear Lan,

Sometimes very important things get put off for much, much too long. Ron and I have wanted for a long time to tell you just how much we have appreciated your efforts in coaching the cross country team.

It has meant more to Geoffrey than you can ever know to have cross country as an outlet. Running is so important to him. A coach who is supportive and caring and who makes it fun to belong to a special group that takes pride in its efforts has made belonging to a school team worthwhile. In fact, sometimes it is the only thing that has made school worthwhile.

Geoffrey has observed other coach/athlete relationships that are based on antagonism, negativism, and a "win at all costs" attitude. He could not thrive, nor even function, in that kind of atmosphere, so you can imagine how glad he has been that cross country is different. Because your chief concern is the emotional and physical well-being and development of the athletes, your students have gained the confidence, self-esteem, compassion, and friendship that are so important to healthy development--but that too often are almost impossible to achieve. The team members have established strong relationships with each other, and they know they have a friend in you. Teenagers need to have adults in their lives that they can trust as friends. That kind of relationship provides wisdom and experience that aren't available from peer friendships, as well as a perspective that parents and other authority figures don't share. Lan, it's so important for young people to have in their lives adults who don't feel a need to wield their power--who are confident enough in themselves to know that it is human compassion, trust, and respect that makes them effective. They need adults whose judgement and sincerity they can trust, who will treat them with respect, and who genuinely care that they are healthy and happy. You are the kind of influence that is so important in these crucial years.

I know from my own experience that working with young people can be incredibly trying at times--not to mention time-consuming. Teaching alone is more draining than most people can imagine. Yet, you have given so many extra hours and invested so much of yourself in these kids. I'm sure no one knows the hours, even beyond coaching time, that you have given to them as a group and as individuals. And that has certainly meant careful planning, rescheduling, and sacrifices for you and your family. We are grateful to them for sharing you with us and our children, too.

Thank you seems so inadequate--but then there simply aren't any words that can express what you mean to these kids--and to their parents. And there don't seem to be words to express the gratitude we feel for the lessons they have learned from your example and leadership, nor for the gratitude we feel because of your willingness to give so much. You have given them more than your time. And what they have gained from you will last them a lifetime. They will take with them much more than fond memories and strong emotional bonds, things that are important in

themselves. They will also take determination to do and be the best they can be; pride in their efforts; the confidence that they have worth whether they are "stars" or not; and they will take with them an important belief in the value of honesty and honest effort--because you have shown them that you care about all of them.

Thank you. And please know that we want to be available to give you support in any way we can.

Sincerely,

Carole Costis
March 2, 1948

Oct. 26, 2000

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BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA 28608

John A. Walker College of Business
Thelma C. Raley Hall
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(704) 262-2036

Dear Tom & Family,

I apologize for putting this note on dept. letterhead. Randy Edwards just sent me your web page address, and I wanted to get a note to you. Since we heard of your illness, you and family have constantly been in our thoughts and prayers.

I have felt for some time that I should thank you for the wonderful job you do as swim coach and the way you helped my son, Brooks. A few years ago, at a swim meet in Charlotte, I listened as you talked to Brooks about a race he had just finished. He hadn't done particularly well in the race, and you were discussing with him what he needed to do to improve for the next race. The way you corrected him while keeping his spirits up made an impression on me that I will never forget. After that meet in Charlotte, I witnessed many similar scenes between you and Brooks and other swimmers. It is obvious that you care more about the young people you coach as individuals, than about their times and race results. As a parent, I ~~feel~~ feel blessed to have you and others like you who give so much to our children.

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Brooks dropped out of swimming last year — his heart just wasn't in it. Since then, he has played basketball & football, and he has had some very good coaches, but never one quite like you!!

Belinda and I pray for you every day. We want you to get well and get back to doing the things you love to do and are so good at! Our community is much richer because of your involvement with our children.

Once again, thank you for everything you do for us, and get well!

Sincerely,

Tim Forsyth

November 19, 1985

Mr. Jack Groce, Athletic Director
Watauga High School
Boone, NC 28607

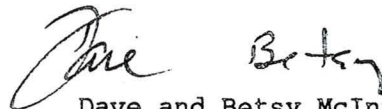
Dear Jack,

The cross-country season has just been completed and in a very successful manner for both the boys' and the girls' teams. The boys and girls who competed for Watauga High School were all really neat kids and excellent ambassadors for our program. Although both teams were extraordinarily successful, we decided to write this letter very early in the season.

Lan O'Laughlin, the coach of both teams, really deserves accolades for working so well with our boys and girls. He has repeatedly demonstrated an ability to relate to his student-athletes and he has earned their respect. Mr. O'Laughlin was able to inspire, motivate, and challenge his runners in a healthy manner. We genuinely believe that he taught them countless lessons about life as well as about believing in themselves. A by-product of his mentoring/coaching was that they learned to run faster and win cross-country meets.

Across the State of North Carolina, Mr. O'Laughlin is respected as an excellent coach. The ultimate purpose of this letter is to make sure that he is not one of the best-kept secrets in Boone. Please be assured that we would feel exactly the same about Mr. Lan O'Laughlin's coaching if the teams had lost every contest. Our congratulations to you, Jack, for having such a competent coach as an integral part of your staff.

Sincerely,



Dave and Betsy McIntire

cc: Dr. Don Bentley

bcc: Lan O'Laughlin

Anita.Fogle

From: Carol HINSHAW <hinshawch@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 10:58 AM
To: Anita.Fogle
Subject: Lan O'Loughlin

He was a very dedicated person. The swimmers were so fortunate to have such a dedicated roll model. He brought the good out of everyone who came in contact with him. Many of his swimmers have gone on to college and swam. My daughter, Jenny, swam for Carolina. It would be such a wonderful honor to name the Aquatics Center after him. Thank you for your consideration. Carol Hinshaw.

Anita.Fogle

From: M. Barry Ellis MD <mbarryellis@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2022 5:07 PM
To: Anita.Fogle
Subject: Lan O'Loughlin Aquatic Center Naming

I support the naming of the new swim complex for Lan.

Doc Ellis

M Barry Ellis MD

336 927 2657 Cell

Anita.Fogle

From: Faye Cooper <JFCoop@skybest.com>
Sent: Friday, March 4, 2022 4:17 PM
To: Anita.Fogle
Subject: Hello from Faye Cooper

Hello to all our fine Watauga County Commissioners and County Manager,

There are several things on my mind that I will put in this email shortly. I first wanted to thank all of you for your service, your dedication to the well being of the people and institutions in your jurisdiction, this includes your prudent use of funds made available to you.

1. I fully support the naming of the Recreation Complex Aquatic Center after Lan O'Laughlin.
2. I fully support the request of Appalachian Theatre of the High Country's for \$25,000.00 as a line item in your budget.
3. I fully support the application submitted by Western Youth Network for funds to develop their new facility, Center for Youth Wellbeing.

Most respectfully,
Faye Bolick Cooper

Anita.Fogle

From: Leslie Wander <leslie.wander@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2022 11:25 PM
To: Anita.Fogle
Subject: Aquatic Center Naming Petition in honor of Lan O'Loughlin

Hi Anita! I was told you could forward on this note to the county commissioners in support of naming the new aquatic center after Lan O'Loughlin. I really appreciate your help.

Thanks,
Leslie

Sometimes there is a teacher or coach that truly has the ability to inspire and makes a lifelong impact on those they teach. Watauga County was fortunate enough to have such an individual in Lan O'Loughlin. He spent countless hours on the pool deck for more than two decades, bringing out the best in his swimmers, not just athletically but in their overall self-confidence and character. He encouraged, inspired, and forever changed the students and athletes that crossed his path. He was concerned not with how fast a swimmer's time was, but rather that they were working hard toward their goals and reaching their personal best. He encouraged students of all abilities to swim, knowing the long term benefits they could gain from it mentally and physically.

Lan's goal was to have an aquatic facility built in Watauga County that was fitting of the community's needs. He raised money, garnered support, and worked tirelessly to make it a reality. Unfortunately it never came to fruition in his lifetime, but today, exactly 19 years to the day from his death from cancer at age 49, Watauga County has that facility. It only makes sense to honor one of the county's best loved teachers and coaches by naming the pool in his honor. His legacy has shaped countless lives and should be remembered in the place where he spent so much of his life.

As one of those swimmers coached by Lan, I am forever thankful I was lucky enough to learn from him. To this day I remember his inspiring words and signature whistle when I am going through tough times. We have heard there is hesitation in naming lots of different things after various people, but in this case, it is the right decision to honor one of our community's best. Lan's legacy should be remembered on the pool deck where he shaped the lives of so many of Watauga County's young people.

Thank you so much for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,
Leslie Wander

Anita.Fogle

From: Nicholas Leger <nick.leger2314@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 5, 2022 1:17 PM
To: Anita.Fogle
Subject: Acquatic Center - Lan O'Loughlin

Dear Anita and Country Comissioners,

This is an email in support of naming the new Aquatic Center in honor of Lan O'Loughlin. Although I never met Lan, I am lucky to know his children, Leslie and Eric, who are both uncommonly good people.

Sincerely,
Nick Leger

Anita.Fogle

From: Allan Golotko <allan.golotko@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 7, 2022 5:54 AM
To: Anita.Fogle
Cc: Eric O'Loughlin; Eric O'Loughlin
Subject: Lan O'Loughlin Aquatic Center Naming Application Petition

Dear Ms. Fogle and All County Commissioners,

Hello. I feel personally compelled to send you this message on behalf of **Lan O'Loughlin** and the naming of the Aquatic Center. I did not have the privilege of knowing Lan O'Loughlin personally, but I do have the honor to work closely with his son Eric, who is a business colleague of mine at Morgan Stanley. In my opinion, there is no stronger evidence of the character Lan possessed than seeing that character in the fine and upstanding son he raised in Eric. Eric possesses and exhibits the best qualities that a parent would strive for in their children. Eric is gracious, generous with his time, puts others before self, places a high value on integrity, and approaches everything he takes on with excitement and with the kind of passion that makes people want to be part of Eric's world. If Lan was here today, I would thank him for how he has instilled such strong and positive values in his son and share with him how proud he must be as a father. I can only imagine the positive impact Lan had on the community and the naming of the Aquatic Center in his memory would be a great honor for him, his family, and the community. Your consideration in naming the facility, the **Lan O'Loughlin Aquatic Center** is greatly appreciated!

Best regards,
Allan Golotko
(732) 221-0378

Anita.Fogle

From: David Ward <wardda@appstate.edu>
Sent: Sunday, May 8, 2022 10:10 PM
To: Anita.Fogle
Subject: Fwd: Lan
Attachments: image001.png

David Ward
Assistant Track Coach
Appalachian State University
Mobile: (828) 265-7029
Psalm 118:24



----- Forwarded message -----

From: David Ward <wardda@appstate.edu>
Date: Sun, Jan 30, 2022 at 8:22 PM
Subject: Lan
To: John Welch <welchje@appstate.edu>

John,
Lan was a great friend and a special individual. He lived life to the fullest and dedicated himself to serving others. He loved everybody dearly and unconditionally. Lan was the first person to reach out to us and make us feel welcome when we moved back to Boone in 1988. I could think of no one who deserves this honor more than Lan. He has impacted all of us who knew him, especially the athletes and students that he taught and coached. We all miss him greatly, and naming that facility after him will help us keep the wonderful memories of him alive.
Sincerely,
david ward

David Ward
Assistant Track Coach
Appalachian State University
Mobile: (828) 265-7029
Psalm 118:24

Anita.Fogle

From: Ashley Ginn <ashleyginn@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 9, 2022 10:04 PM
To: Anita.Fogle; Ashley Ginn
Subject: Fw: Lan O'Loughlin Aquatic Center Naming Application
Attachments: Letter_Lan OLoughlin Aquatic Center_February 2022.pdf

Dear Anita -

Please see attached a letter of support regarding the Lan O'Loughlin Aquatic Center Naming Application, for distribution to the Board of Commissioners.

Please thank them for their service to Watauga County, and for their kind consideration of this application. I appreciate the opportunity to express my heartfelt and strong support.

Warmly,

Ashley Ginn

Ashley Rebecca Ginn

NC/SC Broker

Allen Tate Real Estate, LLC

11624 Elizabeth Madison Court

Charlotte NC 28277

704-258-5447

February 14, 2022

Mr. John Welch
Chairman, Watauga County Board of Commissioners
814 West King Street, Suite 205
Boone, NC 28607

Dear Commissioner Welch and the Watauga County Board of Commissioners:

As a native of Watauga County, it is my privilege to express heartfelt and strong support for the effort to name the new aquatic center after esteemed coach and teacher, Lan O'Loughlin.

Lan was someone who embodied the spirit of the High Country – a talented, yet humble man who invested in the lives of young people, including mine. During my high school years, I observed the skill and expertise that enabled Lan to lead countless teams to victory, from local to state level championships. Although he enjoyed every win, Lan cared far more about sportsmanship, work ethic and character. Swimming was merely the channel he used to teach lessons which rippled far beyond the water.

He coached with heart, a quality which garnered love and loyalty from his swimmers. During races, he would walk the poolside in rhythm with our strokes, spurring us on. We swam to the metronome of his familiar whistle, timed precisely for when we came up for air.

Lan set an example of hard work and dedication, and expected the same from every member of the team. He was proudest not when we won the race, but simply when we put forth our best. As a result, his swimmers accomplished far more than our natural abilities allowed.

One of the most remarkable aspects of Lan's coaching was that he equally invested in swimmers of all levels. Most head coaches give the bulk of their time and attention to athletes with the greatest talent. Lan invested in anyone who was willing to work hard.

At the start of each meet, Lan would gather all his swimmers at the edge of the pool, kneel beside the water, bow his head, and outstretch his hand. Then, with all our hands on top of his, he would lead us in The Lord's Prayer. The pool deck would grow quiet as the familiar words of Matthew Chapter 6, spoken in unison, wafted across the water, ending with "*For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*" Lan chose those words to be the last his swimmers heard before they stepped up to the blocks – the surest evidence that it wasn't victories in the pool that mattered most to him.

Lan served his community with humility, not for personal gain or accolades, but for the good of others. His once-young athletes are now adults, scattered across the country, separated by decades of time and miles of distance. Yet, today, we unite together once again in our hope that you, as the leaders of the community we once called home, will join us in honoring the life and legacy of a man who never thought his name would be on a building – which is the very reason it should be.

Most Sincerely,

Ashley Rebecca Ginn

Anita.Fogle

From: Anne Sukow <sukowa@wataugaschools.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2022 12:35 PM
To: Anita.Fogle
Subject: Naming the Pool at the Rec Center

To the Commissioners of Watauga County:

Good Morning! I hope this email finds you doing well. My name is Anne Younce Sukow, and I am a lifelong Watauga County resident. I attended Mabel Elementary, Watauga High, and Appalachian, before settling into teaching at Bethel Elementary where I have taught for the last 21 years. I had planned to attend the meeting on May 24, but I have our 8th grade Promotion ceremony at Bethel Elementary. I would like to share my feelings now.

I came to know of Mr. Lan O'Loughlin at WHS in 1992. While I did not have him as a coach or a teacher, I was envious of my friends who were blessed enough to. I was only 14 upon entering WHS in 1992, and it was obvious the love, dedication and heart Mr. O'Loughlin had for the students, teachers, and staff of WHS, as well as for his community. He put our swim team on the map, as well as our cross country team. He formed the Mountain Alliance.

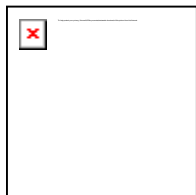
Mr. O'Loughlin dedicated many years of his life, and even his last moments to the citizens of Watauga County and I feel as though it is only right to name the pool at our Rec Center after Lan O'Loughlin. Many people worked tirelessly on getting that amazing facility, and I have no doubt that Mr. O'Loughlin would have been right alongside them, if he were still alive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Anne

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Anne M. Sukow. B.S.Ed., M.L.I.S
 National Board Certified Teacher
 5th Grade Teacher
 Bethel Elementary School



"We shall always place education side by side with instruction; the mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart." ~Blessed Basil Moreau

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Anita.Fogle

From: Elle Hauschen <elle.hauschen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 5:30 PM
To: Anita.Fogle
Subject: Lan O'Loughlin Aquatic Center Naming Application

Dear Watauga County Commissioners,

Thank you for your time and consideration of the application to name the Watauga County Aquatic Center in honor of Lan O'Loughlin. While I did not have the privilege of knowing Lan O'Loughlin personally, I do have the honor of knowing Mr. O'Loughlin's son, Eric. In my opinion, there is no stronger evidence of the character and values Lan possessed and instilled in his students and athletes than seeing them emulated in his son.

Additionally, Watauga County's Parks and Recreation mission is for "programs to be enjoyable, fun, fulfilling, safe and rewarding." As evident from the unanimous support from the community through the petition we signed, Lan upheld this mission throughout his tenure as Watauga County's head swim coach and your support in approving naming of the Aquatic Center in Mr. O'Loughlin's honor is a testament to honoring this mission in action.

I wholeheartedly support this application and hope that you will do the same!

Sincerely,

Elle Hauschen

Anita.Fogle

From: Jacob Ghera <jacob.ghera@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:50 PM
To: Anita.Fogle
Subject: Watauga County Recreation Center

Dear Commissioners of Watauga County,

I am writing this E-mail in support of renaming the new aquatic center in the Watauga County Recreation Center in honor of Lan O'Loughlin. I am a close friend of Lan's son, Eric, who I have known for the better part of the last decade. I know how much Lan meant to Eric and the Watauga County community. Unfortunately, I never had the opportunity to meet Lan, but I have learned from Eric how hard Lan worked to make a new aquatic center possible, and how many people he supported over the years as a teacher and coach. I know that the aquatic center for years to come will uphold the same values that Lan instilled in so many. It is for this reason that I voice the strong support of this proposal.

Kind Regards,

Jacob A. Ghera

Anita.Fogle

From: Anand Karsan <akarsan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2022 9:14 PM
To: Anita.Fogle
Cc: Michael Murphy
Subject: Naming the aquatic center

Hello,

We fully support renaming the aquatic center for Lan O'Loughlin!

Thanks,
Anand and Mike

Please excuse any grammatical errors. Sent from my iPhone

Anita.Fogle

Subject: FW: Lan O'Loughlin naming for County Pool

From: Jeffrey Tiller <tillerjs@appstate.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2022 2:16 PM

To: Deron.Geouque <Deron.Geouque@watgov.org>

Subject: Lan O'Loughlin naming for County Pool

Dear County Manager Geouque,

I heartily support naming the new county pool for Lan O'Loughlin, who was taken from us at too young an age. An avid promoter of excellence in swimming, as well as fitness in general, Lan had a positive influence on hundreds, if not thousands, of young Wataugans, as well as many adults. Naming the pool in his honor would exemplify the high standard that our county places on caring, compassionate, and competent teachers and coaches.

Thanks for the opportunity of submitting my views,

Jeff Tiller

Meat Camp District resident

828-773-9950

AGENDA ITEM 9:

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

E. Discussion of House Bill 193

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Per Commissioner request, House Bill 193 has been placed on the agenda for discussion. The Board may wish to consult with the County Attorney before taking any formal action.

Staff seeks direction from the Board.

AGENDA ITEM 9:**MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS*****F. Announcements*****MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' (NCACC) next Board of Directors meeting will be held in Watauga County on June 24-25, 2022. The NCACC invites the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and County Manager to speak at the beginning of the meeting on the 24th, to provide a brief welcome message to Watauga County.

The NCACC also invites the Watauga County Board of Commissioners to be guests at the NCACC Board dinner which will be held at the Meadowbrook Inn on the evening of June 24th.

The Beech Mountain Watauga Medics Ribbon Cutting will be held at the Beech Mountain Volunteer Fire Station # 2 located at 513 St. Andrew's Road, Beech Mountain, North Carolina, on Saturday, June 25, 2022, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM 10:

PUBLIC COMMENT

AGENDA ITEM 11:

BREAK

AGENDA ITEM 12:

CLOSED SESSION

Attorney/Client Matters – G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3)

AGENDA ITEM 13:

POSSIBLE ACTION AFTER CLOSED SESSION