

**Including 43 new electric school buses**

More than \$30.1 million from the N.C. Volkswagen Settlement Program will be distributed by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality to fund 161 new school buses across the state, with the majority of the funding going toward new all-electric school buses. The new zero-emission and low-emission school buses are replacing some of the dirtiest diesel buses in the state, including some older than 30 years that emit more than 20 times the nitrogen oxides (NOx) and particulate matter of today's clean buses.

"Today is a good day for the health and pocketbooks of North Carolinians as we continue on our path to clean transportation," said Governor Roy Cooper. "Transitioning to cleaner school buses reduces greenhouse gas emissions, lowers costs to our schools, creates great manufacturing jobs and reduces pollution in our poorer communities."

"Switching to new low- and zero-emission school buses has immediate public health benefits for the children who ride them and improves air quality in our communities," said DEQ Secretary Elizabeth S. Biser.

The new buses will reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) by 126 tons over their lifetimes combined. More than \$16.5 million will fund 43 electric school buses and associated charging infrastructure, providing a 100% reduction in diesel emissions and greenhouse gases for these projects. NOx leads to the formation of ground-level ozone, which in turn aggravates asthma and can cause breathing trouble in young children and older adults. The small particles that make up particulate matter are linked to heart and lung conditions.

The grant recipients include public schools, charter schools and a tribal school in 84 counties. Most of the buses, 130, will be placed in rural counties. Of those, 80 school buses were awarded to schools in the 37 historically under-resourced counties that DEQ targeted for additional outreach and support during the application process. The goal of that program was to support the equitable distribution of Volkswagen Settlement funding across the state. The full list of awarded projects is on DEQ's website, [deq.nc.gov](http://deq.nc.gov).

As the clean school buses are ordered and delivered, the old school buses will be destroyed, ensuring they no longer pollute the air in communities near schools.

The N.C. Volkswagen Settlement School Bus Program involved a competitive application process where projects were scored by a selection committee of staff in DEQ's Division of Air Quality (DAQ). In total, DAQ received 42 applications seeking more than \$58 million in funding for more than 330 clean school buses. The selection committee fully or partially funded at least one requested bus from each county that had an application.

The School Bus Program is the largest grant program in Phase 2 of the N.C. Volkswagen Settlement Program, which covers the remaining \$68 million of the state's share of a national settlement with the automaker. The state is awarding the funds through grants and rebates to support the replacement of old diesel vehicles with clean alternatives and the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the state.

DEQ has also awarded more than \$1 million in Volkswagen Settlement funds to state agencies to install Level 2 zero-emission vehicle charging infrastructure. These 103 charging ports will be installed at 25 sites, including state parks, museums, aquariums, government office buildings, universities, and community colleges. In this program, 22 of the charging ports will be in historically under-resourced counties. Thirteen of those chargers will be used to charge state agency fleet vehicles and support Governor Cooper's efforts under Executive Order No. 80 to transition the state motor fleet to zero-emission vehicles, while the remainder will be available for public use.

DAQ will continue to accept rebate applications to install Level 2 charging infrastructure at workplaces, multi-unit dwellings and publicly accessible locations on a first-come, first-served basis until allocated funds are exhausted. The amount of remaining funds available and information on how to apply are online at [deq.nc.gov](http://deq.nc.gov).

**Health Department is Now Giving Flu Shots**

The Anson County Health Department has started giving Flu shots on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and then 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. For an appointment call 704-694-5188 and press 1.

The Health Department accepts these insurances as in-network: Blue Cross Blue Shield; Cigna; United Healthcare; Medcost; Aetna; Multiplan; Ambetter; Medicare; Wellcare Medicare; Medicaid; and Medicaid - Prepaid Health Plans: 1. Healthy Blue, 2. Amerihealth Caritas, 3. Wellcare - Medicaid, 4. Carolinas Complete Health, 5. United Healthcare - Medicaid.

Patients without one of the primary health insurance plans listed above or who do not have any insurance may be seen using the Sliding Fee Scale. Household members and income for the household is used to determine the percentage pay for the patient.

The Health Department is located at 110 West Ashe Street in Wadesboro.

**Recruiting Volunteers for Meals on Wheels**

Grace Senior Center is recruiting volunteers to help with their Meals on Wheels by delivering meals.

If you are interested in helping Anson County's shut-in and elderly citizens with this important program, please contact Cynthia Miles at 704-694-6616.

Ansonia Theatre Presents  
**THE AGATHA CHRISTIE'S MOUSETRAP**  
 SUSPECT EVERYONE  
 Directed by Tommy Wooten  
 October 14-23  
[ansoniatheatre.com](http://ansoniatheatre.com)  
 704-694-4950

**Notice of Primary General for Anson County, North Carolina**

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The polls will be open for voting on Election Day from 6:30am to 7:30pm.

**Anson County Voters will select the following:**

- Anson County Sheriff
- Anson County Clerk of Court
- Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor
- Anson County Mixed Beverage Referendum
- County Commissioner Contest Will only appear in Districts 2, 4 and 5.
- School Board District Contests Will only appear in Districts 2, 4 and 5.
- At Large School Board Contest Will appear on all ballots.

Candidate Name	Name on Ballot	Party
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISTRICT 21</b>		
Saunders, Winfred Reece, Jr.	Reece Saunders	Dem
<b>ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 02</b>		
Little, Priscilla Ann	Priscilla Ann Little	Dem
Tucker, William Bryan	Bryan Tucker	Una
<b>ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 04</b>		
Caudle, James William	Jamie Caudle	Una
Mullis, Michael Jason	Jason Mullis	Rep
<b>ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 05</b>		
Gatewood, Lawrence Rondel	Lawrence Gatewood	Dem
<b>ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AT-LARGE</b>		
Little, Judy Hamilton	Judy Hamilton Little	Dem
Bennett, Marilynn	Marilynn Bennett	Dem
<b>ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 02</b>		
Little, Bobbie J.	Bobbie J. Little	Dem
<b>ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 04</b>		
Davis, Lisa Graham	Lisa G. Davis	Dem
<b>ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 05</b>		
Truman, George S, Jr.	George Truman	Dem
<b>ANSON COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT</b>		
Hammonds, Marcus Deane	Marcus (Mark) Hammonds	Dem
<b>US SENATE</b>		
Hoh, Matthew Patrick	Matthew Hoh	Gre
Beasley, Cheri Lynn	Cheri Beasley	Dem
Bray, Shannon Wilson	Shannon W. Bray	Lib
Budd, Theodore Paul	Ted Budd	Rep
<b>US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 08</b>		
Huffman, Jeffrey Scott	Scott Huffman	Dem
Bishop, James Daniel	Dan Bishop	Rep
<b>NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SEAT 03</b>		
Dietz, Richard Donald	Richard Dietz	Rep
Inman, Lucy Noble	Lucy Inman	Dem
<b>NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SEAT 05</b>		
Ervin, Samuel James IV	Sam J. Ervin IV	Dem
Allen, Curtis Hudson III	Trey Allen	Rep
<b>NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 08</b>		
Flood, Julee Tate	Julee Tate Flood	Rep
Thompson, Carolyn Jennings	Carolyn Jennings Thompson	Dem
<b>NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 09</b>		
Salmon, Brad Andrew	Brad A. Salmon	Dem
Stroud, Donna	Donna Stroud	Rep
<b>NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 10</b>		
Tyson, John	John M. Tyson	Rep
Adams, Gale Murray	Gale Murray Adams	Dem
<b>NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 11</b>		
Jackson, Darren	Darren Jackson	Dem
Stading, Michael	Michael J. Stading	Rep
<b>NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 29</b>		
Craven, David Wayne Jr.	David (Dave) Craven, Jr.	Rep
Crump, Brooke McIntosh	Brooke Crump	Dem
<b>NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 055</b>		
Brody, Mark Allen	Mark Brody	Rep
<b>NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 16A SEAT 01 (SCOTLAND COUNTY SEAT)</b>		
Rhue, Christopher Windly	Chris Rhue	Dem
<b>NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 16A SEAT 03 (RICHMOND COUNTY SEAT)</b>		
Wallace, Chevonne Rene	Chevonne Wallace	Dem
<b>ANSON COUNTY SHERIFF</b>		
Reid, Landric	Landric Reid	Dem
<b>ANSON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR</b>		
Tyner, Kimberly Carpenter	Kim Tyner	

**ANSON COUNTY POLLING PLACES:**

ANSONVILLE FIRE-RESCUE 9145 US HWY 52 N, ANSONVILLE	<b>ALL ANSON COUNTY VOTERS CAN VOTE EARLY AT THE BOARD OF ELECTION OFFICE AT 402 MORVEN ROAD - WADESBORO, NC FROM OCTOBER 20 - NOVEMBER 5</b>  <b>**IF YOU DO NOT VOTE AT THE EARLY VOTING SITE - YOU WILL NEED TO GO TO YOUR REGULAR POLLING PRECINCT ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2022 FROM 6:30 AM - 7:30 PM</b>  <b>THERE WILL NOT BE VOTING HELD AT THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ON ELECTION DAY TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2022</b>
BURNSVILLE FIRE-RESCUE 33 RESCUE RD, POLKTON	
GULLEDGE FIRE DEPT 34 CHEWNING RD, WADESBORO	
LILESVILLE FIRE DEPT. 202 W WALL ST, LILESVILLE	
MORVEN-MCFARLAN FIRE DEPT 242 E MAIN ST, MORVEN	
PEACHLAND FIRE DEPT35 E PASSAIC ST, PEACHLAND	
POLKTON FIRE DEPT 61 W POLK ST, POLKTON	
WADESBORO SPCC LOCKHART TAYLOR	
<b>*ALL WADESBORO VOTERS NOW VOTE AT THIS PRECINCT LOCATION*</b>	
514 N WASHINGTON ST, WADESBORO	
WHITE STORE-COMMUNITY BLDG 5672 UNION CHURCH RD, PEACHLAND	

**Buffer Zone Notice:** All Election Day polling places and the One-stop voting location will have signs posted to indicate a 50 foot buffer zone, where no electioneering will be allowed per NC GS 163-166.4(a) **\*CAMPAIGNING OR DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTION MATERIAL IS ONLY ALLOWED OUTSIDE THE BUFFER ZONE**

Anson County residents may register to vote by mail or in person at the Board of Elections Office. **The deadline to register to vote on Election Day is FRIDAY OCTOBER 14 at 5:00 pm.** If you are registered to vote in Anson County (and your name or address has not changed) you **DO NOT** need to register again to vote in this election. **Voters who are not registered in the county by that deadline may register and vote during one stop early voting only, and will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence:** current and valid photo identification; or A copy of one of the following documents that show the name and address of the voter: a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document

**Absentee by Mail voting** is available upon request from the Voter, a near relative or legal guardian. New State Law requires that all requests must be made on the official Absentee Ballot Request Form, which is available online. Application may be made in person at the Anson County Board of Elections Office, or in writing to the Anson County Board of Elections at PO Box 768, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

**The deadline to apply for an Absentee by Mail ballot is 5:00pm, NOVEMBER 1, 2022§ 163-230.2.**

**To apply or Request an Absentee by Mail Ballot, a voter or near relative must complete the State Issued Absentee Request Form. Absentee By Mail Request CAN ONLY BE TURNED in by the VOTER or a NEAR RELATIVE.**

**Near Relatives as defined by statute: spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, Daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild**

**One-stop EARLY VOTING THURSDAY OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup> - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>.** At THE ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE LOCATED AT 402 MORVEN ROAD, WADESBORO NC. The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM. and on Saturdays OCTOBER 22, 29 AND NOVEMBER 5, 2022 FROM 8:00 AM-3:00PM, AND Sunday OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup> FROM - 12:00 Pm - 6:00 pm.

**Absentee meetings:** The Anson County Board of Elections will meet to approve applications for absentee ballots for the November General Election at the Board of Elections office, 402 Morven Road Wadesboro, NC.; Pursuant to G.S. 163.230.1(c1). Other business may be transacted by the board at this time: **TUESDAY OCT. 4 5:00 PM, TUESDAY OCT. 11 AT 5:00 PM, TUESDAY OCT. 18 AT 5:00 PM, TUESDAY OCT. 25 AT 5:00PM and TUESDAY NOV. 1 AT 5:00PM.** Absentee by Mail ballots will be counted on **NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> AT 2:00 PM.** Results for Absentee Mail and One-Stop Early voting will be reported after polls close at 7:30pm. Overseas (UOCAVA) Ballots must be returned by the close of polls on election day (7:30 PM), or the covered voter shall submit the ballot for mailing, electronic transmission, or other authorized means of delivery not later than 12:01 A.M., at the place where the voter completes the ballot, on the date of the election and the County Board receives the ballot the last business day before the County Canvass.

**Canvass Day meeting** will be held in the Board of Elections Office on **FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 AT 11:00 AM.**

For More information contact: Elections Director Sherry Melton or Board Chair: Ross Streater Elections Office: 704-994-3223

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