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Anson Commissioners Address Mobile Home Tax Bills, DSS Artificial Intelligence and Lilesville Post Office

The Anson County Board of Commissioners covered a wide range of issues during its Tuesday, October 20 meeting, with particularly lengthy discussions about rising manufactured-home tax bills, insurance benefits for retired county employees and the future of the Lilesville Post Office.

Commissioners also supported a trial of artificial intelligence technology at the Department of Social Services, approved South Piedmont Community College's budget and discussed the future of the former National Guard Armory.

Following are highlights of the meeting, based on the recorded proceedings:

- **Mobile Home Tax Bills to Be Corrected:** Tax Administrator Larry Newton acknowledged substantial increases in the assessed values of some manufactured homes after changes in how they were classified and valued. One example involved a home whose taxable value increased from \$1,500 to \$32,000. Commissioners questioned whether the properties had been individually inspected to confirm they met the legal requirements for classification as real property. Newton said the tax office plans to restore affected 2026 values to their 2025 levels, issue corrected bills to those who have not paid and refund differences to those who have. Staff will inspect affected properties in preparation for the 2027 revaluation. Commissioners expressed support for the corrective approach.

- **Artificial Intelligence Coming to DSS:** Department of Social Services representative Lula Jackson outlined plans for a 90-day trial of artificial intelligence software from Beam. The technology can help social workers turn interviews and other information into case documentation while providing real-time language translation. The pilot will involve 20 users and cost less than \$3,000, covered by the existing DSS budget.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF ANSONVILLE, ANSON COUNTY (NC) NC COMMERCE - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (NR) CDBG-NR Grant # 21 C-4007

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Ansonville, Anson County (NC), has been awarded on December 19th, 2022, a Community Development Block Grant – Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR) in the amount of \$950,000.00 from the North Carolina Department of Commerce. The Town of Ansonville will conduct a public hearing on November 10th at 6:00 pm at Town Hall - 8778 Main Street, Wadesboro, North Carolina 28170 for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding proposed Program & Budget amendment and temporary relocation assistance activities to its NC Commerce CDBG-NR Program - Grant # 21 C-4007.

Purpose of Public Hearing

The Town of Ansonville proposes to amend its approved Program & Budget activities to better meet community housing needs by:

- **Reallocation of Funds Between Housing Activities**

The Town of Ansonville proposes to amend its CDBG-NR program budget by allocating funds from the Housing Rehabilitation activity line item to include Housing Reconstruction activities for three (3) eligible applicants. The amendment is necessary because three (3) manufactured housing units initially identified for rehabilitation activities have been determined to require reconstruction. The proposed budget revision will allow the Town of Ansonville to provide safe, decent, and sanitary housing for eligible applicants while continuing to meet the goals and objectives of the NC Commerce CDBG-NR program.

The Town of Ansonville originally allocated a total of \$855,000 for Housing Rehabilitation activities. The Town of Ansonville proposes to transfer approximately \$848,215.00 from the Housing Rehabilitation activity budget line to the Housing Reconstruction activity to address the needs of applicants whose homes require reconstruction rather than repair. The following manufactured properties have been determined eligible for reconstruction activities:

1. 291 Godfrey St, Ansonville, NC
2. 99 S Park Dr, Ansonville, NC
3. 595 Ansonville Polkton Rd, Wadesboro, NC

- **Providing relocation assistance for three (3) applicants as follows:**

1. 291 Godfrey St, Ansonville, NC (Reconstruction)
2. 99 S Park Dr, Ansonville, NC (Reconstruction)
3. 595 Ansonville Polkton Rd, Wadesboro, NC (Reconstruction)

The Town of Ansonville also proposes providing temporary relocation assistance to three (3) eligible households whose homes will undergo reconstruction through the CDBG-NR program. Temporary relocation assistance will be provided in accordance with applicable federal and state regulations, including the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA), as applicable. Eligible temporary relocation costs may include temporary housing to facilitate reconstruction activities. Therefore, the Town of Ansonville proposes to apply to NC Commerce for additional funding in the amount of \$18,900 to provide temporary relocation assistance. This funding is outside of and in addition to the NC Commerce CDBG-NR # 21 C-4007 grant funding. The requested assistance represents up to \$1,050 per month per eligible household for up to six (6) months, for a total of three eligible reconstruction households.

- **Other Matters:**

The Town of Ansonville will inform the public regarding CDBG Housing Selection Committee (HSC) update, including the appointment of new members.

Public Participation

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearing and provide comments regarding the proposed Program & Budget amendment and temporary relocation of assistance activities. Written comments may also be submitted to:

Ms. Shemetra Melton
Town Clerk & Financial Officer
Town of Ansonville

8778 Main Street, Wadesboro, North Carolina 28170
704-826-8404
townofansonville@yahoo.com

Special accommodation for persons with disabilities or language assistance services may be arranged by contacting the Town (Ms. Shemetra Melton - Town Clerk & Financial Officer) at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

Issued this October 28th 2026
Town of Ansonville



Anson Commissioners Cancel November 3 Meeting

The Anson County Board of Commissioners has canceled its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 3 because it is election day.

The board's next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 17 at 6 p.m. in the Commissioners Board Room at the Anson County Government Center, located at 101 South Greene Street, second floor, in Wadesboro.

To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201.

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