



Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

Troy, NC 27371
Montgomery County
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Minutes

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

6:00 PM

Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 06:00 PM by Chairman Jeffrey Pope.

Invocation

Chairman Pope gives the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Pope leads the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Result:	(Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)
Mover:	Steve Hair
Seconder:	Steve Tedder
Ayes:	Chip Hurley, Jeffrey Pope, Steve Tedder, Steve Hair
Noes:	None

Public Forum

1. Overview of Rules & Procedures for the Public Forum
2. Comments from Citizens
No one speaks during the public forum.

People's Agenda

Result:	(Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)
Mover:	Chip Hurley

Seconder:	Steve Hair
Ayes:	Jeffrey Pope, Steve Hair, Chip Hurley, Steve Tedder
Noes:	None

1. July 21, 2026 Regular Session Minutes
2. Budget Amendment 2-Memorandum of Agreement for Grant Funds from Richmond County for the Use of Implementation of Doula Support Program
3. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council FY26-27 County Funding Plan
4. Resolution in Support of Tobacco 21 to Protect Youth from Vaping & Nicotine Addiction
5. Fireworks Permit Application: Hales Fireworks Display at Uwharrie Point Community Association
6. Register of Deeds Report

County Manager's Report

The County is currently in the process of updating the County website and agenda management software. The new agenda management software went live tonight, giving citizens access to interact with agenda packets, historical documents, and meeting minutes through the County website at www.montgomerycountync.gov.

Manager Maness addresses feedback regarding the Flock camera in the county and wants to clarify some information. The County does not own or operate the Flock camera, and the camera was not placed by any County entity.

Commissioner Hair expresses the need to repair concrete at the Eldorado Community Building prior to the upcoming election to ensure accessibility and safety of voters.

Commissioner Hurley asks Manager Maness to gather information to discuss providing additional fire protection in the northern part of the county. He also stresses the need to relocate the Soil & Water office to a location that can accommodate its monthly meetings. Commissioner Hurley also thanks Manager Maness for all his help and dedication to the County.

Superintendent Wade Auman provides an update from Montgomery County Schools. The new school year is underway, and staff are working to address a few issues that typically arise at the beginning of the school year. The School Resource Officer grant is due Monday, and staff are currently working to finalize the application. The Finance Office recently completed its audit, and the audit firm plans to present the findings at the next school board meeting in September. The five-year facility needs assessment is due by the end of the month, and Mr. Auman would like to present the assessment at the next Commissioners' meeting.

Sheriff Herron brings attention to the many frauds and scams occurring in the community. The Sheriff's Office app is available for download from the app store and provides updates about various scams to watch for. Sheriff Herron explains that the Sheriff's Office, or any law enforcement agency, will never call, text, or email requesting money. If someone receives a call of this nature, he advises them to hang up.

Sheriff Herron also warns of scams involving individuals impersonating bank representatives and attempting to convince others to transfer money. He stresses the importance of contacting your local bank or the Sheriff's Office if you believe you may be the target of a scam. Sheriff Herron encourages the Board to be proactive in sharing this information and help spread awareness throughout the county.

1. Consider Approval of a Budget Amendment to Provide Funding for a Retention Bonus Program for Employees at Montgomery Community College (MCC)

Since FY23-24, the Board of Commissioners has provided funding for nonrecurring, "one-time" retention bonuses for employees of Montgomery Community College (MCC). In recent years, similar funding has also been provided for County employees and Montgomery County Schools employees. These funds have typically been provided at the end of the fiscal year based on the County's financial position and the availability of unused funds.

Funding for the MCC retention bonus program was not included in the budget amendments at the end of FY 2025-26 and was not included in the FY2026-27 adopted budget. Recent discussions have renewed interest in establishing funding for a program that would provide a uniform bonus distribution to eligible MCC employees. MCC has approximately 90-100 full-time employees and approximately 15 part-time employees, most of whom are non-benefited.

a. **Budget Amendment #3-MCC Retention Bonus**

Result:	(Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)
Mover:	Chip Hurley
Seconder:	Steve Hair
Ayes:	Chip Hurley, Jeffrey Pope, Steve Tedder, Steve Hair
Noes:	None

2. **Planning Board Appointment Discussion**

The Board appoints Jonathan Sedberry to the Planning Board.

Result:	(Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)
Mover:	Steve Hair
Seconder:	Chip Hurley
Ayes:	Steve Tedder, Chip Hurley, Jeffrey Pope, Steve Hair
Noes:	None

3. **County Reports**

- a. **Building Inspections**
- b. **Economic Development & Tourism**
- c. **Facilities**
- d. **Finance**

- e. Library
- f. NC Cooperative Extension
- g. Public Utilities
- h. Veteran Services

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