

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH
MINUTES
OF
THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WENTWORTH, NORTH CAROLINA
March 4, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Wentworth Town Council was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at the Wentworth Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr., Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner, Daryl Crowder, Dennis Paschal III

Council Members Absent: Cheryl Moore
A quorum was met.

Staff Present: Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk/ Finance Officer
Hunter Wilson, Deputy Clerk/ Accounting Clerk
Ellis Martin, Attorney

Others Present: Louise Price, President – Piedmont Folk Legacies, Inc.
Betsy Kennon – Wentworth PTA Ball Program
CJ Idol, Executive Director – MARC
Christine Dohm, President – RCHS Band Boosters
Eli Wright, Director – RCHS Band
Neil Jacques & Ann Fish – Rockingham Co Food Coalition
Hayden Williams, Director – RCMS Band
Dr. Elaine Smith, Director – RCMS Choir
Julie Tolbert, Executive Director – FAFA
Cpt. Jennifer Brown – Rockingham Co. Sheriff's Office

Article I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dennis Paschal Jr. called the meeting to order.

Article II. INVOCATION

Mayor Paschal gave the invocation.

Article III. APPROVAL OF TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

A. Requests and Petitions of Citizens

There were no Requests or Petitions of Citizens.

B. Approve/Amend Agenda

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, *“To approve the agenda as written.”*

Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Town Council Meeting: February 4, 2025

Councilmember Dennis Paschal, III made a **MOTION**, *“The minutes stand approved as written.”*

Mayor Paschal seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Article V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Funding Requests for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

1. Piedmont Folk Legacies, Inc. (Charlie Poole Festival) - \$5,000

Louise Price, President of Piedmont Folk Legacies, Inc., presented the funding request. She asked for \$5,000 to help with expenses for the festival. It will be held at Rockingham County Community College on June 12th – 14th. A symposium on the importance of Charlie Poole in the music industry and the importance the textile mills played in that in Rockingham County, will be held on June 12th and the festival will continue on June 13th and 14th. She noted the total cost for the event is \$100,000 and she is asking several organizations for funding. Last year the Town of Wentworth granted \$1,000 for the festival.

Mayor Paschal asked if there is an admission fee for the festival.

Ms. Price explained that tickets will be \$35.00/day on June 13th and 14th or \$50.00 for the entire weekend. She did not have the pricing information for the symposium on June 12th.

Councilmember Paschal asked how many have attended in the last few years.

Ms. Price said attendance has been in the hundreds but with their marketing strategy this year they are hoping for thousands. They are marketing world-wide.

There were no further questions. **Mayor Paschal** thanked Ms. Price for her presentation.

(Note: The funding request by Piedmont Folk Legacies, Inc. for the Charlie Poole Festival is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

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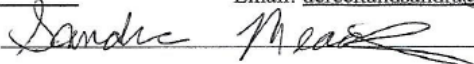


FUNDING REQUEST APPLICATION

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ORGANIZATION/AGENCY: Piedmont Folk Legacies, Inc.
Name and Title of Applicant: Louise W. Price, President
Phone: 336-253-9744 Email: louiseprice1925@gmail.com
Signature of Applicant: _____

Name and Title of Director: Sandra Meadows
Phone: 276-806-5488 Email: dereckandsandra@gmail.com
Signature of Director: 

Project (proposal) Name: 2025 Charlie Poole Festival
Total Cost of Project: \$100,000 Amount Requested: \$5,000
Project Start Date: 06/12/2025 Project End Date: 06/14/2025
Date Funds Needed: 07/31/2025

Has the organization previously received funds from the Town? If so, please explain:

Yes. We received \$1,000 in sponsorship of the 2024 Charlie Poole Festival.

Will this be a recurring request (annually)? Yes

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2. Wentworth PTA Ball Program - \$12,000

Betsy Kennon presented the funding request. She highlighted the following attributes of the program:

- A safe place to learn
- Somewhere outside of the classroom that kids can grow
- A break from technology
- A place to make friends with kids that don't go to the same school
- Create bonds that will last a lifetime

Councilmember Paschal asked what will be the program's largest expense going into the next season.

Ms. Kennon replied, "Within the last couple of years we've made tons of changes. We've made improvements to the fields and we've made big improvements with installing the lights. This year I'm not sure of a specific project that's slated. I know the light fee is a new occurrence that we weren't paying before, and just everything in the world costs more so it's really just trying to keep up with being able to set that level of what we've provided for so long and not make the children pay more."

Councilmember Paschal asked what the entrance fee would be this year. **Ms. Kennon** answered, "One hundred dollars (\$100), the same as what it was last year. That covers uniforms, umpires, all kinds of things."

Councilmember Daryl Crowder asked if the program has concessions at the games. **Ms. Kennon** said, "We do. It's the guy that runs the Downtown Doghouse. He comes out there and then I think The Collective is going to start coming out there as well."

Councilmember Paschal asked how many have registered so far. **Ms. Kennon** replied, "We're right at 300 I believe. I think 292 was the last number I saw and I know they've been recruiting a couple of extra. For the year, because we have our spring season and our fall season, we carry about 600 kids."

Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk/ Finance Officer, said she spoke with Diane Sawyer, Director of the program, earlier today and she explained that the program recently realized that in the past they were only considering funds that were needed for the spring season with their funding requests instead of both the spring and fall seasons, and that is why they are asking for more funds this time.

There were no further questions. **Mayor Paschal** thanked Ms. Kennon for her presentation.

(Note: The funding request from the Wentworth PTA Ball Program is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



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ORGANIZATION/AGENCY: Wentworth PTA Ball Program

Name and Title of Applicant: Betsy Kennon; Board Member, Wentworth PTA Ball Program

Phone: 336.612.5650

Email: bfkennon@gmail.com

Signature of Applicant: *Betsy Kennon*

Name and Title of Director: Diane Sawyer, Director of Wentworth Ball Program

Phone: 336.589.7675

Email: wentworthsoftball@gmail.com

Signature of Director: *Diane Sawyer*

Project (proposal) Name: Wentworth PTA Ball Program Funding

Total Cost of Project: \$12,000

Amount Requested: \$12,000

Project Start Date: 03/01/2025

Project End Date: 11/15/2025

Date Funds Needed: 09/01/2025

Has the organization previously received funds from the Town? If so, please explain:

Yes; This organization has been a part of what makes our program great for the last several years. Through the funding awarded, the town of Wentworth has given our program an opportunity to support the youth within our community as well as the surrounding areas. Many children in our community look forward to participating each season so our volunteers strive to make it possible and great from every aspect.

Will this be a recurring request (annually)?

Yes; Our program would not be successful without the on-going support of organizations like this.

INSTRUCTIONS:

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3. Museum & Archives of Rockingham County (MARC) - \$10,000

CJ Idol, Director of MARC, presented the funding request. He gave the following update of completed and upcoming repairs for the museum:

- The HVAC project has been completed with funds from the NEH, Rockingham County and with a grant of \$733,000 from the NC State Legislature. The museum was closed most of last year due to these repairs and they are now working to reopen.
- They have replaced the 1970's roof and are looking to replace part of the 1907 roof as well.
- The fire alarm needs to be replaced.
- They are looking at renovating some the exhibit galleries and the entranceway.

Mr. Idol explained that even though the museum was closed for most of last year, they were still able to work on programs and build partnerships with Piedmont Folk Legacies and Visit ROCO (Rockingham County). They introduced a murder mystery event at the Wright Tavern as a program experience. They've worked on the creative arts trail with some of the artistic organizations in the county. He said they have a reopening date of Fall 2025 penciled in. They are expecting to get the American Battlefields Trust Traveling Revolutionary War Exhibit in preparation for next year when they will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. They also just received word from the State they have received funding for a Revolutionary War exhibit that will be free and open to the public for 2026 and then become part of the museum's regular rotating exhibit galleries.

Mayor Paschal asked if the museum would try to open in the Fall of 2025 even if they still have some repairs going on. **Mr. Idol** replied, "Yes, some things like the roofs and some of the exhibit galleries may not be open yet but even if we are open we can keep doing those renovations because they shouldn't be a hazard to anybody."

There were no further questions. **Mayor Paschal** thanked Mr. Idol for his presentation.

(Note: The Museum & Archives of Rockingham County funding request is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



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ORGANIZATION/AGENCY: Museum and Archives of Rockingham County (MARC)

Name and Title of Applicant: Coy Jacob Idol (Executive Director)

Phone: 336-634-4949

Email: marcconnection@gmail.com

Signature of Applicant: 

Name and Title of Director: Coy Jacob Idol (Executive Director)

Phone: 336-634-4949 Ext: 6

Email: executive-director@themarconline.org

Signature of Director: 

Project (proposal) Name: N/A

Total Cost of Project: \$10,000

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Project Start Date: 07/01/2025

Project End Date: 06/30/2026

Date Funds Needed: 02/24/2025

Has the organization previously received funds from the Town? If so, please explain:

Yes – the Town of Wentworth has been generous to give to the MARC in previous years, splitting the awarded grant money evenly between MARC event/programming and operations.

Will this be a recurring request (annually) Yes – though amounts requested and exact focus of the request may vary.

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Complete Description of the Project:

This request addresses two areas of immediate need at the MARC: 1) general operating funds and 2) community programming.

1) As with previous years, one component of our request is the immediate need for general operating funds. Attached is the operating 2024 budget with the profit and loss report integrated from the previous fiscal year. As a 501c(3) non-profit, the MARC relies on the restricted \$50,000 per annum stipend from Rockingham County Government for utility bills and the generosity of public and private philanthropy to cover salaries, bare essential operating costs and keeping the doors open, estimated this year to be \$173,410. With those essential operating costs increasing and funds from the County limited, we respectfully ask that as our host Town, Wentworth continue to support the MARC and the historical and community work we do by giving \$7,000 towards our operating budget.

2) The MARC is seeking to build on its programming with the focus on families and youth groups. Some of our programs this past year included: music, economics, and Civil Rights histories. We continued our partnership with Piedmont Folk Legacies' Charlie Poole Festival, held at Rockingham Community College. We hosted a traveling exhibit on the 1940s highlighting life in Rockingham County and those who served in World War II. We also put together a memorial exhibit in honor of Rockingham County Historian, Bob Carter, which displayed his publications and areas of Rockingham County history he was most interested in. We began to redevelop our programmatic offerings with the hiring of Cameron Stewart as Operations and Programs Manager. One of the new programs we were able to implement in 2024 was a Murder Myster at Wright Tavern, which sold out.

Despite the 1907 Courthouse being closed most of the year for HVAC renovations, we were able to offer some programing throughout the year. Including welcoming the Wentworth Woodhouse Chief Executive Office and their Board President to discuss their own going regeneration of Wentworth Woodhouse. We were able to increase our partnerships with other organizations around the county, attending Riverfest with Visit RoCo and providing a presentation on the peoples and culture of the Dan River, for the Dan River Basin Association for their Dan River Weekend. We look forward to continuing our partnerships and being able to welcome everyone back into the 1907 Courthouse later this year

How will the funds be used?:

We are requesting a total of \$10,000, \$7,000 towards operating expenses and \$3,000 towards community programming. Should we be successful in our request, we would provide full mandated update and expenditure reports and further details on program costs as the projects is developed further. In addition, acknowledgement of the Town of Wentworth's support will be included on our website and all other marketing materials to declare our mutual commitment to community engagement, educational enrichment and historical preservation of the history of Wentworth and the County.

How will the project benefit the community?:

By investing in the MARC, we can continue providing a history museum and archives for all, where artifacts, images and oral histories are not only preserved, but representative of the community, accessible in a central repository, and presented in a series of engaging and thought-provoking cultural experiences. With exhibits and programs ranging from precontact Native tribes, to civil rights, textiles to law and order, the project grant would also help the MARC continue to supplement County curriculums and improve our offering as an invaluable educational resource, especially for underprivileged schools. As the only brick and mortar tourist destination in Rockingham County, the MARC has a demonstrated history of being able to bring people from around the country to Wentworth. As the MARC's profile continues to grow, we are beginning to see increased interest from an international audience of people wanting to collaborate with the MARC. All of this serves to bring more revenue to the business located in Wentworth and raise the town's own profile. Finally, support by the Town of Wentworth would also be a declaration of support for Wentworth residents' health and well-being; the MARC having proven to be a popular recreational space, providing much needed leisure activities hosting family and outdoor events, as well as the venue for a variety of organizational group meetings, affirming the MARC as a cohesive community institution.

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Funding Requests for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

4. Rockingham County High School Band Boosters - \$10,000

Christine Dohm, Director of RCHS Band Boosters, presented the funding request along with **Eli Wright, RCHS Director of Bands**. **Ms. Dohm** noted the band booster's mission is to support all of the bands at RCHS. She said they've only been able to support the band just enough to keep it going, but at this point they are looking at some advanced needs to improve instruments and storage.

Mr. Wright stated he is not only the Director of Bands at RCHS but also an alumni, and some of the instruments that are still there are the instruments that were there when he was a student band member. He said he was a tuba and trombone player, and the tuba he played is still there.

Mr. Wright explained the \$10,000 they're requesting would cover the cost of two French horns and two tubas. They currently have one French horn that is not able to be repaired. He said it is to the point that the \$5,000 he gets from the school would be eaten up just by needed repairs.

Councilmember Paschal asked what each individual instrument would cost.

Mr. Wright answered, "The French horns are about \$1,500 apiece. I do get an educational discount that I didn't factor in. I found out after the fact. The tubas are probably a little more than \$4,000 apiece, but with that educational discount as well."

There were no further questions. **Mayor Paschal** thanked Ms. Dohm and Mr. Wright for their presentation.

(Note: The RCHS Band Boosters funding request is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



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ORGANIZATION/AGENCY: RCHS Band Boosters

Name and Title of Applicant: Christine Dohm, 2024-2025 President, RCHS Band Boosters

Phone: 336-687-3910

Email: christine.dohm@gmail.com / bandsofrchs@gmail.com

Signature of Applicant: Christine Dohm

Name and Title of Director: Eli Wright, Director of Bands, Rockingham County High School

Phone: 336-344-0190

Email: eawright@rock.k12.nc.us

Signature of Director: Eli Wright

Project (proposal) Name: Bands of Rockingham County High School - Instrumentation and Equipment

Total Cost of Project: \$54,500

Amount Requested: \$10,000

Project Start Date: June 2025

Project End Date: December 2025

Date Funds Needed: June 2025

Has the organization previously received funds from the Town? If so, please explain:

The RCHS Band Boosters has received funds previously from the Town of Wentworth. The most recent was in 2023 for instrumentation which was \$2,000. The Town provided \$5,000 in 2017, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Will this be a recurring request (annually)? Yes

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Town of Wentworth – Funding Request Application

Submitted by the RCHS Band Boosters in support of the Bands of Rockingham County High School
February 2025

Organizational Goals and Objectives

The Rockingham County High School Band Program (RCHS Band) is a comprehensive music program with school curriculum and extracurricular components. School programs are open to any student enrolled at Rockingham County High School, while the Marching Band program is expanded to include 8th grade students at Rockingham County Middle School and students at Rockingham County Early College High School. Currently 70 students participate in one or more Band programs.

Band Programs at RCHS include Concert Band, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, and Marching Band. School band classes perform at concerts at the end of each semester which are open to the public. The RCHS Wind Ensemble attends MPA (Music Performance Adjudication) competition each year and received a grade of Excellent in 2024. The RCHS Marching Band participates in 4-5 area competitions each year and performs at varsity football home games. A Pep Band supports the football team at home and in-county away games. The Marching Band has also participated recently at local functions including Wentworth Christmas in the Park, Reidsville Christmas Parade, Draper Christmas Parade, Caroling for Cans, and local Press events.

RCHS Band Boosters is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing support for all band programs at Rockingham County High School from an organizational and financial perspective. The Boosters are made up of parents, relatives and friends of students in any of the band programs.

Project Description

At this time, the RCHS Band programs are not funded by Rockingham County Schools or Rockingham County High School beyond \$5,000 provided for instrument repair. The current band program requires \$25,000-\$30,000 per year to fund basic needs. Of this amount, about 50% is raised through fees charged for Marching Band participation. The remainder is funded through donations and fundraising by the RCHS Band Boosters. The current level of fees and fundraising covers operational expenses but is not sufficient for long-term improvements to instruments, uniforms, or equipment.

The RCHS Marching Band is wearing uniforms which were purchased in 2014 at a cost of about \$40K. These uniforms show the wear and tear of 10+ years of use and need replacement.

Instrumentation is a serious issue. While most smaller instruments are owned by the students, larger instruments such as Tubas, French horns and Percussion are owned by the Band. Many of these instruments are in extremely poor shape due to age and frequency of use. In addition, the number of instruments owned by the Band would not support any significant increase in participation, which prevents the Band from growing as it should. The Band Directors of RCHS have frequently had to borrow and trade with other schools to properly equip the students.

The RCHS Band Boosters own and maintain two trailers which store and transport props, percussion and large instruments to off-campus events for Rockingham County High School and Middle School band programs. These trailers need upgrading and repair. There is a significant need for longer-term storage for the band to reduce the wear on the trailers.

The attached Proposal outlines the immediate needs of the RCHS Band programs outside of basic expenses.

Town of Wentworth – Funding Request Application

Submitted by the RCHS Band Boosters in support of the Bands of Rockingham County High School
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Project Benefit

Music Education, and especially Band, has tremendous benefits for high school students. Unlike some other high school programs and sports, all band students participate in every performance, there is no “bench” or “second string”. Band is a social community, a place for students to be part of a team and contribute to its success. Many studies have shown that students who participate in music classes in middle and high school have better success in school overall. The community benefits from the better education and social engagement that these students realize.

As noted earlier, the Band also contributes to the community with performances at holiday parades and other important events and fundraisers.

As the Band travels away from Rockingham County, their performances show pride in Rockingham County High School and the Community. Our trailers advertise numerous business supporters in the area.

With help from the Wentworth community, we hope to expand and improve our programs to the benefit of Wentworth and each of the participating students.

Town of Wentworth – Funding Request Application

Submitted by the RCHS Band Boosters in support of the Bands of Rockingham County High School
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Project – Rockingham County High School Band Program Improvements and Instrumentation Needs

High Level Budget for 2025-2026

Income		Expenses	
Marching Band Fees	\$ 15,000.00	Staff	\$ 6,000.00
Donations and Booster Membership	\$ 800.00	Marching Band Show	\$ 3,500.00
Fundraisers	\$ 11,000.00	Supplies, Props and Electronics	\$ 6,200.00
Total Incoming	\$ 26,800.00	Transportation	\$ 3,500.00
		Meals	\$ 3,500.00
		Uniform Maintenance and Expenses	\$ 3,500.00
		Total Expenses	\$ 26,200.00

High Priority Expenses

Wessex FH601P French Horn – 2	\$ 3,000.00
Wessex TB210 Concert Tuba – 2	\$ 8,000.00
40-foot Storage Trailer	\$ 3,500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 14,500.00

French Horn: The school only owns one and it is in no shape to even consider repairing. It is quite literally falling apart little by little every day. The French Horn is a very temperamental instrument that requires precision to play in tune. If something is bent, broken, detached or out of line it makes the instrument very difficult to play.

Tuba: Our best concert tuba has no case, and due to open storage has a broken valve and a rip in the bell. The Band owns two other tubas, once of which is in a similar state to the French Horn listed previously. Tuba is the foundation of any Concert Band. Without it, the ensemble sounds hollow and lacks depth. Tubas are also one of the more expensive brass instruments required for Band, so every student that plays tuba uses school owned instruments.

Uniform Replacement

An “economy” uniform replacement, with simple jackets, gauntlets, plumes and shakos would start at \$20-25K for 100 uniforms. These uniforms would not have the 7-10-year wear life that we have enjoyed with our current uniforms, so we would need to prepare for a similar cost in 4-5 years.

“Standard” uniforms with a 7-10-year wear life would cost \$40-50K.

In both cases above, this cost does not include bibbers (overall style pants), marching shoes, gloves, and yearly maintenance (replacement buttons, dry cleaning, repair).

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

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5. Rockingham County Food Coalition - \$1,000

Neil Jacques and Ann Fish presented the funding request. Mr. Jacques thanked Council for their support over the years. He noted this is the 15th year of the county-wide food drive. Ms. Fish passed out a brochure listing the organizations they work with.

Mr. Jacques told Council about a donation he received from someone last week. He said a gentleman at church gave him some money to donate to the food drive. He looked down at the money expecting to see \$20 or \$50, but it was two \$100 bills. He said this guy is not someone in need of assistance but he also not someone with a lot of money, and that it always warms his heart when people are willing to do that. He also mentioned Rockingham County Fire Marshal Melissa Joyce, who after seeing how bare the veterans food pantry on Cherokee Camp Road was, she donated food and challenged staff at her office to donate as well. In last year's food drive they collected 788 pounds of food.

Mr. Jacques mentioned that the hurricane relief efforts for Western NC have slowed down the local food donations that they would have ordinarily gotten.

Councilmember Paschal III said, "We appreciate all that you do."

There were no questions. Mayor Paschal thanked them for their presentation.

(Note: The Rockingham County Food Coalition funding request is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



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ORGANIZATION/AGENCY: Rockingham County Food Coalition
Name and Title of Applicant: NEIL R JACQUES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
Phone: 336-613-6292 Email: neilrjacques@hotmail.com
Signature of Applicant: [Signature]

Name and Title of Director: ANN FISH FOUNDER
Phone: 336-627-1256 Email: ANNFISHERFISH@gmail.com
Signature of Director: [Signature]

Project (proposal) Name: ANNUAL COUNTY-WIDE FOOD DRIVE
Total Cost of Project: \$3000 Amount Requested: \$1,000
Project Start Date: 21.1.2025 Project End Date: 31.3.2025
Date Funds Needed: 4/30/2025

Has the organization previously received funds from the Town? If so, please explain:

WE HAVE RECEIVED MONIES IN THE PAST TO COVER COSTS SUCH AS BROCHURES, STAMPS FOR BOXES AND STREET SIGNS. NO PERSONS ARE PAID ALL VOLUNTEER

Will this be a recurring request (annually)? YES

Wentworth Funding Request

- Goals and Objectives:
 - In the 2024 food drive we collected the following:
 - Food donations: 48,907 pounds
 - Cash Donations \$3,927
 - In-kind donations \$450
 - Our goal for the 2025 food drive is to gather 60,000 pounds of food and \$3,500 in cash donations
- Description of the project
 - We have approximately 200 food donation boxes throughout the county. These are in businesses, schools, government offices, manufacturing facilities and churches.
 - All the fire stations in the county serve as collection centers
 - The food is given to 8 charities in the county. They distribute the food to those in need.
 - Attached is a brochure describing the charities we assist
- Budget costs consist of the following
 - Printing
 - Boxes
 - Website maintenance
 - Any funds received from the town will go directly to the charities
- Other sources of funding
 - Funding for the items above is received from private individuals.

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Funding Requests for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

6. Rockingham County Middle School Band & Choir - \$7,400

Hayden Williams, Band Director and **Dr. Elaine Smith, Choir Director** presented the funding request.

Dr. Smith said they have been working toward long term goals and replacing some equipment since their school is now 26 years old. She said there are some high cost items needed that they are not able to pay for with the funds they receive from the school. As an example she mentioned risers they recently purchased for the students to stand on. This was a \$13,000 purchase that they were able to make with a grant they received. This year they want to replace the chairs they have for the students. What they have now are just regular chairs. They are looking at musician posture chairs. She said the chairs are good quality and last a long time. They are requesting \$7,400 and they would cover the rest of the costs through their programs and fund raising. The cart to carry the chairs, sales tax and the freight costs would be covered by the school.

Councilmember Paschal III asked about the quantity chairs needed.

Dr. Smith said 100 chairs would cover both of their classrooms.

There were no more questions. **Mayor Paschal** thanked them for their presentation.

(Note: The RCMS Band and Choir funding request is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



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(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

ORGANIZATION/AGENCY: Rockingham County Middle School Band and Choir

Name and Title of Applicant: Mr. Hayden Williams, Band Director and Dr. Elaine Smith, Choir Director

Phone: (704) 621-9434, (540) 230-5575 Email: hjwilliams@rock.k12.nc.us, eksmith@rock.k12.nc.us

Signature of Applicant: Elaine Smith, Mr. Williams

Name and Title of Director: Dr. Jennifer Hardin

Phone: (336) 616-0073 Email: jhardin@rock.k12.nc.us

Signature of Director: Jennifer Hardin

Project (proposal) Name: Band and Choir Musician Chairs

Total Cost of Project: \$12,078.98 Amount Requested: \$7,400

Project Start Date: June 2025 Project End Date: September 2025

Date Funds Needed: June 2025

Has the organization previously received funds from the Town? If so, please explain:

The band program has received funds in previous years under the direction of Brian Otter.

Will this be a recurring request (annually)? No

1. Attach a description of the goals and objectives of the organization.

A middle school music program offers numerous benefits, fostering creativity, discipline, and cognitive development. Music participation enhances teamwork, builds confidence, and improves memory and focus. It also provides an outlet for self-expression, reduces stress, and cultivates an appreciation for the arts, enriching students' lives both academically and personally. Furthermore, involvement in music can boost overall academic performance and create a more positive and engaging school environment.

Rockingham County Middle School band and choir programs seek to provide high quality music education experiences to students, the school, and local community. We do this by providing students detailed instruction, various performing opportunities, opportunities to audition for honor ensembles, and trips to touring Broadway musicals. Within our school community, the band and choir programs perform for parent involvement programs, grade-level programs, Veteran's Day and Black History Month celebrations, as well as end of year graduation programs. Within our local community, we provide free concerts throughout the year that are open to the public.

One of the overarching objectives of both programs is to instill habits and traits in our students that will serve them in their lives whether or not they continue with music. Band and Choir at RCMS provides a unique opportunity to learn teamwork, leadership skills, and perseverance when faced with challenges.

2. Attach a description of the project (Identify the intended impact on the community, the specific purpose for which Town funds will be used, and the added value to the citizens of Wentworth that will be provided by your project).

This funding request proposes an investment in new, high-quality chairs for the music department. These chairs are specifically designed to support musicians, promoting proper posture and comfort during long rehearsals and performances. While representing a larger upfront cost, these specialized chairs have a proven track record of durability and longevity, ultimately offering a more cost-effective and beneficial long-term solution compared to replacing standard chairs frequently. This investment will enhance the learning environment, improve student well-being, and support the overall quality of our music program for years to come.

This, in turn, enhances the quality of our public performances, enriching the cultural life of the community. Furthermore, durable, high-quality chairs represent a long-term investment, reducing the need for frequent replacements and saving taxpayer dollars in the future. By supporting our music programs with appropriate equipment, we cultivate young musicians, foster a vibrant arts scene, and demonstrate a commitment to enriching our community's cultural landscape.

3. Attach a detailed budget for the project. Include other sources and amounts of funding.

Student Chairs	100	\$74.00	\$7400.00
Chair Move and Store Cart	5	\$453.00	\$2265.00
Freight		\$1621.90	\$1621.90
Taxes			\$790.08
Total			\$12076.98

We are requesting \$7400 to help cover the cost of the student chairs to be used for choir and band students. The band and choir accounts plan to split the cost of the storage carts and freight by using money from our various fundraising efforts (Band on the run 5K, cookie dough fundraisers, Krispy Kreme fundraiser). Our school has agreed to cover the taxes out of the school's general fund. Official Wenger quote attached.

Wenger Corporation
555 Park Drive
Owatonna, MN 55060-4940
United States



Phone: 507-455-4100
Fax: 507-455-4258

Quote Number: 3345062
Chairs and carts - OMNIA

Date: 01/10/2025
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QUOTE

Quote To: Elaine Smith Rockingham Co Middle School 182 High School Rd Reidsville NC 27320-8889 United States	Date: 1/10/2025 Expires: 2/9/2025 Reference: Terms: Net 30 Days Created By: Ashley Sands
Phone: (336) 616-0073 Fax: (336) 616-0870 E-Mail: eksmith@rock.k12.nc.us	Salesperson: Jeff Frost Phone: +1 (507) 774-8359 E-Mail: Jeff.Frost@wengercorp.com

Quote Comments:

* Wenger is an approved vendor for Region 4 ESC/OMNIA Partners, Public Sector. All items on this quotation are available through Contract #240120. This contract is in effect through 12/31/2027. Payment shall be made after satisfactory performance, in accordance with all the provisions thereof, and upon receipt of a properly completed invoice. All transactions, purchase orders, etc. will occur directly between the Supplier, authorized distributor/dealer, general contractor, as agreed to by each Participating Public Agency. Per OMNIA participation requirements, all purchase orders issued to Wenger Corporation must reference OMNIA contract #R240120. ***** Per OMNIA participation requirements, all purchase orders issued to Wenger Corporation must reference OMNIA contract #R240120. *****

Customer to check and verify all items before ordering.

Freight quoted is for a one-time shipment. As a result, once orders placed, delivery dates may change. Customer-requested split shipments will result in an additional freight charge.

Wenger Corporation expressly incorporates by reference all of the terms and conditions as specified at: (www.wengercorp.com/terms-and-conditions.php) and makes them part of this quotation.

Current estimated lead-time is 2-3 weeks plus transit, subject to change.

** Assembly required **

				USD
Line	PartNum/Description	Qty	Net Price	Ext. Price
1.00	0935121 Student Chair Black Frame/Black Seat 16"	100 EA	\$74.00	\$7,400.00
CUSTOMER MUST CONFIRM THE SIZE CHAIRS THEY WANT PRIOR TO ORDERING				
2.00	127A261 Chair Move & Store Cart	5 EA	\$453.00	\$2,265.00
3.00	Freight Freight Services	1 EA	\$1,621.90	\$1,621.90
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LiftGate

Lines Total \$11,286.90
Total Taxes \$790.08

Quote Total \$12,076.98

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Funding Requests for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

7. Fine Arts Festival Association (FAFA) - \$3,000

Julie Talbert, Executive Director, presented the request. She thanked Council for hearing their request and for their funding for last year's festival. She gave Council a booklet from that event.

Ms. Talbert said, "Since last year in July, we have started a new series of pop-up events where artists can showcase their art and have the opportunity to sell, show, and have conversations with other artists and the general public. We've had two of those so far. We did one in Eden last July called Watercolors on Washington, and we just did one in Reidsville called Picturing Possibilities. We have our festival in Wentworth. We are very excited that this year the festival is going to be held at the new Center for Workforce Development at Rockingham Community College."

She explained they are hoping to have more than the 200 pieces of art they had at last year's festival due to a change in the age requirements. Before, the age limit was 16 and up; this year entry will be open to anyone in high school and up. There will also be a special prize for best work of art under the age of 21.

Ms. Talbert said they are going to be holding another pop-up event in Western Rockingham County soon and a car show in Wentworth called Auto Artistry. They may have a pop-up at the Charlie Poole Festival for their quilting artists. She added they are requesting \$3,000 this year to help increase the arts in Rockingham County and increase opportunities for the artists.

Randy Hunt, Director of the Board, addressed Council. He mentioned the wonderful job Ms. Talbert has done increasing the visibility of the Fine Arts Festival Association, and how much the Board has grown. He said if they keep going on their current trajectory they may outgrow their headquarters on Cherokee Camp Road and that they certainly enjoy being in Wentworth.

There were no questions. **Mayor Paschal** thanked them for their presentation.

(Note: The Fine Arts Festival Association funding request is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



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(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

ORGANIZATION/AGENCY: Fine Artst Festival Association
Name and Title of Applicant: Julie Talbert, Executive Director
Phone: 336-613-1742 Email: fineartsfestival1741@gmail.com
Signature of Applicant: _____
Name and Title of Director: Julie Talbert, Executive Director
Phone: same Email: same
Signature of Director: _____

Project (proposal) Name: Fine Arts Festival Association - Expansion of services
Total Cost of Project: \$46,900 Amount Requested: \$3,000
Project Start Date: 7/1/2025 Project End Date: 6/30/2026
Date Funds Needed: 7/1/2025

Has the organization previously received funds from the Town? If so, please explain:

FAFA has recieved funding from the town of Wentworth in the past in support of our festival and other projects.

Will this be a recurring request (annually)? FAFA will submit a request each year we are eligible.

Fine Arts Festival Association of Rockingham County

Town of Wentworth Application – 2025

1. Attach a description of the goals and objectives of the organization.

- To capitalize on 81 years of service to the arts and artists in Rockingham County by providing arts opportunities for artists and the general public in our community.
- Program goals include: - Increase the number of events that showcase the arts and promote artists in Rockingham County.
- Promote Rockingham County as an arts community and an arts destination for the broader region.
- Participate in arts events and collaboratives that increase the arts in our community.

Program activities include but are not limited to:

- The Fine Arts Festival - Annual Show
- Passion for Trashin' - upcycle/recycle art show
- Art classes, workshops and seminars
- Pop-Up events, like Watercolors On Washington – a arts reception/sale that showcase local artists and promote Rockingham County as community with a vibrant "arts vibe"
- Creative Trail collaboration.

2. Attach a description of the project (Identify the intended impact on the community, the specific purpose for which Town funds will be used, and the added value to the citizens of Wentworth that will be provided by your project).

FAFA intends to utilize funding from the town of Wentworth for activities held within the town limits of Wentworth. This includes the 81st Fine Arts Festival, Passion for Trashin', Auto Artistry – Car Show fundraiser, Student Art Show – sponsored by the Reidsville Women's Club.

The 81st Fine Arts Festival is moving to the new Center for Workforce Development at Rockingham Community College. Passion for Trashin' and the Student Art Show will be held at FAFA House on Cherokee Camp Road. The Auto Artistry Car Show will be held at a location to be determined in Wentworth (RCC or Wentworth Town Park). Citizens of Wentworth and all of Rockingham County will benefit from FAFA activities. Not only do our programs increase the quality of life for our citizens, one of our primary aims is to make Rockingham County as an "arts destination" that will increase economic development for our county.

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Funding Requests for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

8. Rockingham County Sheriff's Office (patrol vehicle) - \$40,794

Mayor Paschal clarified that the Town's contract with the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office includes the purchase of a patrol vehicle for the Wentworth Deputy and that this is not a typical funding request.

Captain Jennifer Brown explained that the Wentworth Deputy was in a car accident by no fault of his own. He sustained some injuries but is doing fine. The patrol vehicle, however, was totaled. The Sheriff's Office is requesting the funds to replace the vehicle.

Mayor Paschal noted the material in the agenda packet shows the insurance paid out about \$10,085. He asked Captain Brown to review the quotes for a new vehicle.

Captain Brown said they received three quotes and noted the most reasonable quote was from Parks Auto Group which would be \$40,794 after the insurance pay out. The vehicle is a 2025 Police Interceptor, very similar to the 2017 model that it would be replacing.

Mayor Paschal asked what the cost of additional patrol equipment would be.

Captain Brown said the total cost for the vehicle and equipment is \$50,879 which includes a 5% increase just in case the price increases before they are able to order the vehicle.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, *"To approve \$40,794 for a new patrol vehicle for the Town of Wentworth."*

Mayor Pro Tem Conner seconded the motion.

Councilmember Paschal III asked which budget line item the patrol vehicle would be paid out of.

Ms. Russell said they could amend the budget to transfer the funds from Miscellaneous Other Operating Costs to Public Safety/Law Enforcement.

Mayor Paschal asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. He asked for a vote. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

(Note: The Rockingham County Sheriff's Office funding request is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



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The deadline for submittal is February 24th.*

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

ORGANIZATION/AGENCY: Rockingham County Sheriff's Office

Name and Title of Applicant: Captain Jennifer Brown

Phone: 336-634-3049

Email: jlbrown@rockinghamcountync.gov

Signature of Applicant: *Captain Jennifer Brown*

Name and Title of Director: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature of Director: _____

Project (proposal) Name: Wentworth Patrol Vehicle Replacement

Total Cost of Project: \$50,794.00

Amount Requested: \$40,794.00

Project Start Date: As soon as possible

Project End Date: _____

Date Funds Needed: When available

Has the organization previously received funds from the Town? If so, please explain:

The agency received funding in 2024 for (1) ballistic shield to be utilized by the Patrol Division (\$2,869).

Will this be a recurring request (annually)? No

Rockingham County Sheriff's Office

Mission Statement

Our mission is to maintain the trust and support of our citizens, while keeping neighborhoods and communities safe. We will protect the citizens and their property with diligence 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with honesty, integrity and professionalism. We will constantly strive to create and maintain an atmosphere of professional challenge to all employees while recognizing, promoting and inspiring excellence.

Project Description

The Rockingham County Sheriff's Office is requesting funding from the Town of Wentworth to purchase the following:

(1) 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD Vehicle with emergency upfit equipment to be used by the Wentworth Deputy in response to calls for service, traffic control, service of process, response to emergency situations involving threatened use of weapons, active shooters, barricaded subjects, and any other type of situation that requires law enforcement presence. This vehicle will replace the 2017 Ford SUV that was totaled in a wreck on 10/31/24.

Funding Objectives

Our objectives for this funding would be to purchase (1) 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD Vehicle with emergency upfit equipment to be utilized by the Wentworth Deputy while performing duties such as those mentioned under the Project Description.

Goals

The Rockingham County Sheriff's Office is respectfully requesting funding to replace the wrecked/totaled Town of Wentworth law enforcement response vehicle (with emergency upfit equipment). This vehicle will provide transportation for the Wentworth Deputy as he serves and protects the citizens of the Town of Wentworth and Rockingham County. With this funding, the Sheriff's Office will purchase (1) 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD Vehicle. At this time, we are requesting \$40,794.00 to make the listed purchase. Note: A breakdown of the cost is attached to this funding request and includes the insurance payout of \$10,085.00 for the wrecked vehicle. Your consideration of this funding request is greatly appreciated.

Item Wentworth Deputy Veh		Price	NOTES
2025 Ford PI Utility AWD		\$42,317	\$40,302 w/5% added for increase
Patrol			
Road Tax 3%		\$1,270	
Tag		\$6	
Striping		\$550	
Feniex Fusion Blue (8)		\$380	
Light Bar 54"		\$1,358	
90 deg brackets		\$50	
1/2 cage prisoner transport		\$1,713	
tag mount		\$17	
WEC bracket		\$24	
Brooking 3 Hole Outlet Box		\$18	
Laird Brass Antenna Base (2)		\$34	
Whelen 100/200w siren/switch		\$335	
Whelen 100w compact speaker		\$140	
Console/Armrest		\$402	
Modem antenna		\$325	
Push Bumper		\$458	
Flashlight		\$93	
10% cost increase		\$590	
Freight		\$800	

Total	\$50,879
Quantity	1

Purchase Total **\$50,879**

Insurance Allowance	\$10,085
GRAND TOTAL	\$40,794

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

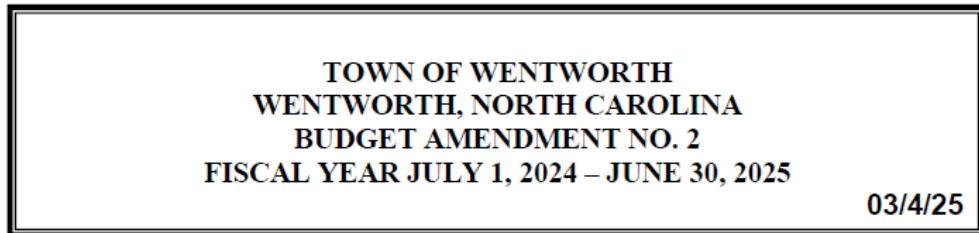
B. Consideration of Budget Amendment No. 2 for the General Fund Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Ms. Russell presented the Budget Amendment, noting it shows the transfer of funds needed for the Stonewall Construction quotes Council approved at their previous meeting.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, “*We approve Budget Amendment No. 2 for the General Fund for FY 2024-2025.*”

Mayor Pro Tem Conner seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

(Note: Budget Amendment No. 2 for the General Fund, FY 2024-2025 is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk & Budget-Finance Officer
Date: February 27, 2025
Re: Budget Amendment No. 2 – General Fund

The second Budget Amendment for the year reflects the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the SCIF Grant in order to cover costs of repairs to the Wentworth Consolidated School proposed by Stonewall Construction and approved by the Wentworth Town Council on February 4, 2025.

The attached Budget Amendment shows the following changes:

- A transfer of \$102,000 from *General Fund Expenditures: Miscellaneous Other Operating Costs* to *General Fund Expenditures: Transfer to SCIF Grant*.

General Fund Total Budget Dollars Remains Unchanged — \$1,239,750

Recommended by:

Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk & Budget-Finance Officer

Attachment: Details of Budget Amendment No. 2, FY 2024-2025

**TOWN OF WENTWORTH
Budget Amendment No. 2
Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025**

3/4/25

SECTION 1 – General Fund

General Fund Revenues:	Budget FY 2024 - 2025	Amendment No. 1	Amendment No. 2
Sales and Use Tax	925,000	No Change	No Change
Utility Franchise Tax	120,000	No Change	No Change
Alcoholic Beverage Tax	11,500	No Change	No Change
Interest on Investments	150,000	No Change	No Change
Other Revenue	0.00	No Change	No Change
Rent	33,250	No Change	No Change
Fund Balance Appropriated	0.00	No Change	No Change
Transfer from SCIF Grant Project Ordinance	0.00	No Change	No Change
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	1,239,750	No Change	No Change

General Fund Expenditures:	Budget 2024 - 2025	Amendment No. 1	Amendment No. 2
General Government	1,015,503	1,012,503	-102,000
Public Health & Safety			
Animal Control	5,000	No Change	No Change
Law Enforcement	86,752	No Change	No Change
Law Enforcement Equip.	2,869	No Change	No Change
Misc. Public Health & Safety	33,526	36,526	No Change
Public Health & Safety Total:	128,147	131,147	No Change
Cultural & Recreational	67,000	No Change	No Change
Contingency Reserve	20,000	No Change	No Change
Economic Development	1,000	No Change	No Change
Rockingham Co PEG Channel	8,100	No Change	No Change
Transfer to SCIF Grant Project Ordinance	0	No Change	+102,000
Total Estimated General Fund Expenditures	1,239,750	1,239,750	1,239,750

Approved by Council the 4th day of March, 2025.

R. Dennis Paschal, Jr.
Mayor

Attest: _____
Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WENTWORTH
Budget Amendment(s)
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
GENERAL FUND

REVENUE	Budget FY 2024 - 2025	Budget Amendment No. 1	Budget Amendment No. 2
INCOME ACCOUNT			
Sales and Use Tax	\$925,000.00	\$925,000.00	\$925,000.00
Utility Franchise Tax	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00
Alcoholic Beverage Tax	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00
Sale of Promotional Items	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest on Investments	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Sale of Town Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rent	\$33,250.00	\$33,250.00	\$33,250.00
GRANT - American Rescue Plan Act	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer from SCIF Grant Project Ordinance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Revenue Subtotal:	\$1,239,750.00	\$1,239,750.00	\$1,239,750.00
Fund Balance Appropriation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Estimated General Fund Revenues	\$1,239,750.00	\$1,239,750.00	\$1,239,750.00
Total Estimated General Fund Expenditures	\$1,239,750.00	\$1,239,750.00	\$1,239,750.00

TOWN OF WENTWORTH
Budget Amendment(s)
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
GENERAL FUND

Object of Expenditures	Budget FY 2024 - 2025	Budget Amendment No. 1	Budget Amendment No. 2
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Capital Outlay			
Office Furniture/Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Acquisition	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Improvements	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Debt Service	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
Transfer to Capital Proj Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal:	\$165,000.00	\$165,000.00	\$165,000.00
Personnel Costs			
Bond Insurance	\$1,285.00	\$1,285.00	\$1,285.00
Disability Insurance	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Medical Insurance	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
Workman's Comp Insurance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Gross Salaries	\$107,412.00	\$107,412.00	\$107,412.00
Employer Taxes (FICA)	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00
Unemployment Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Payroll Services	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Retirement	\$7,305.00	\$7,305.00	\$7,305.00
Longevity	\$1,461.00	\$1,461.00	\$1,461.00
Subtotal:	\$151,938.00	\$151,938.00	\$151,938.00
Travel			
Lodging/Meals/Mileage	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Schools/Conference Fees	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Subtotal:	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
PAGE 2 -- SUBTOTAL:	\$326,938.00	\$326,938.00	\$326,938.00

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Budget Amendment(s)
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
GENERAL FUND

Object of Expenditures	Budget	Budget Amendment	Budget Amendment
	FY 2024 - 2025	No. 1	No. 2
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Other Operating Costs			
Administration:			
Mayor / Council	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Advertising	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Bank Charges	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Dues/Membership Fees	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Equipment Leases/Service	\$3,850.00	\$3,850.00	\$3,850.00
Miscellaneous OOC	\$361,365.00	\$356,365.00	\$254,365.00
Office:			
Office Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Postage	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Professional Services:			
Attorney Fees	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Accounting Audit Fees	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
Board of Elections	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Professional Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Planning & Zoning	\$55,950.00	\$55,950.00	\$55,950.00
Publications	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Technology Services:			
Computer/ Software Support	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Internet/Phone/TV	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Website Hosting	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Town Property			
Insurance	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Maintenance	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00
Utilities	\$65,000.00	\$67,000.00	\$67,000.00
O.O.C. Subtotal:	\$688,565.00	\$685,565.00	\$583,565.00
PAGE 3 -- SUBTOTAL:			
	\$688,565.00	\$685,565.00	\$583,565.00

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FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
GENERAL FUND

Object of Expenditure	Budget	Budget Amendment	Budget Amendment
	FY 2024 - 2025	No. 1	No. 2
General Government Total:	\$1,015,503.00	\$1,012,503.00	\$910,503.00
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Animal Control	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$86,752.00	\$86,752.00	\$86,752.00
Law Enforcement Equipment	\$2,869.00	\$2,869.00	\$2,869.00
Miscellaneous	\$33,526.00	\$36,526.00	\$36,526.00
ReDirections	\$2,458.00	\$2,458.00	\$2,458.00
SADD	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Fire Department	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
NC Highway Patrol	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Code Red	\$786.00	\$786.00	\$786.00
Help Inc/ Square One	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Committee of 100 (Food Drive)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
CrimeStoppers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project SAFE Rockingham Co	\$782.00	\$782.00	\$782.00
Rockingham United/LOT 2540	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Welcome to Wentworth Signs	0	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Subtotal:	\$128,147.00	\$131,147.00	\$131,147.00
CULTURAL & RECREATIONAL			
Special Events	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Appearance Committee	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Historical Committee	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Recreation Committee	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Fine Arts Festival Assoc. (FAFA)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Friends of Chinqua Penn Trail	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
MARC	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
RCHS Band Boosters	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RCMS Band	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
RCHS Football	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Rockingham Co Arts Council	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Wentworth PTA Ball Program	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal:	\$67,000.00	\$67,000.00	\$67,000.00
PAGE 4 -- SUBTOTAL:	\$1,210,650.00	\$1,210,650.00	\$1,108,650.00

TOWN OF WENTWORTH
Budget Amendment(s)
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
GENERAL FUND

Object of Expenditure	Budget	Budget Amendment	Budget Amendment
	FY 2024 - 2025	No. 1	No. 2
CONTINGENCY RESERVE			
Subtotal:	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
Subtotal:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Rockingham Co PEG Channel Program:			
Subtotal:	\$8,100.00	\$8,100.00	\$8,100.00
Transfer to SCIF Grant Project Ordinance			
Subtotal:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$102,000.00
PAGE 5 -- SUBTOTAL:	\$29,100.00	\$29,100.00	\$131,100.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$1,239,750.00	\$1,239,750.00	\$1,239,750.00

Article VI. NEW BUSINESS

C. Consideration of Amendment No. 7 to the Grant Project Ordinance for the Construction and Installation of the SCIF Grant Project

Ms. Russell presented the amendment that adds the cost of the Stonewall Construction quotes Council approved at their previous meeting.

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, *“We approve Amendment No. 7 to the Grant Project Ordinance for the Construction and Installation of the SCIF Grant Project.”*

Councilmember Paschal III and **Mayor Pro Tem Conner** seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

(Note: Amendment No. 7 to the Grant Project Ordinance for the Construction and Installation of the SCIF Grant Project is herein incorporated and made a part of these minutes.)

**GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION, AND INSTALLATION OF THE SCIF GRANT PROJECT
Amendment No 7 – 3/4/2025**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Wentworth, North Carolina that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1: The project authorized is a Town project described as the SCIF Grant Project.

Section 2: The project will be complete in accordance with the requirements set by grant requirements and all relevant North Carolina state statutes.

Section 3: The following revenues are appropriated for the project:

Revenues	Total Budget
SCIF Grant – Contract No. 11763	\$500,000
SCIF Grant - Contract No. 11762	\$250,000
SCIF Grant – Contract No. 11761	\$250,000
Transfer from General Fund	\$243,201
Transfer from General Fund (March 2025)	\$102,000
Total Project Appropriation	\$1,345,201

Section 4: The following expenditures are anticipated for the project:

Expenditures	Total Budget
Wentworth Consolidated School Repairs:	
Gymnasium & First Floor <i>(added gym floor refinishing & gym front entrance/ double doors)</i>	\$720,166
First Floor & Maintenance Items (Phase 2)	\$533,836
Ballfield	\$23,916
Architectural Fees	\$42,283
Contingency	\$25,000
Total Project Expenditure	\$1,345,201

Section 5: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain within the grant project fund sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the disclosure requirements of all the contractual agreements, if applicable.

Section 6: The Finance Officer is directed to report, on a quarterly basis, on the financial status of each project element in Section 3 and Section 4.

Section 7: The Finance Officer is further instructed to include a detailed analysis of past and future revenues and expenses during each annual budget submission made to the Governing Board.

Section 8: Copies of this grant project shall be furnished to the Town Clerk, Finance Officer, and Mayor for direction in carrying out this project.

Adopted by the Town of Wentworth, North Carolina on this 4th day of March, 2025.

Attest:

Dennis Paschal Jr., Mayor

Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk

Article VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Article VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Paschal made the following announcements:

- The next regular meeting of the **Wentworth Planning Board** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 18, 2025** at **7:00 pm** at the Wentworth Town Hall.
- The next regular meeting of the **Wentworth Town Council** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 7:00 pm** at the Wentworth Town Hall.

Article IX. BUDGET WORK SESSION FY 2025 – 2026

Mayor Paschal asked, “Are we having a budget work session tonight?”

Ms. Russell replied, “If you feel like you need to have one. If you want to discuss anything tonight, or we can wait until the April meeting. I just included it in case you wanted to talk about any of the funding requests.”

Mayor Paschal said, “I don’t think we need to have an extra one.”

Article X. ADJOURN

Mayor Paschal made a **MOTION**, “*We adjourn.*”

Councilmember Paschal III seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Yvonne Russell, Town Clerk

Approved by: _____
Robert Dennis Paschal, Jr., Mayor