

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**April 2, 2026**  
**MEETING OF THE FORSYTH COUNTY**  
**FIRE COMMISSION**

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The Fire Commission met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2026, in the meeting room at Forsyth County Fire Division Station 9, 3000 Aviation Drive, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

**PRESENT:**

Walt Beroth, Chair  
Andrew Gray, Vice Chair  
Eddie Bottoms, Member (Virtually)  
Fred Franklin, Member  
Richard Linville, Member  
Don Martin, Member  
Shane Moore, Member  
Gary Styers, Member  
Brian Tuttle, Member  
Carl Walker, Member  
David Williamson, Member

**ABSENT:**

Steven Roberson, Member

The Deputy County Manager, Fire Services Director, and Assistant Fire Chief of Operations were also present.

Chair Beroth called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Chief Brock Smith led the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

**1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Minutes from the March 17, 2026 meeting of the Fire Commission were presented. There were no corrections or additions. Commissioner Franklin moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public is invited to make comments regarding the business of the Fire Commission. Speakers are given three minutes to make their comments, and the public comment portion of the meeting is to last no longer than 30-minutes.

There were no speakers signed up to make public comments to the Fire Commission.

## **3. FUNDING DISCUSSION**

Fire Commissioners took time to continue the discussion of the tabled motion to move forward with funding Model 2 (all personnel and capital funded from the overlay) from the March 17, 2026 meeting. The original motion was brought by Vice Chair Gray and seconded by Commissioner Martin. After the continued discussion, Chair Beroth called the motion for a vote of the Commission. The motion to recommend the utilization Model 2 (all personnel and capital funded from the overlay) for funding passed with 10 votes “for” and 1 abstention.

## **4. PRESENTATION**

Deputy County Manager Haney, Chief Brock Smith, and Assistant Chief Chris Vogler delivered a presentation that outlined recommendations for a capital improvement plan for FY27 and beyond. The presentation also outlined the current contract agreement between the County and the non-profit fire departments and municipalities that provide fire protection within Forsyth County, as well as County staff recommendations for the updated agreement for FY 27. No actions were taken on the recommendations.

The next scheduled meeting of the Forsyth County Fire Commission will be April 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the meeting room at Forsyth County Fire Division Station 9, 3000 Aviation Drive, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Beroth moved for adjournment. Commissioner Franklin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Signed by:

*Walt Beroth*

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F. Walter Beroth, Chair  
Forsyth County Fire Commission

Signed by:

*Philip C. Vogler*

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Philip C. Vogler, Assistant Fire Chief  
Interim Secretary to the Forsyth County Fire Commission