



DISCUSSION

ITEM NO. 15.

DATE OF MEETING: March 18, 2013

REQUESTED BY: Mickey Duvall, County Manager

SHORT TITLE: Discussion of County Grassroots Advocacy Meetings with Pender County's Legislators to Discuss NCACC Priority Goals and Hot Topic Issues for the 2013 Long Session.

BACKGROUND: The NCACC is asking each county to schedule a meeting with its legislative delegation before the NCACC district meetings in April to discuss critical county issues and concerns, and to gather feedback from legislators.



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TO: Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
 County Manager
 Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

FROM: David F. Thompson, NCACC Executive Director

SUBJECT: 2013 County Grassroots Advocacy Meetings with Legislators
 Reports at 2013 NCACC District Meetings

DATE: February 18, 2013

We need your help. The General Assembly's 2013 Long Session is in full swing. Several critical county issues, including the state budget, motor vehicle property tax, inmate medical costs, nonemergency Medicaid transport and tax reform, are being discussed. Please help us by laying some groundwork for advancing these county issues.

We are asking each county to schedule a meeting with its legislative delegation before the NCACC district meetings in April to discuss these county concerns and to gather feedback from your legislators. Enclosed in this packet are all the materials you need to convene your legislative meeting:

- **A Sample Board of Commissioners' Agenda Item** so you can discuss the meeting arrangements in an open forum (this press coverage helps promote the county legislative key agenda).
- **Facilitator Notes** to help the discussion leader conduct the business of the meeting with legislators.
- **2013 Legislative Goals Booklet**, which provides the guiding principles, NCACC advocacy contacts and all 60 goals adopted by the NCACC membership. Please give one to your legislators if they have not received one yet.
- **The 2013 Legislative Priorities and Hot Topics One Pager** created specifically to be used for quick reference during legislative meetings.
- **White Papers** that describe each hot topic issue, its history, convenient talking points, requested action and the NCACC advocate available for questions or clarification.
- **A Legislative Feedback Form** for recording notes from your meeting with your delegation. Please bring the completed form to the April NCACC District Meeting. If your county is unable to attend, please send to your district director for them to report.
- **All necessary amenities** including name badges and lanyards, contact information for your Legislators, "Thank You" cards to send to your legislators afterwards and a list of your district directors in case you are unable to attend the NCACC District Meetings.

We look forward to hearing about your meetings at District Meetings in April. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact NCACC Legislative Grassroots Coordinator Alissa Willett at (919) 715-7654 or alissa.willett@ncacc.org. Thank you for all you do on behalf of North Carolina counties.



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Instructions for Meeting Facilitator

1. Review the enclosed materials and share them with your Board. Each packet is individually tailored to your county.
2. Arrange to have this item on the agenda of your next Board of Commissioners' meeting.
3. Establish a preferred date, time, location, etc., for the discussion with your legislators.
4. Invite your legislative delegation. At the meeting with your legislators, recognize each of them by name, thank them for attending, and invite any guests in the room to introduce themselves.
5. Note that the purpose of the meeting is to help legislators understand the NCACC priority goals and hot topic issues for consideration in the long session, and to receive their input and guidance for success.
6. Discuss each issue. Ask each legislator his or her thoughts on recommended approaches.
7. Designate a scribe to complete the Legislative Feedback Form. Include suggestions made by legislators, concerns and any issues that might need follow-up by NCACC staff.
8. Designate a commissioner to report on your meeting at the April NCACC district meeting your Board plans to attend. Bring the completed feedback form with you, so the NCACC staff can keep your discussion notes for reference during the long session.

If your county cannot be represented at one of the NCACC's district meetings, fax or e-mail your county's report to the district director who represents your county on the NCACC Board of Directors. He or she will make the report on your county's behalf. Contact information for district directors is included on the back of this page.

If you have any questions or need further support for this project, please do not hesitate to contact our Legislative Grassroots Coordinator Alissa Willett at (919) 715-7654, or alissa.willett@ncacc.org.

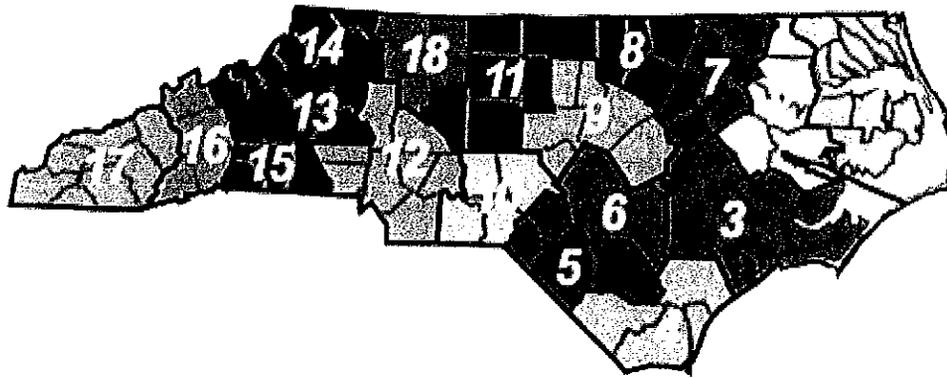
2013 Top Legislative Goals

1. Oppose shift of state transportation to counties
2. Reinstate ADM and lottery funds for school construction
3. Oppose unfunded mandates and shifts to counties
4. Ensure adequate mental health funding
5. Preserve the existing local revenue base

Other Hot Topics

1. State budget
2. Motor vehicle property tax
3. Inmate medical costs
4. Nonemergency Medicaid transport
5. Tax reform

NCACC Districts



District	Director	County	Phone	Email
District 1	Sandra Duckwall	Camden	252-333-1603	sduckwall@camdencountync.gov
District 2	Ronnie Smith	Martin	252-217-3701	ronsmithville6@aol.com
District 3	Jerry Jones	Greene	252-747-3884	jjones@co.greene.nc.us
District 4	Phil Norris	Brunswick	910-287-5900	commissioners@brunscoco.net
District 5	Jerry Stephens	Robeson	910-671-3010	JLStephens@bellsouth.net
District 6	Jefferson Strickland	Sampson	910-525-4514	jstrickland@sampsonnc.com
District 7	Marcelle Smith	Halifax	252-826-4044	smithm@halifaxnc.com
District 8	Tony Cozart	Granville	252-257-4606	tony.cozart@granvillecounty.org
District 9	Phil Matthews	Wake	919-772-5876	phillipd49@bellsouth.net
District 10	Craig Kennedy	Moore	910-648-8859	rkennedy@rtmc.net
District 11	Sam Watford	Davidson	336-248-8440	samwatford@aol.com
District 12	Jerry Simpson	Union	704-302-2940	Jerry.Simpson@co.union.nc.us
District 13	Larry Yoder	Alexander	828-632-0059	lyoder@alexandercountync.gov
District 14	Kenny Poteat	Avery	828-733-8212	avery.clerk@averycountync.gov
District 15	Julius Owens	Rutherford	828-287-6060	julius.owens@rutherfordcountync.gov
District 16	Larry Chapman	Transylvania	828-884-3100	lchapman@citcom.net
District 17	Michael Edwards	Graham	828-479-3156	medwards52@hughes.net
District 18	Kevin Austin	Yadkin	336-682-851	kaustin@yadkincountync.gov



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2013 Legislative Feedback Form

Please use this form as a guide for recording your discussion with your legislators regarding counties' five priority goals and hot topics for the 2013 long session. Be as specific as possible in your notes. Your feedback will be used to guide NCACC staff as we work with legislators to promote county interests.

Goal #1: Oppose shift of state transportation responsibilities

Goal #2: Reinstate ADM & Lottery funds for school construction

Goal #3: Oppose unfunded mandates and shifts of state responsibilities to counties

Goal #4: Endure adequate mental health funding

Goal #5: Preserve the existing local revenue base

Hot Topic #1: State Budget

Hot Topic #2: Motor Vehicle Property Tax

Hot Topic #3: Inmate Medical Costs

Hot Topic #4: Nonemergency Medicaid Transport

Hot Topic #5: Tax Reform



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Sample Board Agenda Item:

To:

Date:

Re: County Grassroots Advocacy Meeting with _____ County’s Legislators to Discuss NCACC Priority Goals and Hot Topic Issues for the 2013 Long Session

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is requesting that all counties convene meetings with their legislative delegations to discuss and get feedback on the NCACC top five goals and hot topic issues for the 2013 Long Session. The Association has provided meeting materials to support this effort and would like for us to provide feedback on the meeting at an NCACC District Meeting in April.

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The NCACC believes it is important for all county commissioners to help lay the groundwork for advancing these hot topic issues. The meeting with our delegation will help provide our county and NCACC staff with guidance on strategic approaches to our advocacy success. We have been asked to complete a feedback form regarding our discussions with our legislators. We are to bring the completed form to an NCACC District Meeting in April. The District Meeting closest to _____ County is being held on _____ at _____. NCACC staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners schedule the meeting with the delegation as soon as is reasonably convenient.

2013 NCACC District Meetings Schedule

Date(s)	Day	County	Venue
April 3`	Wednesday	Randolph	AVS Catering & Banquet Center, Asheboro
April 4	Thursday	New Hanover	Wilmington Convention Center, Wilmington
April 10	Wednesday	Jackson	WCU Liston B. Ramsey Center, Cullowhee
April 11	Thursday	Caldwell	Broyhill Civic Center, Lenoir
April 18	Thursday	Wake	Quorum Center, Raleigh
April 24	Wednesday	Pitt	Hilton Greenville, Greenville
April 25	Thursday	Pasquotank	College of the Albemarle, Pasquotank