



May 2026 Managers Report

covers the period April 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026

Financial Report- Attached ending 4/30/26

WAB: Pre-construction meeting went well. We are now awaiting delivery of parts- expected to be 8-12 weeks. Then we will put out when and where construction starts.

Pamlico County was exempted from the revaluation moratorium. We did not request that. 3 Counties have been exempted, all under 15,000 in population.

Budget additions: Workers Comp insurance quote arrived 5/8/26. NCLM said it would likely go down, it went up \$150. Health Insurance quotes came in Monday, May 4, a 22% increase. Our SIA representative is looking for other options and comparable plans from the one we have through BCBSNC. All those renewing July 1 are experiencing the same.

July 4th - Croaker Festival: We will have an expanded fireworks show ON JULY 4th(!), and, as such, will require the bridge to be closed longer- 3PM-11PM for setup and cleanup.

Burnout: We are still on the disinfection system change until May 22. Some may experience lower than normal pressure while we flush, and there may be more of a chlorine smell to the water in that period.

GENERAL FUND

Budgeted 25-26

YTD 25-26

% of Budget

YTD 24-25

REVENUES

Property Tax	\$550,678.00	\$585,464.76	106%	\$546,003.08
Sales Tax	\$258,148.00	\$184,694.94	72%	\$177,249.88
State-Shared Revenues	\$126,299.00	\$105,410.09	83%	\$95,721.89
Solid Waste Fees	\$172,600.00	\$151,495.30	88%	\$91,668.26
Development Permit Fees	\$8,500.00	\$11,150.00	131%	\$9,150.00
DMV Tax	\$29,129.00	\$31,237.27	107%	\$32,323.50
Grant Revenues	\$72,469.00	\$72,469.00	100%	\$2,299.04
Other Revenues	\$131,086.00	\$51,325.97	39%	\$35,997.84
GF Interest Earnings	\$25,500.00	\$13,684.07	54%	\$14,483.58
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$16,966.00	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00

2 months behind

beer and wine not received in 2024-2025

*not from investments

TOTAL G/F REVENUES

\$1,391,375.00

\$1,206,931.40

87%

\$1,004,897.07

\$1,134,462.40 w/o FEMA

EXPENDITURES

Legal	\$13,500.00	\$12,454.00	92%	\$9,132.00
Administration	\$471,307.54	\$395,231.26	84%	\$362,785.41
Police	\$146,863.18	\$101,450.05	69%	\$131,972.53
Public Works	\$368,492.28	\$203,282.93	55%	\$165,208.00
Sanitation	\$198,562.00	\$147,156.83	74%	\$154,853.58

\$6138.00 10/31

tree maint included ^contracted serv

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$1,230,641.00

\$859,575.07

70%

\$823,951.52

Revenues Over Expenses

\$347,356.33

\$180,945.55

Revenues over expenditures

WATER FUND

Budgeted 25-26

YTD 25-26

% of Budget

YTD 24-25

WATER REVENUES

Water Collections	\$379,610.00	\$309,951.33	82%	\$305,259.72
All Other Water Revenue	\$59,100.00	\$85,198.11	144%	\$55,847.62

PFAS \$25,685.84

TOTAL REVENUES

\$438,710.00

\$395,149.44

90%

\$361,107.34

EXPENDITURES

Administration	\$217,525.00	\$142,808.99	66%	\$183,786.86
Operating	\$221,185.00	\$141,043.90	64%	\$164,791.93

salt-5k, tap-7K,
test - -6K, no contracted
ORC

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$438,710.00

\$283,852.89

65%

\$348,578.79

Revenues Over Expenses

\$111,296.55

\$12,528.55

Current Month Summary of Cash Accounts

24-25 FYE

Last Month

Current Month

GENERAL FUND Reg checking

\$98,891.03	\$552,970.24	\$500,526.59
\$832,039.96	\$1,232,340.73	\$1,021,095.57
\$472,884.60	\$484,390.87	\$485,855.77

Fund Balance G/F

NCCMT GF

WATER FUND Reg Checking

\$263,216.69	\$376,879.97	\$375,890.54
\$57,407.50	\$58,932.07	\$59,110.29
\$49,602.12	\$34,878.07	\$34,878.07
	\$1,146,616.07	\$1,146,616.07

Water- NCCMT

Water Fund Balance

Water Retained Earnings

OTHER FUNDS (Capital and Special Revenue)

24-25 FYE

Last Month

Current Month

YTD 2025 OCC

YTD 2026 OCC

Occ Tax- Waterfront Enhancement

\$149,224.00

\$168,109.41

\$169,650.68

\$16,769.77

\$17,888.41

Occ Tax - Parks and Recreation

\$10,766.00

\$18,219.32

\$18,693.54

\$6,707.69

\$7,155.10

Occ Tax - Tourism

\$70,918.96

\$82,229.60

\$83,036.29

\$10,062.28

\$10,733.30

up from 2025

\$33,539.74

\$35,776.81

\$2,237.07

POWELL FUNDS

Powell in First Citizens

\$29,648.82

\$80,843.37

\$80,843.37

FYE + deposits

plus 100,000 to be moved from GF

NCCMT Powell

\$121,194.00

\$125,287.63

\$125,666.53

FYE + interest

Total Powell

\$150,842.82

\$206,131.00

\$206,509.90



March 30, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: Our Member Governments

FROM: Eastern Carolina Council President Edward Riggs Jr.

RE: Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a (Eastern Carolina Council)
State of the Organization

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I hope this memorandum finds you well. I would like to advise the ECC's member governments of the current situation facing the Neuse River Council of Government (Eastern Carolina Council). Some members may be currently aware of issues that have arisen over the last year, but I wanted to make sure that all parties are informed with the most current information and to address rumors we have heard. I will begin by saying there is reason for all members to be justifiably frustrated and concerned, given the financial losses that have occurred during the last several budget cycles. The current issues came to the Executive Boards attention over the past year that due to poor management and questionable practices by the former ECC Staff, ECC funds have been depleted. ECC is aware that due to this unfortunate situation some members are considering withdrawing, which is entirely understandable.

We want all our members to be informed that due to ECC's current situation beginning the new budget cycle of July 1, 2026, ECC will have a cash flow problem until government programing funding can be established. It has been realized that without additional funding to assist with the cash flow issue, ECC may not be able to operate. Dissolving the Region P COG is one solution given this loss and the prior leadership problems ECC has experienced. We believe that dissolution would come at a high cost, especially to the seniors in the region, as outlined in detail below. This was discussed at the March Executive Board meeting and there was unanimous support from all members in attendance for ECC to continue.

We would humbly request member governments to continue to support our COG and avoid dissolution. ECC will work hard every day, on a shoestring budget, to earn back the members' trust. In the long term, it will seek to provide the expanded services member governments wish to see provided.

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ECC runs its Aging programs on reimbursement fundings from the federal and state governments. However, ECC must have liquid funds to cover its expenses while it awaits those reimbursements. Reimbursements can take up to 90 days. The current liquidity through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, after expenses, is about \$7,000. A healthy fund balance for ECC would be \$500,000. A minimum fund balance to operate would be \$150,000.

The ECC Executive Board will discuss and consider membership dues during their April 2026 meeting. Dues paid by the counties help pay for required matching funds for Aging, Transportation and EDA along with general operations. Dues paid by the Towns help pay for general operations and allows ECC to be a resource for those communities. The current Finance staff and ECC Treasurer are currently looking at the minimum funding needs moving forward into the next fiscal year. There is no doubt that membership dues are going to be increased if ECC is to move forward. Once the Board makes a decision in April, the new dues assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, will be sent out ASAP.

If we do not receive additional funding, we are going to have to take steps to cease operations in the near term, make an orderly transfer of functions, and begin the dissolution process, asking the member governments for the required 2/3 vote necessary under the Charter to dissolve ECC. For more detail, attached is a document prepared by our interim Executive Director, titled "Impacts of Dissolving the Eastern Carolina Council," for your information.

ECC Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

It is true that the Aging programs would continue if ECC ceases operations.

However, the transition to other agencies to run the Aging program will result in a very different Aging program that may not be as effective at serving your interests.

About ninety percent of what your COG does is Aging work. Your COG's Aging programs serve over 5,000 senior citizens in ECC's nine county area every day. The population of seniors is 137,000 in our region, which could potentially be served. ECC's AAA is the 4th largest in NC and the largest in the east. ECC provides these services directly through five Aging staff members. One of them, Angelia Pridgen, our Lead Ombudsman, has been with ECC for 25 years. January Brown, currently serving as our Interim Aging Director and in a dual role as Family Caregiver Specialist, has been with ECC for 13 years. Our Interim Executive Director, David Rosaldo, has 25 years of experience in Aging. These and others are valuable employees with significant experience working on aging issues for ECC's members.

ECC has experienced leadership problems over the years but has never failed to deliver quality Aging services on a consistent basis. The Aging staff have built a unique system for delivering these services over the nine-county region and developed working relationships with seniors and with facility personnel and institutional knowledge that cannot be replaced quickly or easily.

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ECC took the steps necessary to hire the most qualified professionals to staff the management team as well as significant restructuring and engaged an interim executive director, all under the guidance of the Southeast Regional Directors Institute (SERDI). ECC implemented the SERDI suggestions.

ECC's officers and Budget and Audit Committee began to observe questionable financial decisions that were being made and began to ask questions about practices and funding. ECC's Budget and Audit Committee were unaware of the severity of the situation until exposed by a cash flow issue. Once the severity of the financial situation was exposed the ECC officers and Board began to implement staffing changes. It was clear to the ECC officers that more oversight was needed and the Board implemented more oversight.

IMPACTS OF DISSOLVING THE EASTERN CAROLINA COUNCIL (ECC)

Area Agency on Aging (AAA)

- Immediate Loss of Regional Administrator
 - ECC currently serves as the federally designated Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for the region or the Planning and Services Area (PSA).
 - Upon dissolution, there is no automatic replacement entity.
- State Intervention Required
 - The North Carolina Division of Aging (NCDHHS) must:
 - Identify a new AAA provider (another COG)
 - Execute new contracts and service agreements
 - Reassign oversight responsibilities
- Disruption to Services
 - Potential delays or interruptions in:
 - Home-delivered meals
 - In-home aide services
 - Transportation assistance
 - Caregiver support programs
 - Ombudsman Services
- Contract and Provider Realignment (expect delays)
 - Existing service providers must:
 - Terminate contracts with ECC
 - Enter new agreements with a different AAA
- Funding Flow Disruptions
 - Federal and state funding (OAA, HCCBG) must be rerouted
 - Counties may experience delays in reimbursements and program delivery
- Regional Advocacy Efforts

Economic Development District (EDD)

- Loss of Federal EDD Designation
 - ECC is the region's designated Economic Development District under the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)
 - Dissolution removes the region's eligibility framework for certain federal funding
- CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) Disruption
 - Current CEDS becomes inactive or invalid; new CEDS will need to be developed
 - Region loses:
 - Coordinated economic strategy
 - Eligibility alignment for EDA investments
- EDA Re-designation Required
 - EDA must:
 - Identify or approve a new EDD
 - Potentially reassign counties to another district or require formation of a new one
- Loss of Grant Competitiveness
 - Without an active EDD:
 - Local governments and partners may be less competitive for federal funding
 - Some EDA programs may become temporarily inaccessible
- Project Delays and Risk
 - Existing or pending EDA-funded projects may:
 - Experience delays
 - Require administrative reassignment
 - Face compliance complications
- Regional Fragmentation
 - Counties may be split across different EDDs or COGs
 - Loss of unified regional economic voice
 - Transition time unknown, estimated to at least 12 months or more

Challenges for all programs

- No "Plug-and-Play" Replacement
 - There is no automatic transfer of responsibilities to another COG
 - Each program must be separately dismantled and rebuilt
- Complex Legal and Administrative Wind-Down
 - Close-out of:
 - Federal and state grants
 - Contracts and subcontracts
 - Financial obligations and audits
- Multiple Agencies Involved

- ECC is submitting a grant application
- ECC is developing a relationship with RAI to possibly host the organization within ECC for our 9-county coverage area

OPPORTUNITIES ON THE HORIZON

The Eastern Carolina Council (ECC) is uniquely positioned to serve as a regional lead for the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP), leveraging its existing relationships with county governments, public safety agencies, and human service providers across its nine-county region. By hosting this program, ECC can strengthen coordination between the criminal justice system and behavioral health providers to ensure individuals who come into contact with law enforcement, courts, probation, and parole are connected quickly to treatment and recovery services. This includes improving compliance with court requirements, expanding access to recovery housing, and enhancing behavioral health supports critical gaps that have been identified across Eastern North Carolina. ECC's regional structure allows for a unified, multi-county approach that aligns with COSSUP's emphasis on collaboration across public safety, public health, and community-based organizations.

In addition to the programmatic impact, ECC could secure approximately \$1.6 million over three years to directly support its counties in addressing substance use challenges. These funds would allow ECC to build regional capacity by improving data-sharing systems, aligning funding streams, and supporting prevention and early intervention strategies. Hosting COSSUP would also reinforce ECC's leadership role in regional planning and human services, complementing ongoing efforts such as the Recovery Alliance Initiative (RAI) and strengthening partnerships that address transportation, housing, workforce barriers, and continuity of care tied to substance use recovery. Ultimately, this opportunity not only brings critical financial resources into the region but positions ECC as a central hub for advancing public safety, improving health outcomes, and delivering coordinated, evidence-based solutions to one of the region's most pressing challenges.

MOVING FORWARD IF WE RECEIVE NEW FUNDING

If ECC receives new funding, ECC will have to move forward cautiously at first, focusing on the Aging program, the RPO programs, and possibly as previously mentioned, COSSUP. ECC will take this approach because ECC will have only a small fund balance, and will not be in a position, at first, to grow and provide all the other services, such as technical services and economic development, that ECC hoped to provide. ECC will watch every dollar it spends, and its officers will closely supervise its personnel.

Going into the next fiscal year, ECC will implement a budget book and post that book on its web site, so that member governments and members of the public can see in real time ECC's budget, expenditures, and available resources.



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RALPH CLARK
Interim City Manager

ALTHEA SIMMONS
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SHARON MERVIN
Public Information
Officer

April 24, 2026

Town of Oriental - Manager
P.O. Box 472
Oriental, NC 28571

RE: City of Kinston's Withdrawal from Membership in Eastern Carolina Council

Dear Member of the East Carolina Council:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the City of Kinston's decision to withdraw from membership in the Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council ("ECC") in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat § 160A-474 and Article II., Section 4. of the Amended and Restated Charter and Bylaws.

We appreciate the many years of participation and collaboration between all members of the ECC. City of Kinston staff are available to meet with any member to address any questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional information.

Sincerely,

Ralph Clark
Interim City Manager

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Lisa Carpenter, Commissioner
John Davis, Commissioner
Tony Padgett, Commissioner



April 27, 2026

Eastern Carolina Council Executive Board
c/o Edward Riggs, Jr., President
PO Box 1717
New Bern, NC 28563-1717

Subject: Notice of Withdrawal from the Eastern Carolina Council

To the Members of the Eastern Carolina Council:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of Onslow County's decision to withdraw from membership in Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council ("ECC") in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-474 and Article II., Section 4. of the Amended and Restated Charter and Bylaws.

We appreciate the many years of participation and collaboration between all members of the ECC. County staff are available to meet with any member to address any questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Foster", is written over a light blue background.

Tim Foster, Chairman
Onslow County Board of Commissioners



Aldermen

James "Trey" Ferguson, III
Sharon C. Bryant
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Jeffrey T. Odham
Mayor

Foster Hughes
City Manager

Brenda E. Blanco
City Clerk

Kimberly A. Ostrom
Director of Finance

April 29, 2026

To: Eastern Carolina Council Members

Re: Notice of Withdrawal from the Eastern Carolina Council

Dear Member,

On March 20, 2026, the City of New Bern notified the East Carolina Council of our decision to withdraw from membership in the Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council. In accordance with N.C. General Statute §160A-474 and Article II., Section 4. of the Amended and Restated Charter and Bylaws, this is to notify member agencies of our decision.

We appreciate the many years of participation and collaboration between all members of the ECC. City staff are available to meet with any member to address any questions or concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional information.

Sincerely,



Foster Hughes, ICMA-CM
City Manager

Town of Cove City
PO Box 8
Cove City, NC 28523
(252)633-1595

Dred C. Mitchell Jr., Mayor

Barbara H. Jones, Mayor Pro-Tem

Commissioner Anthony J. Chadwick
Commissioner Roy D. McCoy
Commissioner Evelyn E. Brown
Commissioner Linda H. McCoy

A small town with a Big vision for the Future

May 4, 2026
East Carolina Council Executive Board
C/o Edward Riggs, Jr., President
PO Box 1717
New Bern, NC 28563-1717

Subject: Notice of Withdrawal from the East Carolina Council

To the Members of the East Carolina Council:

The purpose of this letter is to provide formal written notice that the Town of Cove City hereby elects to withdraw from the East Carolina Council, effective July 4, 2026. In accordance with the charter and bylaws of the East Carolina Council, The Town of Cove City is providing sixty (60) day written notice to all members and to the East Carolina Council office.

Per the bylaws, The Town of Cove City reserves the right to continue service(s) with East Carolina Council by paying a fee for chosen service(s).

We appreciate the collaboration over the years and wish the organization the best.

Sincerely,



Dred C. Mitchell Jr.
Mayor, Town of Cove City

Cc: County and municipal members of the East Carolina Council

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CARTERET COUNTY GOVERNMENT
NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

Sharon D. Griffin, *County Manager & Attorney*
Dee Meshaw, *Deputy County Manager & Finance Director*
Matt Reynal, *Assistant County Manager*
Nick Wilson, *Clerk to the Board & Public Information Officer*

April 20, 2026

Eastern Carolina Council of Governments
233 Middle Street, Ste. 300
Third Floor, O.Marks Building
New Bern, NC 28563

Dear ECC Board Members, Member Counties, and Municipal Partners,

On behalf of the Carteret County Board of Commissioners, I am providing formal 60-day written notice of the County's decision to withdraw from membership in the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments (ECC), as reflected in Resolution 2026-R-06, enclosed for your reference.

This action was taken following consideration by the Board and reflects the County's current priorities regarding service levels and fiscal management. Accordingly, the Board will not appoint a representative to the ECC Board moving forward.

Carteret County values the relationships and collaboration shared with ECC and its member governments and appreciates the work of the organization in supporting regional initiatives.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sharon D. Griffin", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Sharon D. Griffin
County Manager

CC:

Carteret County Municipalities: Town of Beaufort; Morehead City; Town of Atlantic Beach; Town of Pine Knoll Shores; Town of Newport; Town of Emerald Isle; Town of Bogue; Town of Cape Carteret; Town of Cedar Point; Town of Indian Beach; Town of Peletier;

Craven County: Craven County; City of New Bern; Town of River Bend; City of Havelock; Town of Cove City; Town of Bridgeton; Town of Dover; Town of Trent Woods; Town of Vanceboro;

Duplin County: Duplin County; Town of Beulaville; Town of Wallace; Town of Rose Hill; Town of Teachey; Town of Warsaw; Town of Kenansville; Town of Calypso; Town of Faison; Town of Greenevers; Town of Harrells; Town of Magnolia;

Greene County: Greene County; Town of Hookerton; Town of Snow Hill; Town of Walstonburg;

Jones County: Jones County; Town of Maysville; Town of Pollocksville; Town of Trenton;

Lenoir County: Lenoir County; City of Kinston; Town of LaGrange; Town of Grifton; Town of Pink Hill;

Onslow County: Onslow County; Town of North Topsail Beach; Town of Swansboro; City of Jacksonville; Town of Surf City; Town of Richlands; Town of Holly Ridge;

Pamlico County: Pamlico County; Town of Oriental; Town of Alliance; Town of Arapahoe; Town of Bayboro; Town of Grantsboro; Town of Mesic; Town of Minnesott Beach; Town of Stonewall; Town of Vandemere;

Wayne County: Wayne County; Town of Fremont; Town of Mount Olive; City of Goldsboro; Town of Seven Springs; Town of Eureka; Town of Pikeville; Town of Walnut Creek.

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**CARTERET COUNTY GOVERNMENT
NORTH CAROLINA****COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

Sharon D. Griffin, *County Manager & Attorney*
Dee Meshaw, *Deputy County Manager & Finance Director*
Matt Reynal, *Assistant County Manager*
Nick Wilson, *Clerk to the Board & Public Information Officer*

RESOLUTION 2026-R-06**A RESOLUTION BY THE CARTERET COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TO WITHDRAW MEMBERSHIP WITH THE EASTERN CAROLINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, Carteret County is currently a member of the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments (ECC), a regional organization intended to provide planning, coordination, and support services to member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has evaluated the County's participation in ECC and the services provided over the past year; and

WHEREAS, changes within ECC have resulted in significantly reduced service levels to Carteret County; and

WHEREAS, ECC has advised that membership dues for Carteret County are expected to increase substantially, including a proposed doubling of dues for the upcoming year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that the County and its citizens are not currently receiving sufficient direct benefit from ECC services to justify continued membership at the increased cost; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to ensure that County resources are allocated in a manner consistent with sound fiscal management and in the best interest of Carteret County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carteret County Board of Commissioners that:

1. The County hereby withdraws its membership with the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments (ECC), in accordance with the required 60-day written notice provision.
2. The Board of Commissioners will not appoint a representative to the ECC Board moving forward.
3. The County Manager is authorized and directed to execute and submit the formal written notice of withdrawal to ECC on behalf of the Board, consistent with this action.
4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 20th day of April, 2026.



ATTEST:


Chris Chadwick, Chairman
Carteret County Board of Commissioners


Nick Wilson, Clerk to the Board

Board of Commissioners

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Michael S. James, County Manager
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Reekitta B. Deaver, Clerk to the Board

April 20, 2026

Town of Oriental
PO Box 472
Oriental NC 28571

Re: Lenoir County's Withdrawal from Membership in Eastern Carolina Council

Dear Member Governments of the Eastern Carolina Council:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of Lenoir County's decision to withdraw from membership in Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council ("ECC") in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-474 and Article II., Section 4. of the Amended and Restated Charter and Bylaws.

We appreciate the many years of participation and collaboration between all members of the ECC. County staff are available to meet with any member to address any questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael S. James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "J".

Michael S. James
Lenoir County Manager

cc: Executive Director, Eastern Carolina Council of Governments



WAYNECOUNTY

April 21, 2026

TO: Eastern Carolina Council Members

Re: Wayne County's Withdrawal from Membership in Eastern Carolina Council

Dear Member:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of Wayne County's decision to withdraw from membership in the Neuse River Council of Governments d/b/a Eastern Carolina Council ("ECC") in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 160A-474 and Article II, Section 4 of the Amended and Restated Charter and Bylaws.

We appreciate the many years of participation and collaboration between all members of the ECC. County staff are available to meet with any member to address any questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional information.

Sincerely,

Chip Crumpler
County Manager



THE GOOD LIFE. GROWN HERE.



CITY OF HAVELOCK

Post Office Box 368
Havelock, N.C. 28532

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April 30, 2026

East Carolina Council – Executive Board
c/o Edward Riggs, Jr. President
P.O. Box 1717
New Bern, NC 28563-1717

Subject: Notice of Withdrawal from East Carolina Council

East Carolina Council Members:

The purpose of this letter is to provide formal written notice that the City of Havelock elects to withdraw from the East Carolina Council, effective July 1, 2026. In accordance with the charter and bylaws of the East Carolina Council, the City of Havelock is providing sixty (60) days notice to the East Carolina Council office and all members.

The City of Havelock appreciates the many years of partnership and collaboration with the East Carolina Council and its members.

Sincerely,

William L. Lewis, Jr.
Mayor

cc: Havelock Governing Body
Municipal and County members of the East Carolina Council



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

DANIEL H. JOHNSON
SECRETARY

April 1, 2026

Mayor Sally Belangia
Town of Oriental
PO Box 472
Oriental, NC 28571

Subject: 2026 Powell Bill Allocation – System Street changes within the Corporate Limits

Dear Mayor Belangia,

We are reaching out to you to see if your municipality will be submitting any street/mileage change petitions/resolutions to the NCDOT that concern the State Highway system.

Specifically, your municipality wanting to either take over the maintenance of a state street/mileage that is within your corporate limit or turning over a municipally maintained and qualified street/mileage to the NCDOT State Highway system.

Any changes to the State Highway system (Deletions from or Additions to) must be approved by the NCDOT Board of Transportation prior to the June 2026 Board of Transportation meeting. If you are going to be submitting a petition to the NCDOT for either reason mentioned above, please submit the required petition to our office by May 1, 2026.

Once the DOT has reviewed and verified the petition package and it has been presented to the NCDOT Board of Transportation, your municipality will receive a decision letter with further instructions for reporting any mileage changes in your 2026 Powell Bill required information submission.

Let me know if I can answer questions or be of assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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