

**Chowan County Board of Commissioners 2026 Retreat**  
**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**  
**Chowan County Public Safety Center**  
**305 West Freemason Street**  
**Edenton, NC 27932**  
**9:00 am**

- 9:00 a.m.                   **Welcome**  
*Chair Bob Kirby*  
*Denise Stinagle, NCACC Outreach Associate*
- 9:15 a.m.                   **County Budget Update and Projections**  
*County Manager Kevin Howard and Finance Officer, Cathy Smith*
- Fund Balance Estimate
  - Proposed DSS reimbursement changes
  - Proposed Property Tax Legislation
- 9:40 a.m.                   **Recreation Capital**  
*Recreation Director Brian Chappell and County Manager Kevin Howard*
- Current Facility Needs  
The Board will also consider improvements needed at existing facilities.
  - Discussion of Master Plan items  
The Board will discuss the projects that were proposed in the 2024 Bond Referendum which did not pass
  - New Site Plan for Red Banks Farm
  - Aquatic Study
- 10:30 a.m.                   **Break**
- 10:45 a.m.                   **Water Plant and Distribution**  
*Water Director Chuck Jones and Representatives from Rivers and Associates*
- Reverse Osmosis Plant Update
  - Existing System
    - Improvements
    - Water Leak Adjustment Policy
    - Water Rate Increase
- 12:00 p.m.                   **Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m.                   **RPO Projects**  
*Ethan Sommers Transportation Planner, Albemarle Rural Planning Organization (RPO)*
- Mr. Sommers will discuss projects that are under consideration by the RPO.

1:30 p.m.

**Planning/Land Use**

*County Planner Robert Daniel and County Manager Kevin Howard*

- *Data Centers. Zoning for and regulations to consider the impacts on infrastructure*
- *Status of Ordinance Update*
- *Nuisance Abatement/Enforcement for junk yards/long term yard sales*
- *County Architectural Standards*

2:00 p.m.

**Break**

2:15 p.m.

**Chowan County Jail**

*Kevin Howard*

The Board will review the various options and consider a recommendation to be made at the March 2, 2026 meeting to proceed with formal discussions in partnering with Albemarle District Jail (ADJ).

2:45 p.m.

**Farmland Preservation**

*Rodney Woolard, Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Jacob Peele Soil and Water Conservation*

Discussion on programs available for Farmland Preservation initiatives.

3:15 p.m.

**Miscellaneous Topics**

- Fire Substation
- Meeting Room Acoustics
- Other Timely and Important Matters

3:45 p.m.

**Summary**

*Denise Stinagle*

4:00 p.m.

**Adjourn**