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Commissioners Meet January 6

Ring in the New Year with a Meeting

The Anson County Board of Commissioners will kick off the New Year by doing what they do best - meeting. The first January meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6 at 6:00 p.m., with the second January meeting following on Tuesday, January 20, also at 6:00 p.m.

Both meetings will take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, at the Anson County Government Center, located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro. Expect thoughtful discussion, careful consideration, and at least one moment when everyone checks their notes to see what item comes next.

Residents who would like to address the board should sign up in advance. Information on how to do so is available by calling 704-994-3201. Planning ahead is encouraged, especially for those hoping to make their point before the gavel moves things along.

For those who prefer to attend in their living room attire, the board meetings are live streamed on the commissioners' YouTube channel, with recordings archived for later viewing. Simply visit youtube.com and search for Anson Commissioners, where local government decisions can be enjoyed on demand - popcorn optional.

Volunteers Needed at Anson Crisis Ministries

Anson Crisis Ministries is in need of volunteers to help hand out food, sort through items, and more. They are open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The dress code is comfortable clothes, such as jeans and a nice t-shirt.

The Crisis Ministries feeds Anson County residents all week. If you have some time to give please call 704-694-2445 to sign up. They are located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro.



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2026 North Carolina Travel Guide Maps Sweet Spots on Journeys of a Lifetime

All 100 Counties Serve Up Adventure, History and a Few Pleasant Surprises During America 250

If wanderlust were a sport, the new Official 2026 North Carolina Travel Guide would be the playbook. Spanning 118 glossy pages, the guide invites travelers to roam from the Atlantic surf to the Appalachian peaks, discovering that North Carolina is not just a place to visit - it's a place to linger, snack, explore, and occasionally say, "I didn't know that was here."

Timed with the America 250 commemoration, the guide blends big history with small-town charm and just enough adventure to make your suitcase nervous. Whether you're drawn to scenic landscapes, lively cities, or towns where the local bar used to be a jail (true story), there's inspiration on nearly every page.

"For people who love to travel, reading the guide is like walking through a gem mine - except you don't need a helmet, just a highlighter," said Wit Tuttell, executive director of Visit NC. "You might learn you can design your own sneakers in Charlotte, hike Revolutionary War history at Hanging Rock State Park, or sip a drink in Franklinton where inmates once contemplated their life choices. That's North Carolina - For Real." The three-page cover package opens with a powerful America 250 moment in Halifax, where North Carolina's Fourth Provincial Congress issued the first official call for independence from Great Britain - yes, that "First in Freedom" on your license plate. The lead image features the restored Bradford-Denton House, built around 1760 and still standing strong, much like North Carolina itself.

Turn the page and you're suddenly at Overmountain Vineyards in Tryon, soaking in mountain views along the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail. Flip again and you'll meet a Colonial Spanish mustang strolling a Northern Outer Banks beach - a reminder that even the horses here have history.

"The Halifax image is pure history," Tuttell said. "The others show how the past quietly enhances today's pleasures - whether that's wine, views, or wild horses who don't care you're taking photos."

Throughout the guide, travelers are pointed toward historic sites, museums, and cultural voices that bring North Carolina's stories to life - from Moores Creek National Battlefield in Currie to Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual in Cherokee, and interactive tours at Durham's Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice.

And then there's the fun stuff. Rounds of golf on legendary greens. Kart tracks and roller coasters for speed seekers. Snowy slopes, winding bike trails, rivers, gardens, and views from the sky. Movie lovers can even follow filming locations across the state - with New Bern resident Nicholas Sparks helping set the mood.

Food fans will want to bookmark the feature titled "Cue the Remix," which celebrates how North Carolina barbecue is evolving while still honoring its smoky roots. "Yes, we love whole hog and Lexington-style barbecue," Tuttell said. "But now you can find Texas brisket in Knightdale, barbecue pizza, barbecue with pimento cheese - and even barbecue on a hot dog. We're not judging."

When it's time to turn in, the guide offers lodging ideas for every mood. Wellness seekers can relax at luxury retreats like The Sanderling on the Outer Banks or The Swag in Waynesville. Farm-inspired stays include The Mast Farm Inn in Valle Crucis and Juneberry Ridge in Norwood.

Glamping fans will enjoy "Starry Nights" picks such as the Cherry Treesort in China Grove or a converted Blue Bird bus perched on a rooftop in Casar. Those who enjoy a good ghost story can explore the "Spooky Stays" section, featuring inns known for their paranormal reputations. "There's no guarantee you'll see a ghost," Tuttell said, "but anything's possible."

Alongside all the inspiration, the guide keeps things practical. A front-of-the-book map highlights Welcome Centers offering free travel help and room reservations. Listings for tourism offices, state agencies, and an index of towns and cities help travelers get their bearings. A fold-out map reminds readers that sometimes paper still beats GPS. "With all due respect to technology," Tuttell said, "maps are still unbeatable for showing where you're going - and where you might want to stop."

The Official 2026 North Carolina Travel Guide is free and available at state Welcome Centers, by calling 800-847-4862 (800-VISITNC), or online at VisitNC.com/travel-guides, where readers can request a copy, view the digital edition, or download a PDF.

Fair warning: once you start reading, your next trip may already be planning itself.

NC Insurance Commissioner Causey Urges President Trump Not To Pardon Greg Lindberg

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey has sent a formal letter to President Donald Trump urging him not to grant a pardon to Greg Lindberg, who was convicted in federal court for attempting to bribe Causey while he was serving as the state's chief insurance regulator.

In the letter, Causey outlined the seriousness of Lindberg's actions, stating that the conduct was neither incidental nor victimless. "Mr. Lindberg's criminal conduct was not incidental, technical, or victimless," Causey wrote. "It was deliberate, sustained, and directly aimed at corrupting a state regulatory system charged with protecting the public in order to enrich himself."

Causey detailed that during an 18-month investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Lindberg was lawfully recorded on a wire attempting to bribe him in his official capacity as Commissioner of Insurance. According to the letter, the bribe was intended to pressure Causey into removing a senior department official who had identified and exposed serious financial improprieties within Lindberg's insurance enterprises.

"The evidence presented was not speculative. It was contemporaneously recorded, exhaustively investigated, and ultimately proven in federal court," Causey wrote. He added that Lindberg's actions represented a calculated effort to undermine regulatory oversight, evade accountability, and silence officials responsible for safeguarding policyholders, retirees, and working families.

Causey emphasized that granting a pardon in the case would send the wrong message regarding public corruption and the integrity of regulatory systems designed to protect consumers.

The complete letter from Commissioner Causey to President Trump is available online at www.ncdoi.gov/mike-causey-letter-president-trump/open.



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