

# ROWAN COUNTY

## ANNUAL 2019 REPORT





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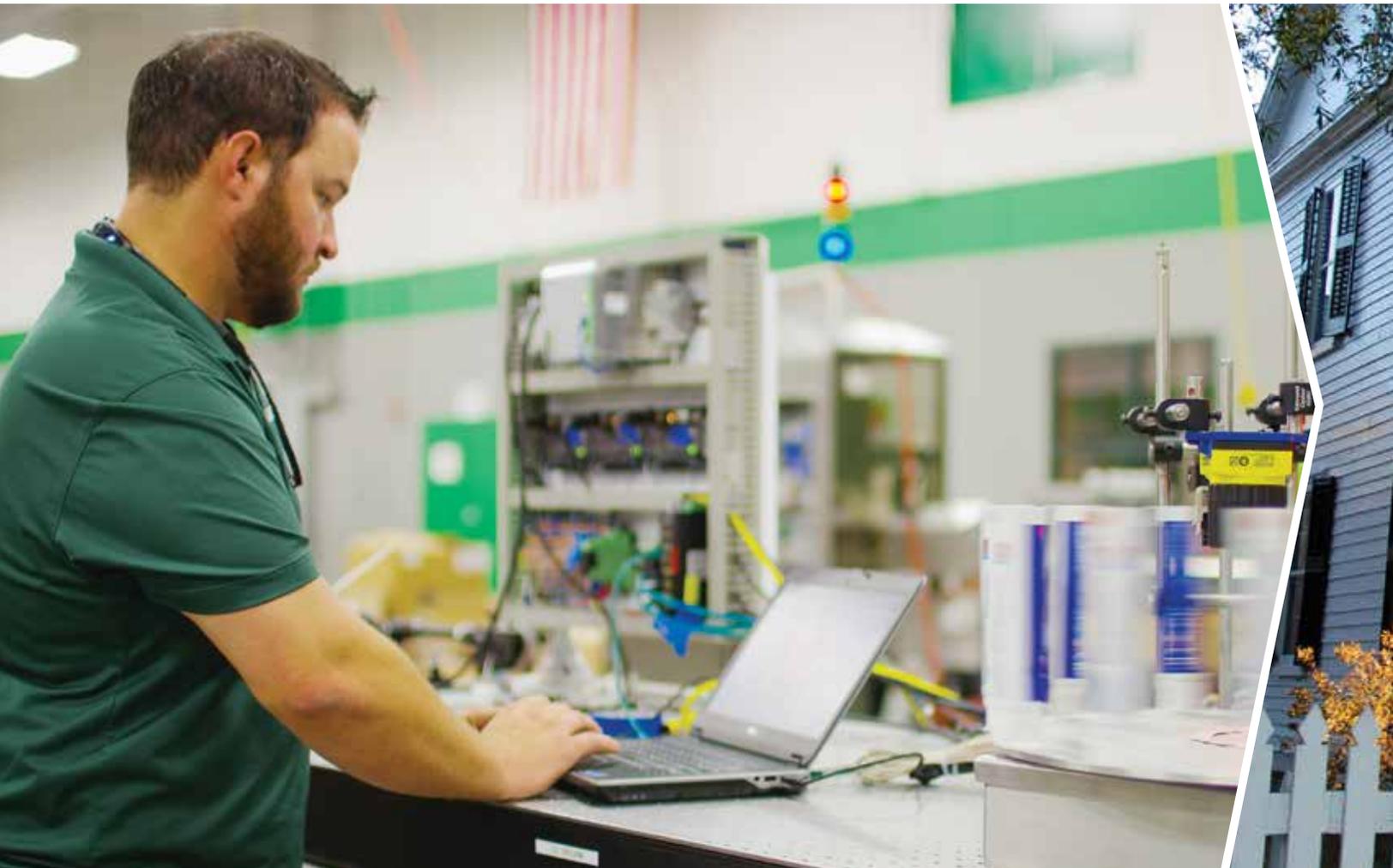
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With its small-town charm and easy access to urban experiences, Rowan County offers a wonderful dichotomy for the businesses and people that call this place home. Here, people choose the pace of their lifestyle, and businesses enjoy the freedom to build their own brand of success.

Rowan County is home to Food Lion, Cheerwine, Integro, and many other entrepreneurial firms. In 2018, The Rowan IDEA (Innovation Development Entrepreneurship Acceleration) Center emerged as a partnership among government, academia, and the private sector to support new ventures and small businesses in Rowan County. The IDEA Center's vision is to stimulate new innovation, educate and incubate business, and model of how partnership can drive economic development.

Also in 2018, the Rowan County Tourism Development Authority, Rowan County Cooperative Extension, Chamber of Commerce, Arts Council, Historic Salisbury Foundation, and more community partners launched the first ever Rowan Arts & Ag Festival. From self-guided tours of farms to large outdoor festivals, Arts & Ag highlighted our County's rich agricultural history and the contributions farmers make to our food and tourism today.

Whether you are looking for a place to raise a family, locate a business, or enjoy your hard-earned retirement, opportunity abounds here. Rowan County is a place where you can truly "be an original."



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# MUNICIPALITIES

MUNICIPALITY	POPULATION	INCORPORATED
China Grove	4,245	1889
Cleveland	886	1883
East Spencer	1,520	1901
Faith	828	1903
Granite Quarry	3,086	1901
Kannapolis	46,595	1984
Landis	3,148	1901
Rockwell	2,161	1911
Salisbury	34,459	1753
Spencer	3,279	1905

Source: NC OSBM - [https://files.nc.gov/ncosbm/demog/muniestby-muni\\_2016.html](https://files.nc.gov/ncosbm/demog/muniestby-muni_2016.html)

***“Rowan County looks and feels like home.”***

## QUICK FACTS

County Established	1753
Area (Square Miles)	511
Population	141,371
Median Household Income	\$47,541
Total Employers	2,500

Source: Access NC - <https://accessnc.nccommerce.com/DemoGraphicsReports/pdfs/countyProfile/NC/37159.pdf>



**YOUR  
COMMISSIONERS**

Dear Rowan County Citizens,

As County Commissioners, it is our honor and privilege to present you with our Annual Report. This report gives residents an opportunity to take pride in the accomplishments of our county throughout the past fiscal year.

The report will highlight the statutorily required reporting of the finances and administrative activities of the county (NCGS 153A-82).

In closing, thank you for being a part of our county.

Sincerely,

*Ammon C. Edds*  
Chairman Greg Edds

*Judy Klusman*  
Commissioner Judy Klusman

*Michael Caskey*  
Commissioner Mike Caskey

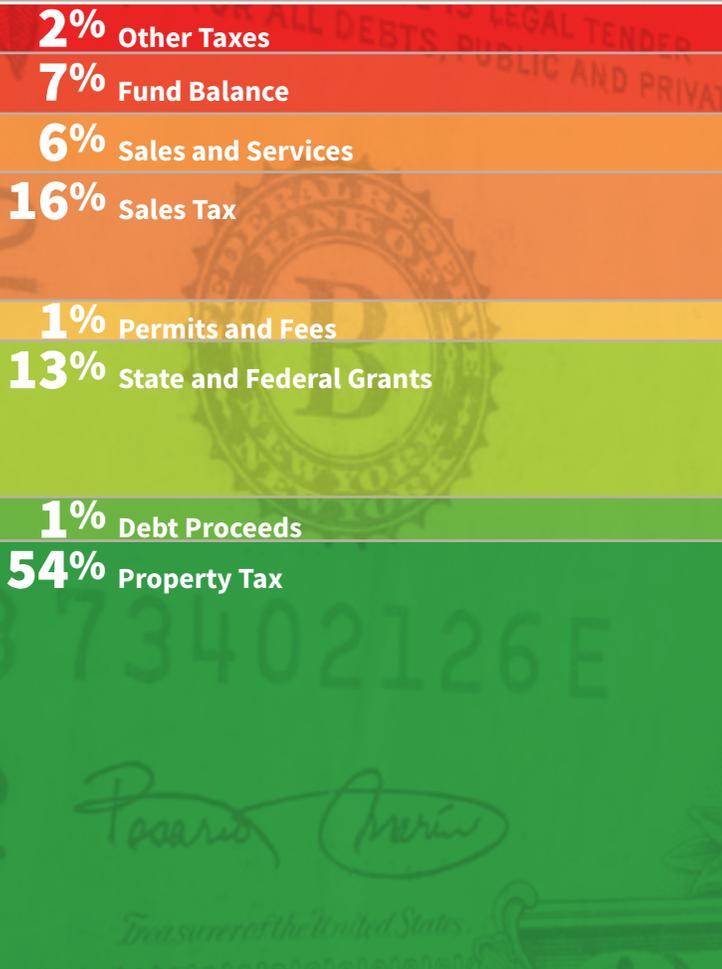
*R. Craig Pierce*  
Commissioner Craig Pierce

*James C. Greene*  
Vice-Chairman Jim Greene



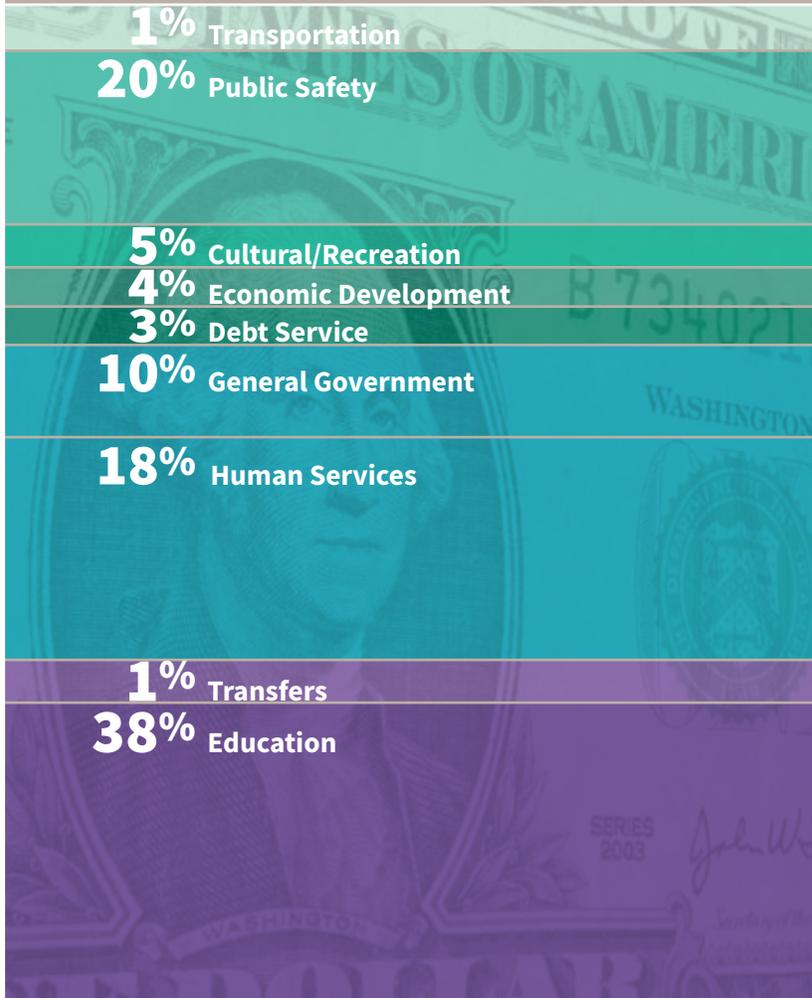
## REVENUE

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM



## EXPENDITURES

WHERE THE MONEY GOES



# PROPERTY TAX

Rowan County  
Tax Rate for 2018-19  
Budget remains  
**.6625**

## HOW TO CALCULATE TAXES

The 2018 tax rate for Rowan County is 0.6625. This means property will be taxed at 0.6625 cents per \$100 of value. As an example, if your home is appraised at \$150,000, here is the formula on how to calculate your bill:

$$\$150,000 / 100 \times 0.6625 = \$993.75$$

COMPANY	VALUE (2017)	TOTAL LEVY	INDUSTRY
1 Duke Energy	\$529,454,988	\$3,507,639	Utilities
2 Southern Power	309,018,161	2,047,245	Utilities
3 Food Lion & Delhaize America	156,433,366	1,036,371	Food Distribution
4 Gildan Yarns, LLC	150,704,338	998,417	Manufacturing
5 Daimler Trucks / Freightliner LLC	116,838,769	774,057	Manufacturing
6 Hitachi Metals NC, LTD	44,930,225	297,663	Manufacturing
7 Aldi, Inc.	43,297,943	286,849	Food Distribution
8 Piedmont Natural Gas	38,436,190	254,640	Utilities
9 Alcoa Power Generating, Inc.	37,370,410	247,579	Utilities
10 Norfolk Southern Corporation	36,868,212	244,252	Transportation

In addition to the \$0.6625 per \$100 on your property tax bill, there is a fire service tax. This tax is collected by the County and forwarded to each fire department. The rates are requested by each fire department and approved by the County Commissioners.

Fire District	Tax Rate	Fire District	Tax Rate
Enochville .....	0.0800	Locke .....	0.0900
South Salisbury .....	0.0775	Liberty .....	0.0537
Rockwell Rural .....	0.09	East Gold Hill .....	0.08
Pooletown .....	0.0900	Woodleaf .....	0.0600
Miller Ferry .....	0.08	Scotch-Irish .....	0.06
Union .....	0.0350	Richfield/Misenheimer .....	0.0700
Mt. Mitchell .....	0.0726	South Rowan .....	0.0855
Ellis .....	0.0850	East Rowan .....	0.07
Franklin .....	0.0716	East Landis .....	0.0425
Cleveland Community .....	0.0936	West Rowan .....	0.07
Atwell Township .....	0.0775	Rowan Iredell .....	0.0648
Bostian Heights .....	0.0845		



# EMPLOYMENT



RANK	COMPANY NAME	INDUSTRY	# EMPLOYEES
1	Food Lion/Delhaize America	Food Distribution	3,200
2	Rowan-Salisbury Schools	Education	2,889
3	W.G. (Bill) Hefner VA Medical Center	Healthcare	2,100
4	Daimler/Freightliner	Manufacturing	1,600
5	Novant Health Rowan Medical Center	Healthcare	1,558
6	Rowan-Cabarrus Community College	Education	955
7	Rowan County	Government	817
8	Gildan	Manufacturing	475
9	City of Salisbury	Government	472
10	Continental Structural Plastics	Manufacturing	452

SOURCE: NC Department of Commerce and Human Resources Departments of various companies.

## ROWAN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Rowan County Chamber of Commerce is a private not-for-profit business advocacy organization (501c-6).

The Chamber has an active Board of Directors, volunteers and staff to assist the business community. It was started in 1925 and has accomplished a great deal in its 94-year history. Significant accomplishments include Yadkin River Bridge; I-85 improvements and utility connections; Rowan Airport (now called Mid-Carolina Airport) expansion; and, the development of the Gateway Building.

The Chamber has over 800 members, representing nearly 20,000 employees in Rowan County and the surrounding area. Benefits include business advocacy, education and workforce development, professional development, membership directory, relocation packets, brochure racks, ribbon cuttings, networking programs, business referrals, member discounts, exposure for member firms and much more.

Some of the more popular programs are: Leadership Rowan, Power in Partnership breakfast meetings, Business After Hours mixers, Ambassadors, Candidate Forums, Washington, D.C. trips; Raleigh trips; Women in Business, Minority Business Council, Young Professionals, Annual Meetings, and the Dragon Boat Festival.

For more information contact the Chamber at 704.633.4221 or [info@rowanchamber.com](mailto:info@rowanchamber.com) or [www.rowanchamber.com](http://www.rowanchamber.com) or 204 E. Innes St., Suite 110, Salisbury, NC 28144.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## ROWANEDC

PARTNERSHIP for ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
SALISBURY, NC

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Established in 1984, the Rowan EDC, Rowan County's Economic Development Commission, is the lead business assistance resource for Rowan County and its ten municipalities, including the City of Salisbury. The primary goals of Rowan EDC are to work with companies to retain existing jobs and create new ones in Rowan County, as well as bring new investments to our community.

Our staff offers a wide range of services to businesses looking to locate or expand in Rowan County, including site identification and development, community assistance/grant identification, fiscal impact modeling, marketing assistance, and community demographic information.



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**In 2018,**  
**Rowan EDC Managed Over 70 PROJECTS**  
**that Resulted in 205 NEW JOBS and**  
**\$23.3 Million of NEW INVESTMENTS.**

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

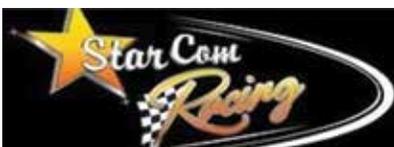
*“To promote a vital economy to improve the overall quality of life for residents of Rowan County.”*

### RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

New York Air Brake recently expanded its Premtec division by moving into a brand new 100,000 square foot manufacturing facility in the Summit Corporate Center. This manufacturer of freight & locomotive air brake control systems plans to invest over \$9 million dollars in the new facility and will create nearly 100 new jobs. Premtec began in Rowan County in 1974. We salute this Rowan County Original for its continued investment in our community.



New Jersey-based StarCom Racing has purchased a 20,000 square foot facility in Salisbury to serve as its new home. Founded in 2017, StarCom fields the 00 and 99 cars in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series. The new facility will employ up to 20 persons to support the two cars. StarCom is led by Team Manager and former Daytona 500 Champion, Derrike Cope.



### PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

The Rowan EDC is constantly striving to improve our inventory of available industrial sites. Since 2007, our organization has utilized the Duke Energy Site Readiness Program as an efficient way to analyze and develop marketing materials for potential new sites.



In 2018, the 329-acre South Rowan Site near China Grove was the latest participant in the Duke Energy Site Readiness Program.

Over the last decade, our collaborative efforts with local government and community partners have resulted in over 2,000 acres of industrial land being made available and more ‘shovel ready.’



Construction was completed in 2018 on the first speculative building in Rowan County in many years. This modern 150,000 square foot facility is now available for a variety of light industrial and distribution uses. The building is located in the new Granite Industrial Park, located off of Julian Road. The builders, Easter Creek Development L.L.C., are based in Welcome, North Carolina and plan to begin construction on a second facility once this building is filled.

## Who we are:

The Rowan County Tourism Development Authority's (RCTDA) primary mission is economic and community development through tourism, destination marketing and destination development. The focus of the RCTDA is to promote the growth and development of the visitor industry throughout Rowan County. The RCTDA operates with an annual budget primarily generated by visitor paid occupancy tax revenue; the RCTDA does not receive local government funding. The RCTDA also manages the Gateway Building, the Rowan Arts Council and the F&M Bank Trolley System.

In 2017, the North Carolina General Assembly approved the restructuring of tourism development in Rowan County. Legislation that was unanimously supported by the Tourism Authority was adopted to eliminate the Salisbury Tourism Authority and consolidated all tourism functions within the Rowan County Tourism Authority. Additionally, the new legislation set a singular and uniform occupancy tax rate in Rowan County.



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## Rowan County Tourism Continues Growth

The economic impact of tourism in Rowan County grew by 4.67% from the previous year, for nine straight years of growth in visitor spending in Rowan County.

Tourism infused over \$174 million dollars in spending into Rowan County and employing over 1,450 people. Since 2008, tourism expenditures in Rowan County have increased by over 55 percent, while both local tourism job growth and wages reached an all-time high. The figure of \$174 million is a record high in tourism revenue for Rowan County.

Local and state government continue to benefit from positive increase in Rowan County tourism; all local tax receipts from tourism related businesses equaled \$5.7 million, an increase of 6.1% from the previous year. Tourism sector jobs in Rowan County increased by 3.3% 1,450 jobs and total wages grew by 9% to \$30.7 million in income.

Current trends point to the potential for continued tourism industry growth in 2019. Tourism revenues generated in Rowan County by overnight visitors were up 14.9% percent in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 as compared to Fiscal Year 2016-2017, posting another record year.

*\*\*\*The visitor spending figures come from an annual study commissioned by Visit North Carolina and are conducted by the U.S. Travel Association. The study uses sales and tax revenue data, employment figures and other industry and economic data to determine the overall impact of visitor spending in North Carolina*



## Key Rowan County Tourism 2018 Highlights:

- The RCTDA invested in more than 17 tourism-related events and groups that generated a direct impact of close to \$11 million and produced approximately 2,700 over night stays.
- Fiscal Year 2018 was a record year for overnight visitation to Rowan County as lodging revenues in Rowan grew by 14.9% in 2018 compared to 2017.
- The North Carolina Transportation Museum hosted a series of signature events including A Day Out With Thomas and the Polar Express, which combined, attracted over 75,000 visitors and generated 1,200 hotel stays in Rowan County.
- A new hotel, the Hilton Home 2 broke ground in 2018 and will open in 2019.
- Agri tourism, breweries and wineries continue to expand and attract new visitors as growth continued in these locations during 2018.
- Rowan County continued to support and host the regional rounds of the Little League World Series for the second year, attracting teams and visitors from across the South east and generating over 300 hotel stays in Rowan County.
- The Rowan County Brand continued to roll out across the County through various agencies, organizations and communities, including but not limited to Rowan County Government, Economic Development, Tourism, Chamber of Commerce, Healthy Rowan, China Grove, Granite Quarry and the Town of Faith.
- Dan Nicholas Park continues to remain the most popular site for visitors to Rowan County and hosted more than 500,000 visitors in 2018 and provided youth activities for more than 23,000.
- Lee Street Theatre provided a record attendance with Scrooge Trolley Tour of 1,800 tickets sold
- Community partners and the Tourism Authority launched Arts & Ag in 2018, a spring through fall celebration of arts and agriculture in Rowan County. The celebration built off of the “Be an Original” brand theme of “Kind of Country, Kind of Cool” and provides visitors and residents alike an opportunity to experience the brand firsthand. 15 events across the county were spotlighted as part of the initiative and focused on highlighting the importance of the growing industry of arts and agriculture in the county.
- As an expansion of the 2018 initiative, Arts & Ag will continue for a second year in 2019 starting in April and running through October. Partnerships with local artisans, agricultural groups and tourism partners will continue to be a strong focus and component.



# PHONE NUMBERS

## LIBRARIES

Main (Salisbury) .....	(704) 216-8228
South Rowan (China Grove) .....	(704) 216-7727
East Branch (Rockwell) .....	(704) 216-7838

## MUNICIPALITIES

City of Kannapolis .....	(704) 920-4300
City of Salisbury .....	(704) 638-5270
Rowan County .....	(704) 216-8100
Town of China Grove .....	(704) 857-2466
Town of Cleveland .....	(704) 278-4777
Town of East Spencer .....	(704) 636-7111
Town of Faith .....	(704) 279-7500
Town of Granite Quarry .....	(704) 279-5596
Town of Landis .....	(704) 857-2411
Town of Rockwell .....	(704) 279-2180
Town of Spencer .....	(704) 633-2231

## KANNAPOLIS CITY SCHOOLS

District Office .....	(704) 938-1131
Jackson Park Elementary .....	(704) 933-2831
Wilson Elementary .....	(704) 933-2935

## ROWAN-SALISBURY SCHOOLS

Administration District Office .....	(704) 630-6102
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### Elementary

Bostian .....	(704) 857-2322
China Grove .....	(704) 857-7708
Enochville .....	(704) 933-2534
Faith .....	(704) 279-3195
Granite Quarry .....	(704) 279-2154
E. Hanford-Dole .....	(704) 639-3046
Hurley .....	(704) 639-3038
H.D. Isenberg .....	(704) 636-3009
Knollwood .....	(704) 857-3400
Koontz .....	(704) 216-0273
Landis .....	(704) 857-3111
Millbridge .....	(704) 855-5591
Morgan .....	(704) 636-0169
Mt. Ulla .....	(704) 278-2750
North Rowan .....	(704) 639-3042
Overton .....	(704) 639-3000
Rockwell .....	(704) 279-3145
Ethan Shive .....	(704) 279-2899
West Rowan .....	(704) 278-2131

### Middle

Erwin .....	(704) 279-7265
China Grove .....	(704) 857-7038
Corriher-Lipe .....	(704) 857-7946
Knox .....	(704) 633-2922
North Rowan .....	(704) 639-3018
Southeast .....	(704) 638-5561
West Rowan .....	(704) 633-4775

### High School

Jesse Carson .....	(704) 855-7297
East Rowan .....	(704) 279-5232
Henderson Independent .....	(704) 639-3134
North Rowan .....	(704) 636-4420
Rowan Early College .....	(704) 216-3873
Salisbury .....	(704) 636-1221
South Rowan .....	(704) 857-1161
West Rowan .....	(704) 278-9233

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### In case of emergency dial 9-1-1

#### Emergency Services

Emergency Management .....	(704) 216-8900
Fire Services .....	(704) 216-8900
Emergency Medical Services .....	(704) 216-8900
Rescue Squad .....	(704) 633-5405

#### Law Enforcement

##### Local

China Grove PD .....	(704) 857-7755
Cleveland PD .....	(704) 278-1900
East Spencer PD .....	(704) 637-1660
Granite Quarry-Faith Joint .....	
Police Authority .....	(704) 279-2952
Kannapolis PD .....	(704) 920-4000
Landis PD .....	(704) 857-2411
Rockwell PD .....	(704) 279-3420
Salisbury PD .....	(704) 638-5333
Sheriff's Office .....	(704) 216-8700
Spencer PD .....	(704) 216-8500

##### State

Alcohol Law Enforcement .....	(919) 662-4500
Attorney General .....	(919) 716-6400
Corrections/Prison .....	(919) 733-2126
Highway Patrol .....	(919) 733-7952
Medicaid Fraud Invest. ....	(919) 881-2320
Private Protective Services/ Alarm Licensing .....	(919) 788-5320
Sheriff's Standards .....	(919) 779-8213
State Bureau of Investigation .....	(919) 662-4500

##### Federal

Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms .....	(704) 716-1800
Drug Enforcement Agency .....	(202) 307-1000
Federal Bureau of Investigation .....	(704) 672-6100
US Marshal .....	(202) 307-9100

## COURT SYSTEM

Clerk of Court .....	(704) 797-3001
District Attorney .....	(704) 797-3010
Magistrate .....	(704) 797-3130
NC Attorney General .....	(919) 716-6400
Probation/Parole .....	(704) 639-7518

## STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Adams, Alma (US House, Dist. 12) .....	(704) 344-9950
Barrett, Dan (NC Senate Dist. 34) .....	(919) 715-0690
Burr, Richard (US Senate-NC) .....	(800) 685-8916
Cooper, Roy (NC Governor) .....	(919) 814-2000
Farm Service Agency .....	(704) 637-1602
Fox, Virginia (US House, NC Dist. 5) .....	(866) 677-8968
Hudson, Richard (US House, NC District 8) .....	(704) 786-1612
DMV Driver's License .....	(704) 633-5873
Employment Security Commission (Joblink) .....	(704) 639-7529
Ford, Carl (NC House District 76) .....	(704) 305-3541
IRS (Winston-Salem) .....	(336) 659-2740
McInnis, Tom (NC Senate District 25) .....	(910) 652-2381
Medicaid .....	(919) 855-4100
Medicare .....	(800) 633-4227
Social Security Administration .....	(877) 405-3157
Tillis, Thom (US Senate-NC) .....	(704) 509-9087

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Fire Departments

#1-Salisbury (E Innes) .....	(704) 638-5351
#2-Salisbury (S Main) .....	(704) 638-5352
#3-Salisbury (W Innes) .....	(704) 638-5353
#4-Salisbury (Statesville Blvd.) .....	(704) 638-5354
#9-Army National Guard .....	(704) 359-5823
#34-Miller Ferry (Bayridge) .....	(704) 637-1286
#35-Cleveland Comm. (Third Creek) ..	(704) 278-4356
#36-Pooletown (Reeves Island) .....	(704) 633-7080
#39-Richfield-Misenheimer .....	(704) 463-7613
#40-Atwell, China Grove .....	(704) 855-3240
#50-Atwell, Kannapolis .....	(704) 934-2375
#41-Bostian Heights .....	(704) 857-0208
#43-China Grove .....	(704) 857-4300
#44-Landis (W. Rice) .....	(704) 855-1269
#45-Cleveland Comm. (Statesville Blvd.) ..	(704) 278-4300
#46-East Gold Hill .....	(704) 279-8662
#47-East Spencer .....	(704) 637-0599
#48-Ellis Cross Country .....	(704) 638-0866
#49-Enochville Fire/Rescue .....	(704) 938-2890
#51-Rockwell Rural (Lowerstone) .....	(704) 279-5100
#54-Faith (Tamerac) .....	(704) 279-4154
#55-Franklin (Hwy 601) .....	(704) 636-8634
#56-Franklin (Statesville Blvd.) .....	(704) 636-8634
#57-Granite Quarry .....	(704) 279-5597
#58-Landis (N. Central) .....	(704) 855-1269
#59-Liberty (St. Matthews) .....	(704) 637-8883
#60-Liberty (Tamerac) .....	(704) 637-8883
#61-Locke (Candlewick) .....	(704) 633-7285
#62-Locke (Briggs) .....	(704) 633-7285
#63-Locke (Grace Church) .....	(704) 855-4882
#64-Miller Ferry (Dukeville) .....	(704) 637-1286
#65-West Rowan (Centenary) .....	(704) 664-2238
#66-West Rowan (Bear Poplar) .....	(704) 278-0120
#67-West Rowan (Mount Ulla) .....	(704) 278-0120
#68-West Rowan (Back Creek) .....	(704) 278-0120
#69-Pooletown (High Rock) .....	(704) 633-7080
#70-Rockwell City .....	(704) 279-2921
#71-Rockwell Rural (Link) .....	(704) 279-2171
#72-Rowan-Iredell .....	(704) 278-0036
#73-Scotch-Irish .....	(704) 278-1273
#74-South Salisbury .....	(704) 637-3873
#75-Spencer .....	(704) 637-6135
#76-Union .....	(704) 633-5876
#77-Woodleaf .....	(704) 278-0077
#79-Mount Mitchell .....	(704) 938-3912
#91-Rowan Rescue (Salisbury) .....	(704) 633-5405
#92-Rowan Rescue (Rockwell) .....	(704) 633-5405
#94-Rowan Rescue (China Grove) .....	(704) 633-5405
Kannapolis .....	(704) 920-4260

## FORESTRY

Forestry .....	(704) 216-8993
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## UTILITIES

Duke Energy .....	(800) 777-9898
Energy United .....	(800) 522-3793
Fibrant .....	(704) 638-5300
Landis Public Power .....	(704) 857-2411
PSNC Energy .....	(877) 776-2427
Piedmont Natural Gas .....	(800) 752-7504
Salisbury-Rowan Utilities (water & sewer) ..	(704) 638-5300
Spectrum (Time Warner) .....	(855) 243-8892
Union Power .....	(704) 289-3145



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**Jim Greene**  
Vice Chairman



**Mike Caskey**  
Commissioner



**Judy Klusman**  
Commissioner



**Craig Pierce**  
Commissioner

The Rowan County Board of Commissioners consists of five (5) members who are elected at large in countywide elections to serve four-year staggered terms. The Board’s main purpose is to maintain fiscal responsibility while providing mandated services as set out in the General Statutes and for additional services as passed on to the County by state and federal governments. The Board is also responsible for setting policies, goals and objectives to direct the County’s growth and development, adopting and providing for ordinances, rules and regulations as necessary for the general welfare of County citizens and other services deemed appropriate and necessary by the Board.

ADMINISTRATION

The Clerk to the Board, County Attorney and County Manager serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners. The County Manager is the chief administrator of county government. He is appointed by the Board of Commissioners and is responsible for the supervision of county operations in accordance with the laws, regulations, policies, direction and guidance the Board of Commissioners authorize. The County Manager, in conjunction with Finance Department staff, is responsible for preparing and submitting the annual budget to the Board, as well as advising the Board on financial matters, services and other issues.

The Clerk to the Board is responsible for keeping the minutes of the Board of Commissioners and the County Ordinance Books, as well as various other county records.

The County Attorney provides legal expertise and services to county staff and departments, and the Board of Commissioners.



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# COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## AIRPORT **Kevin Davis, Director** | (704) 216-7753 | [kevin.davis@rowancountync.gov](mailto:kevin.davis@rowancountync.gov)



Mid-Carolina Regional Airport (RUQ) offers a 5500' X 100' runway, with ILS/RNAV approaches, and a full length taxiway. Located in the heart of the highest populated corridor of the Piedmont region of North Carolina, RUQ's proximity to I-85, I-77 and I-40 offers convenient access to the Charlotte metropolitan area and the Winston-Salem, Greensboro and High Point markets. Low fuel prices, with discounts for volume purchases, make Rowan County the ideal destination. Rental cars are available for transportation. Aircraft maintenance, painting and interiors, and avionics installation services are available on-site. Corporate hangar sites, GA hangar rentals, and tie-down spaces are also available. The airport also offers flight schools, pilot's lounge and office space rental. The FBO is provided by the County, which ensures a professional experience and first class service.

## ANIMAL SERVICES **Bob Pendergrass, Director** | (704) 216-7772 | [bob.pendergrass@rowancountync.gov](mailto:bob.pendergrass@rowancountync.gov)



Animal Services staff provides a variety of public services relative to domestic and wild animals. The department includes Rowan Nature Center, Rowan County Animal Shelter, Veterinary Services, and Animal Enforcement Divisions. Rowan Nature Center provides public wildlife and environmental education programming through live animal exhibits and public program activities, both on-and-off site. The Animal Shelter provides a temporary solution for stray and owner-surrendered animals while working hard with citizen rescue groups and individuals to find new homes for these animals. Veterinary Services provides veterinary support for shelter animals and began in 2017 to provide in house spay/neuter of shelter animals. Animal Enforcement investigates animal cruelty cases, animal bites, stray animals, rabies concerns, and leash law violations.

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS **Nancy Evans, Director** | (704) 216-8140 | [nancy.evans@rowancountync.gov](mailto:nancy.evans@rowancountync.gov)



The Rowan County Board of Elections acquired new voting equipment in August, 2018. We are very thankful to the County Manager and the Board of Commissioners for their continued support and generosity. In December of 2018, Rowan County Board of Elections had 96,434 Registered Voters. Ballots cast in the November 6, 2018 Election were 47,943. (49.96% turnout). Election full-time staff worked 751.75 hours of overtime to complete the 2018 General Election. Part-time employees that work in our office during the election, worked 1,023.25 hours to help complete the 2018 General Election. Beginning with the 2019 Municipal Election, voter ID will be required.

## BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, and PARKS **Don Bringle, Director** | (704) 216-7818 | [don.bringle@rowancountync.gov](mailto:don.bringle@rowancountync.gov)



This is a consolidation of the Facilities Management and Parks and Recreation departments. Buildings, Grounds and Parks staff are responsible for maintaining over 30 county-owned buildings and grounds, five parks, and West End Plaza. These facilities offer a wide array of opportunities for recreation and special events like camping, sports, amusements, environmental education, weddings, banquets, hiking, physical therapy, professional services and much more. This department also includes the Rowan County Senior Games.

## BUILDING INSPECTIONS **Thomas O'Kelly, Director** | (704) 216-8612 | [thomas.o'kelly@rowancountync.gov](mailto:thomas.o'kelly@rowancountync.gov)



Building Inspections enforces the North Carolina State Building Code. The staff ensures safety for county residents by managing inspections, permits and building plan reviews for building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical work, as well as permits for manufactured and modular home builds.

# COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

**Amy-Lynn Albertson, Director** | (704) 216-8970 | [amy-lynn.albertson@rowancountync.gov](mailto:amy-lynn.albertson@rowancountync.gov)



Rowan County Cooperative Extension offers programming in: School to Career, Local Foods, Natural Resources Conservation, and Environmental Sustainability, Community Development, Volunteer Readiness, Healthy Eating, Physical Activity, and Chronic Disease Management; Profitable and Sustainable Agriculture Systems; and Urban and Consumer Agriculture. Rowan County Cooperative Extension staff had over 6,000 face-to-face contacts and 96,000 non face-to-face contacts with Rowan County citizens. Rowan County staff conducted 155 meetings and workshops to address the identified focus areas. Private grants, donations, and user fees totaling over \$20,000 were acquired to assist Extension Programming. Seventy-nine Extension Volunteers contributed 5,200 hours of volunteer service valued at \$130,000 to support Extension Agents with educational programs and serving on advisory committees. In 2018 Cooperative Extension partnered with Rowan County Tourism Development Authority, Rowan County Chamber of Commerce and the Rowan Arts Council to plan and implement a two-day self-guided tour. Twelve farms were on the tour. The farms selected were from the four quadrants of the county and a variety of enterprises. The majority of the farms were not usually open to the public. The tour coordinators paired artists with each farm and volunteers to greet and assist tour participants at each site. Over the two days, 700 people visited at least two farms on the tours.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

**Chris Soliz, Chief** | (704) 216-8920 | [chris.soliz@rowancountync.gov](mailto:chris.soliz@rowancountync.gov)



Emergency Services is comprised of three divisions: Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Fire, and Emergency Management/Homeland Security, each focused on specialized levels of public safety for Rowan County and its municipalities. The department also coordinates emergency activities with the 9-1-1 Telecommunications Center, the Rowan County Rescue Squad, and with other public or private allied agencies providing emergency services within the county.

## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

**Caleb Sinclair, Director** | (704) 216-8589 | [caleb.sinclair@rowancountync.gov](mailto:caleb.sinclair@rowancountync.gov)



Environmental Management administers the solid waste and recycling programs for our county. The landfill facility located at 789 Campbell Road in Woodleaf was one of the first permitted lined landfills in the state and Rowan was one of the first counties to offer recycling services. All solid waste and recycling services are paid through funds generated by landfill tipping fees, which means that costs associated with our solid waste and recycling operations do not impact the taxpayer. It is our privilege at the Rowan County Department of Environmental Management to provide solid waste and recycling solutions for Rowan County.

## FINANCE

**Leslie Heidrick, Director** | (704) 216-8177 | [leslie.heidrick@rowancountync.gov](mailto:leslie.heidrick@rowancountync.gov)



The Finance Department records and reports the financial activities of the county in accordance with local, state and federal ordinances and statutes. Finance also directs the fiscal management system, which includes the receipt, deposit, investment and disbursement of county funds.

## HEALTH

**Nina Oliver, Director** | (704) 216-8871 | [nina.oliver@rowancountync.gov](mailto:nina.oliver@rowancountync.gov)



The Health Department provides quality programs that protect and promote health, prevent and control disease, reduce and rehabilitate disability, and establish and maintain healthy lifestyles in a safe environment. They assess local health needs, develop public health policies, deliver community services, and provide quality primary care medical services to the public. The Environmental Health division is responsible for sanitation inspections, lead investigations, mosquito control, well system permits, and more.

# COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY **Randy Cress, Director** | (704) 216-8116 | [randy.cress@rowancountync.gov](mailto:randy.cress@rowancountync.gov)



The Information Technology (IT) Department is responsible for providing technology services for all county departments and assisting them with the efficient delivery of services to the citizens of Rowan County. IT provides support for hardware, software applications, phone system, audio/video equipment, data management, online services, and technology policy implementation. IT is responsible for ensuring a secure and stable enterprise infrastructure that aligns technology with business strategies. They also provide local and remote technical assistance for over 750 county employees.

## LIBRARY

### **Jeff Hall, Director** (704) 216-8231 | [jeff.hall@rowancountync.gov](mailto:jeff.hall@rowancountync.gov)



Rowan Public Library provides physical and electronic resources for scholarly and leisure reading, research, and personal and professional development. With extensive genealogical resources, and activities for children of all ages, the library has something for every citizen in the county.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

### **Kelly Natoli, Director** (704) 216-8105 | [kelly.natoli@rowancountync.gov](mailto:kelly.natoli@rowancountync.gov)



The Human Resources Department was started on September 1, 1986, with two employees. It 's grown to include specialists, analysts, and office personnel. A Wellness Program has been implemented to assist employees with improving their health and well-being. The department is a proactive and strategic provider of quality professional Human Resource Services for Rowan County Government, including the development and administration of all personnel policies and procedures, employee recruitment and selection, benefits administration, wellness plan, job classification and compensation, employment law compliance, employee training and development, and employee relations.

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT **Ed Muire, Director** | (704) 216-8599 | [ed.muire@rowancountync.gov](mailto:ed.muire@rowancountync.gov)



The Planning and Development Department is responsible for administering the county's land development related ordinances, which include the Flood Damage Prevention, Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances. Nuisance related inspections conducted by the department include abandoned manufactured homes, junked motor vehicles and solid waste complaints. Development and maintenance of the County's Geographic Information System (GIS) is also a function of the department. Through municipal agreements, the department enforces the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance for all Rowan County municipalities, except Kannapolis and Salisbury.

## PRE-TRIAL RELEASE

### **Janet Ruffin, Director** (704) 216-8733 | [janet.ruffin@rowancountync.gov](mailto:janet.ruffin@rowancountync.gov)



The primary purpose of the pre-trial service program is to reduce the overall population of the Rowan County Detention Center and maintain a reasonable population in the Center for the safety and well being of employees and detainees.

## REGISTER OF DEEDS

### **John Brindle, Director** (704) 216-8637 | [jonathan.brindle@rowancountync.gov](mailto:jonathan.brindle@rowancountync.gov)



The office of the Register of Deeds is responsible for all public records recorded in the office including birth and death certificates, real estate and business records, marriage licenses, and notaries. Vital records can be requested online.

## ROWAN TRANSIT SYSTEM **Franklin Barnes, Director** | (704) 216-8889 | [franklin.barnes@rowancountync.gov](mailto:franklin.barnes@rowancountync.gov)



Rowan Transit System (RTS) is a non-emergency public transportation service for Rowan County residents. It provides safe, efficient, and affordable mobility choices for county residents Monday through Friday from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm.

# COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE **Kevin Auten, Sheriff** | (704) 216-8700 | [kevin.auten@rowancountync.gov](mailto:kevin.auten@rowancountync.gov)



The 207 employees of the Sheriff's Office provide professional law enforcement services to the citizens of Rowan County through courthouse security, civil process, operation of the 370 beds in the detention facilities, investigations and community patrol.

## SOCIAL SERVICES **Donna Fayko, Director** | (704) 216-8422 | [donna.fayko@rowancountync.gov](mailto:donna.fayko@rowancountync.gov)



The Department of Social Services provides assistance to children, families and adults, helping them to achieve and gain access to self-sufficiency, safety, stability and health. Department of Social Services is legally responsible for:

- Administering public assistance programs while providing citizens with resources to promote self-reliance and self-sufficiency.
- Investigating reports of child abuse and neglect and, when justified, intervening to provide safety, permanence and well-being.
- Protecting the elderly and disabled adults from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

## SOIL & WATER

**Chris Sloop, Director**  
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The Rowan County Soil & Water Conservation District works with The National Resources Conservation Service to provide citizens of Rowan County with technical and financial assistance which is used to implement good, sound conservation practices.

## TAX ADMINISTRATION

**Kelvin Byrd, Director**  
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Tax Administration lists, assesses, bills and collects all taxable property in Rowan County. This includes real estate, motor vehicles, business and personal property and public utilities.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS **Allen Cress, Director** | (704) 216-8510 | [allen.cress@rowancountync.gov](mailto:allen.cress@rowancountync.gov)



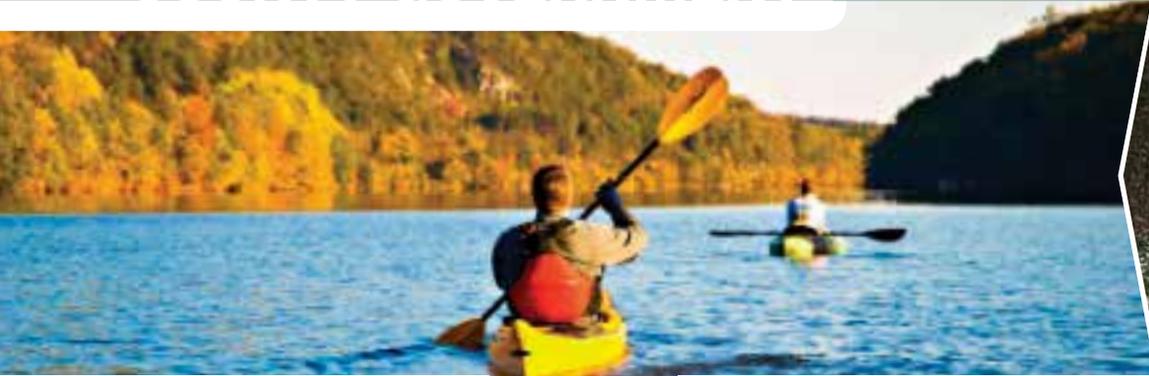
Telecommunications handles routine and 9-1-1 emergency calls for all of Rowan County. Telecommunications dispatches ten law enforcement agencies, twenty nine fire departments with 40 stations, eight EMS stations, the Rowan County Rescue Squad and local government agencies across Rowan County. Telecommunications utilizes protocols set forth by The International Academies of Emergency Dispatching, providing post dispatch and pre-arrival instructions such as CPR to the citizens of our county.

## VETERANS SERVICES **Justan E. Mounts, Director** | (704) 216-8139 | [justan.mounts@rowancountync.gov](mailto:justan.mounts@rowancountync.gov)



Veterans Services provides direct services to military veterans and their dependents in all facets of veterans' benefits, including assistance filing compensation, pension and medical care applications, and accessing benefits for education, mortgage loans, life insurance, and burials. All services provided by Rowan County Veterans Services Office are free of charge.

# COUNTY GOVERNMENT



## COUNTY GOVERNMENT SERVES YOU

The County has more than 1,000 part- & full-time employees total, spread across 24 departments. Below is a quick look at a few of our departments and the citizens they serve.

### 1. CULTURE, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Libraries
- Parks & Recreation
- Cooperative Extension
- Soil and Water Conservation

### 2. EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Emergency Management
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire Marshal
- 911 / Telecommunications

### 3. GROWTH MANAGEMENT

- Planning & Development
- Building Inspections

### 4. HUMAN SERVICES

- Public Health
- Social Services
- Rowan Transit System
- Veterans Services

### 5. PUBLIC SAFETY

- Sheriff's Office
- Law Enforcement

### 6. PUBLIC WORKS

- Solid Waste / Landfill
- Recycling Centers

**AIRPORT**  
**52,000** Number of aircraft operations that took place last year

**ANIMAL SERVICES**  
**5,527** Total number of cats and dogs came through the Rowan County Animal Shelter in 2018, of which 2,416 were dogs and 3,111 were cats. 326 dogs were returned to their owner and 40 cats were returned to their owner. All of the adoptable dogs and cats (for the first time ever) that were not returned to their owner were adopted.

**BUILDING INSPECTIONS**  
**7,721** Number of permits issued fiscal year 17/18

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**  
**5,200** Number of hours worked by Cooperative Extension volunteers.

**ELECTIONS**  
**47,943** Total number of registered voters in the 2018 Municipal elections.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**  
**28** Number of significant events the Emergency Management Division handled, including hazardous materials leaks, aircraft crashes, flooding, winter storms, major fires, and missing persons.

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**  
**4.5** Pounds of garbage each Rowan County resident disposes of daily.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**  
**3.8M** The number of unique pageviews our website received in FY 18.

**LIBRARY**  
**469,712** Number of books, DVDs, and books on CD circulated to our 99,541 registered users last year.

**PARKS & REC**  
**600,000+** Number of visitors to our parks annually.

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**  
**536** Number of permits issued for new residential homes.

**PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**9,350** Number of client visits to the nursing program during the 2018 calendar year.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**  
**May 7, 2018** Date our office is a Certified Passport Acceptance Facility. We will accept your completed application for a new passport and forward it to the Passport Services section of the U.S. Department of State for an issuance determination. The Register of Deeds has passport forms available and will also be able to take your official passport photo. Thank-A-Vet cards have been issued since the program's 2016 inception with nearly 500 newly registered DD-214s.

**ROWAN TRANSIT**  
**92,752** Total passenger trips for all modes in our 28 Vehicles.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**47,679** Number of individuals served through public assistance

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**  
**198,012** calls were dispatched to EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement and Rescue.

**VETERANS SERVICES**  
**4,044** Number of veterans served during FY 17-18.

## ROWAN COUNTY DAILY CALL VOLUME STATISTICS

EMS	20,761
FIRE	23,350
RESCUE	1,307
HAZMAT	75

# SOLID WASTE



## CONVENIENCE/RECYCLING SITES

Rowan County is committed to providing sustainable recycling opportunities for our citizens by virtue of our successful recycling program. While recycling has become more challenging than ever in North Carolina, our local program has positioned itself to continue to offer recycling options for our citizens. Rowan County has made a commitment to update select Solid Waste and Recycling Centers in an effort to keep pace with our growing community.

During 2018 the Rowan County Dept. of Environmental Management diverted approximately six million pounds of materials from being landfilled through our recycling efforts. In addition, we have launched our Litter Mitigation Program in an effort to help support a cleaner, greener Rowan County landscape.

### Rock Grove

255 Rock Grove Church Road, Rockwell, NC  
**(704) 855-1780** Hours: M, F, Sat: 7:00-7:00

### Julian Road

1455 Julian Road, Salisbury, NC  
**(704) 637-5781** Hours: M-Sat: 7:00-7:00

### Dunn's Mtn.

1735 Dunn's Mtn. Road, Salisbury, NC  
**(704) 637-7399** Hours: M, F, Sat: 7:00-7:00

### Providence

1985 Providence Church Road., Salisbury, NC  
**(704) 636-1798** Hours: M: 7:00-7:00

### Campbell Road

665 Campbell Road, Woodleaf, NC  
**(704) 278-3006** Hours: M, F, Sat: 7:00-7:00

### Goodnight Road

3282 Goodnight Road, Salisbury, NC  
**(704) 637-2115** Hours: M, F, Sat: 7:00-7:00

### Liberty

8835 Stokes Ferry Road, Salisbury, NC  
**(704) 637-2745** Hours: F, Sat: 7:00-7:00

### ROWAN COUNTY LANDFILL

789 Campbell Road  
Woodleaf, NC  
(704) 278-2211  
HOURS: M-F: 7:30-4:00 Sat: 8:00-2:00

### RECYCLING PROCESSING CENTER

1102 N. Long Street  
East Spencer, NC  
(704) 638-3045  
HOURS: M-F: 7:00-3:30

Landfills are self-supporting and  
DO NOT operate from taxes

Empty seed bags can be returned to vendors  
for reuse or recycling

### CONTROL LITTER BY COVERING AND SECURING LOADS!

Rowan County accepts televisions for recycling FREE at the Long Street  
facility ONLY M-F 7:00-3:30





**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

CONGRATULATIONS



**Rowan-Salisbury Schools**

K-12

18,800 Students

3,000 Staff

34 Schools

6 Traditional High Schools

1 Early College

1 Alternative School

7 Middle Schools

19 Elementary Schools

Horizons Unlimited

**Kannapolis City Schools**

K-12

**Rowan-Cabarrus Community College**



**City of Refuge Christian** (K-12)

**Grace Academy** (K-5)

**North Hills Christian School** (K-12)

**Rockwell Christian School** (K-12)

**Sacred Heart Catholic School** (K-8)

**Salisbury Academy** (K-8)

**Catawba College**

1325 Students



**Livingstone College**

1150 Students



**Hood Theological Seminary**

137 Students



**2018-2019**

**RSS Principal of the Year**

KELLY WITHERS

*South Rowan High School*

**2018-2019**

**RSS Teacher of the Year**

ZACHARY OVERCASH

*Jessie Carson High School*



**College Presidents**

Brien Lewis, Catawba College | Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins, Livingstone College | Dr. Carol S. Spalding, RCCC | Vergel L. Lattimore, Hood Theological Seminary

**Over the past four years,**  
our annual amount of scholarships awarded  
has increased from approximately  
**\$9.5 MILLION to**  
**\$26 MILLION**

Rowan-Salisbury Schools provides extraordinary education every day for more than **18,800 STUDENTS** in **34 SCHOOLS**. We set our high schoolers up for success by offering high school choice academies in the areas of:

- Agriculture & Farm-to-Table
- Business, Marketing and Finance
  - Communications
  - Health Sciences
- Fine and Performing Arts
  - JROTC
- STEM & Advanced Manufacturing
- Early College – in partnership with Rowan-Cabarrus Community College

**Our Goal is to Give Every Child a Personalized and Extraordinary Learning Experience.**

At Rowan-Salisbury Schools, we are very excited about our community and all that we have to offer our citizens to make this a wonderful place to work, raise a family, play, and of course, educate children.

Our goal is to give every child a personalized and extraordinary learning experience. Instruction in our classrooms guides students to be successful by learning to become critical thinkers and problem solvers. We are recognized across the country for our innovative approaches to teaching and learning. We are ranked in the “Top 10” nationally for pioneering uses of technology, and we have received state and national recognitions for innovation and excellence in educational programs.

We build on a strong foundation focused on literacy that leads our students into discovering and achieving their personal life goals. Our students are guided through a CCRP learning model where instruction is Connected, Collaborative, Relevant, and Personal.



# EDUCATION



## ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Seated L to R: Alisha Byrd-Clark, Susan Cox, Vice-Chair, Jean Kennedy  
Standing L to R: Travis Allen, Josh Wagner, Chair, Dean Hunter, Kevin Jones**

The Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month. The Open Work Session begins at 1:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. The Open Business Meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Closed Session after the business meeting on the fourth Monday of each month.

The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend all open meetings of the Board of Education. The public is encouraged to speak at the Board of Education business meetings. Communications to the Board will be heard at 6:00 pm. Those wishing to speak must sign up prior to 6:00 pm. Please refer questions to the Board Clerk, Patty Overcash, at 704-630-6102.

The Board of Education may meet in special sessions upon the call of the Chairman or of the Secretary as often as the school business of the administrative unit may require.



# CULTURE & RECREATION

**ROWAN COUNTY** has three theaters in downtown Salisbury, a nationally accredited art gallery, a symphony orchestra, and a revered outdoor sculpture show. The county boasts eleven National Register and five Local Historic districts, a great history museum, the NC Transportation Museum, three house museums and a meticulously restored depot which has been featured at the Smithsonian and in well-known movies. Rowan County has a rich diverse cultural heritage which can be discovered by taking one of the many self-guided tours that take in these wonderful sites.

**SALISBURY SCULPTURE SHOW** This annual outdoor sculpture show features large outdoor sculptures from artists around the country. Each piece is displayed throughout downtown Salisbury and on the local college campuses.

**THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE TOUR** offers a lengthy tour of the key African American historic sites which include the Livingstone College and Union Hill area, Gilliam Family Farm, the White Rock Community of Granite Quarry, Village of Gold Hill and the NC Transportation Museum of Spencer.

**THE SALISBURY HERITAGE WALKING TOUR** features an original walk into history in downtown Salisbury's West Square Historic District. The Salisbury History & Art celebrates the city's rich and diverse history. This unique walking tour is organized into five eras significant to Salisbury's history along a trail of marker's that highlights history and art.

**THE RCCVB** manages the Gateway Building, the Rowan Arts Council and the F&M Trolley System. The Rowan Arts Council serves to promote and sustain one of Rowan County's most vital resources – the visual and performing arts. The F&M Trolley System is an enterprise operation with two motorized trolleys which are rented for tours, groups, events and other group transportation needs. The Gateway Building houses the RCCVB, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Commission, the LandTrust for Central North Carolina and Communities in Schools.

## ROWAN ARTS COUNCIL

The Vision of the Rowan Arts Council is to bring appreciation, enjoyment and awareness of the arts to the community, while establishing Salisbury and Rowan County as a regional resource for arts, education, and culture.

- Advocate arts in education
- Advocate multi-cultural arts
- Promote artistic development of individuals and organizations
- Build sustainable relationships and partnerships among the artists and arts organizations in the county
- Serve as a networking and information resource for the arts
- Provide information resources for citizens and artists
- Offer calendar of ongoing arts and cultural events online
- Oversee and distribute Grassroots Grants Program funds to local arts and cultural organizations
- Provide grant writing assistance
- Oversee the regional artists grant program
- Provide art programming to the citizens of Rowan County



# CULTURE & RECREATION



## CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL

As of July 2015, Rowan County became the 15th county to join a network of over 220 miles of public greenways, trails and blueways known as the Carolina Thread Trail. This network of trails cover North and South Carolina. Visit [www.carolinathreadtrail.org](http://www.carolinathreadtrail.org) for more information.

## DAN NICHOLAS PARK

Dan Nicholas Park was established in 1968 with 330 acres of land donated by Mr. Dan Nicholas, a local entrepreneur and philanthropist. The park offers year-round camping with 68 water/power hook-ups, 6 cabins, 17 shelters equipped with picnic tables and grills, gem mining/gem cutting services, Hurley Train Station, Haden's Carousel, paddle boats, mini golf, a splash pad, playgrounds, and concessions. The park is also home to Rowan Wild, which includes the Nature Center, Cheerwine Aquarium, Stanback Barnyard, and outdoor wildlife exhibits. In addition to these attractions, the park offers nature trails, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, Scout Camps, an outdoor theater, soccer fields, baseball fields, and six pickleball courts.

## DUNN'S MOUNTAIN PARK

Dunn's Mountain was officially dedicated and opened to the public on November 29, 2006. It includes 83 acres of land protected under a Conservation Easement with the Land Trust for Central North Carolina. It is home to events such as Music on the Mountain, held annually in October. Transportation to the top of the mountain is available Saturdays and Sundays during operating hours.

## EAGLE POINT NATURE PRESERVE

Eagle Point officially opened on June 16, 2001, and includes 100 acres of deeded land featuring fauna, flora and animal habitats, more than 3 miles of self-guided trails with overlooks, hiking/biking trails, and high water canoe access to High Rock Lake. Home of future TRACK Trail for children.

## ELLIS PARK

Ellis Park offers 26 acres of recreational activities including ball fields, 18-hole disc golf, lighted tennis courts, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, bocce courts, game room, two picnic shelters, a children's playground, and an all-inclusive playground funded by the County and a PARTF grant. The park also features an Event Center with a riding arena, judges tower, restrooms, and concession stand with a 1.5 mile walking trail that connects the two facilities. The old Ellis School House is home to a game room, ceramics workshop, and large dining room with fully equipped kitchen and shelters. Therapeutic Recreation and Salisbury/Rowan Senior Games & SilverArts programs are based at Ellis Park.

## HIGH ROCK LAKE

High water canoe access

## SLOAN PARK

Sloan Park offers 100 acres of green space, 3 miles of trails, 5 picnic shelters, volleyball courts, a softball diamond, playground, and historic gristmill. Special features include the Henry W. Culp, Jr. Famous and Historic Tree Trail; the Sloan Nature Trail; the Crawdad Trail along the banks of Fred's Pond (complete with a covered bridge); Don's Gazebo, situated in the Alice Stanback Monument Forest; and Kerr Mill, an 1823 grist mill that houses a museum of Early Americana. A new farmstead museum is complete and currently planning events. An 18-hole disc golf course is now open.





## SALISBURY/ROWAN SENIOR GAMES & SILVERARTS

As a part of the Rowan County Parks & Recreation Department, Salisbury/Rowan Senior Games & SilverArts promotes good health, education, and fellowship among Rowan County adults ages 50+. Since beginning in 1983, the program has grown to more than 700 seniors and gets better each year. A total of 832 senior participants represented Rowan County in 2017, making Rowan County's program the largest in the state.

Programs offered include:

**For more information, contact:**

Savannah Daniel

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Silver Arts  
Heritage Arts  
Literary Arts  
Performing Arts  
Visual Arts



*Be an original.*

### Sports/Senior Games

- Softball
- Basketball
- Discus
- Pickleball
- Shot Put
- Long Jump
- Field
- Bowling|Croquet
- Bocce
- Tennis
- Table Tennis
- Golf
- Mini-Golf
- Archery
- Racquetball
- Cornhole
- Swimming
- Shuffleboard
- Football
- Spin Casting
- Billiards
- Horseshoes
- Badminton
- Cycling
- Bridge Tournament

## RUFTY-HOLMES SENIOR CENTER

Rufty-Holmes Senior Center is a non-profit, multi-site, United Way agency that provides older adults the opportunity to participate in life-enriching activities that assist in extending independent living and awareness of community resources. For more information visit [www.ruftyholmes.org](http://www.ruftyholmes.org) or call 704-216-7714.

### Programs Offered:

- Seminars
- Activities: Arts, Exercise, Club Meetings, Luncheons, Games
- Support Groups
- Entertainment
- Technology
- Transportation



**The Henry E. Rufty - Haden C. Holmes  
Senior Center**

*"Adding Life to Years"*

Health & Wellness, Lifelong Learning, Civic & Social Engagement

# PROTECTING CHILDREN

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### TOTAL AMOUNT OF BENEFITS ISSUED

Medicaid .....	\$195,260,327
Food and Nutrition .....	\$30,607,777
Child Support Collections .....	\$10,356,109
Day Care (Adult and Child) .....	\$3,144,676
Foster Care/Adoptive Assistance/LINKS .....	\$3,415,205
Special Assistance and In Home Aide .....	\$1,672,394
Energy and Crisis .....	\$1,060,524
Work First .....	\$524,048
Medicaid Transportation.....	\$1,074,511
Community Sponsored Programs.....	\$54,058
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$247,169,629</b>

### COSTS FOR ADMINISTERING PROGRAMS

Federal .....	\$8,435,229
State .....	\$646,2849
County .....	\$6,643,0272
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,724,540</b>

It is the policy of NC Department of Health and Human Services to provide services, care, benefits, and assistance to all qualified persons without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, or political beliefs.

## STEPS TO BECOMING A FOSTER PARENT

1. Be between the ages of 21 to 65 years old, married or single.
2. Have adequate income to meet your family's financial needs.
3. Have a clear criminal background check, with no prior history of Child Protective Services involvement.
4. Pass a home inspection by the County Fire Marshal and DSS social worker.
5. Pass a physical exam from your physician along with a TB test.
6. TIPS-MAPP (Trauma Informed Partnering for Safety and Permanence-Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting.)

## Questions & Answers

### Q: WHAT ARE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES?

**A:** Child Welfare Services focus on making sure that children are safe. This includes activities such as investigations, in-home services, foster care and adoption.

### Q: WHO HAS THIS RESPONSIBILITY IN ROWAN COUNTY?

**A:** The Rowan County Department of Social Services has the legal authority to protect children in Rowan County. This legal authority is defined in the North Carolina General Statutes.



# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## IN 2018, ROWAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

- Celebrated our 100 year anniversary of preventing, promoting and protecting health in Rowan County
- Provided specialized dental care for more than 3,200 children in our Smile Center, received a Delta Dental grant and began seeing prenatal patients, and received a Rural Communities Health Grant from the state to initiate a mobile dental project at the schools
- Provided more than 9,350 clinical services to patients who had health care needs in our Family Health, Prenatal, and Immunization clinics
- Provided nutritional assistance to over 10,900 individuals and handed out more than 1,500 ApSeed Early Childhood Education computers via our Women, Infants & Children (WIC) program
- Provided 19 Community Health Outreach presentations to students and adults, including topics of tobacco, nutrition, and physical activity
- Hosted the 2nd Rowan County Leadership Forum on Opioids
- Distributed 49 Narcan rescue kits to the community
- Had more than 1,200 pounds of drugs collected from 13 take back boxes located around the county, and participated in 3 drug take back collection events
- Participated in Farmer's Day and presented information on opioid use in Rowan County, provided an interactive game to challenge players to distinguish between candy and drugs. In collaboration with YSUP, we surveyed 100 citizens regarding teenage drinking, and handed out drug lock boxes to all who took the quick survey
- Collaborated with United Way, Novant Health and Healthy Rowan to complete our 2018 Community Health Assessment which identified Substance Use and Healthy Lifestyles as two health priorities to be addressed by our Community Health Action Plans
- Placed billboards in the area promoting local farmers market, highlighting the negative health effects of smoking on children, and encouraging people to get rid of their unused drugs
- Co-sponsored the "Yum-Yum" bus which provided free summer meals to kids in our parking lot
- Our 4th Annual Community Health Fair Extravaganza provided free dental, BMI, A1C and Lipid screenings, as well as healthy information from more than 15 local agencies hosted our 5th Annual Public Health Week celebration with a kickoff "Walk in the Park" to promote Healthy Activity & Fitness, and included Mental Health Fair, Public Health Nursing, WIC Nutritional and Dental Health Days



## ROWAN COUNTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Rowan County Emergency Services is an "all-hazards" Department focused on fulfilling its responsibility for efficient resource utilization and disaster preparation. It is comprised of an Emergency Management Division, Fire Division, and Emergency Medical Services Division. Daily response and support is provided to the community in addition to ensuring comprehensive emergency management plans meet community need. The Department has forged relationships throughout the community that enable it to lead multiple agencies through all types and sizes of disaster response. Rowan County Emergency Services' Vision is to establish a culture of resilience and personal responsibility through inclusive collaborative partnerships that provide programs and resources for all residents.

# FREQUENTLY CALLED

American Red Cross .....	(704) 633-3854
Better Business Bureau .....	(800) 777-8348
Carolinas Medical Center-Northeast .....	(800) 575-1275
Clerk of Court .....	(704) 797-3001
Communities in Schools .....	(704) 797-0210
Convention & Visitors Bureau .....	(704) 638-3100
Cooperative Christian Ministry (Kannapolis)..	(704) 786-4709
Family Crisis Council .....	(704) 636-4718
Habitat for Humanity .....	(704) 642-6292
Hefner VA Medical Center .....	(704) 638-9000
Humane Society of Rowan County.....	(704) 636-5700
Landfill .....	(704) 278-2211
Main Street Mission (China Grove) .....	(704) 855-2909
Meals on Wheels of Rowan County .....	(704) 633-0352
Novant Health Rowan Medical Center.....	(704) 210-5000
Recycling .....	(704) 216-8589
Rowan Arts Council .....	(704) 638-3100
Rowan County Chamber of Commerce.....	(704) 633-4221
Rowan County Housing Authority.....	(704) 633-8380
Rowan Helping Ministries .....	(704) 637-6838
Rowan Literacy Council .....	(704) 216-8266
Rowan United Way .....	(704) 633-1802
RowanWorks Economic Development.....	(704) 637-5526
Rufty Holmes Senior Center.....	(704) 216-8330
Smart Start Rowan .....	(704) 630-9085
The Salvation Army of Rowan County.....	(704) 636-6491
YMCA of Rowan County.....	(704) 216-9622

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Ambulance Billing and Collections.....	(704) 216-8160
Animal Services .....	(704) 216-7768
Airport (RUQ) .....	(704) 216-7748
Board of Elections.....	(704) 216-8140
Building Inspections .....	(704) 216-8619
Buildings, Grounds & Parks.....	(704) 216-7800
Cooperative Extension.....	(704) 216-8970
County Manager .....	(704) 216-8180
Detention Center.....	(704) 216-8770
Emergency Services.....	(704) 216-8900
Environmental Health .....	(704) 216-8525
Environmental Management.....	(704) 216-8589
Finance .....	(704) 216-8170
Health .....	(704) 216-8777
Human Resources.....	(704) 216-8100
Information Technology.....	(704) 216-8114
Planning and Development.....	(704) 216-8588
Register of Deeds .....	(704) 216-8626
Rowan Public Library.....	(704) 216-8228
Rowan Transit .....	(704) 216-8888
Sheriff's Office .....	(704) 216-8700
Social Services .....	(704) 216-8330
Soil & Water Conservation .....	(704) 216-8999
Tax Administration .....	(704) 216-8558
Telecommunications .....	(704) 216-8500
Veterans Services .....	(704) 216-8138

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Animal Shelter



Cooperative Extension



Dan Nicholas Park



Emergency Services



Library



Library Youth



Rowan Wild



Senior Games & Silver Arts



Sheriff's Office - Child Support Enforcement



Sheriff's Office



Telecommunications

