

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 24, 2014 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 14

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COMMISSIONER WILLIAM HEATH (BILL) WHITEHEART

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

See attached

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: November 20, 2014
COUNTY MANAGER

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
COMMISSIONER WILLIAM HEATH (BILL) WHITEHEART**

WHEREAS, William (Bill) Whiteheart, who graduated from R. J. Reynolds High School, East Carolina University and the University of Tennessee, became a small business owner and operator in advertising, equipment sales and leasing, and farming and was initially elected to serve on the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners in December, 2004 and re-elected to serve in December, 2010; and

WHEREAS, following his election, Commissioner Whiteheart quickly became involved in the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) in which he served as a member of the Board of Directors, as a District Director, and on the Finance Committee; he also became a member of the National Association of Counties (NACo) and served on its Transportation Steering Committee and was recently named Chair of the Airport Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, because of his love for flying, Mr. Whiteheart, a licensed pilot, has provided service in various capacities to the Airport Commission of Forsyth County since 1994 and he co-founded the Winston-Salem Air Show, an event enjoyed by thousands in this community every year; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Whiteheart has been an active member of and served on executive committees within the Republican Party at the local, State and national levels; and

WHEREAS, as a recognized small business owner, Mr. Whiteheart is a charter member and past President of the North Carolina Delegation for Small Business and has served on the Conference Steering Committee and as a delegate to the North Carolina Governor's Conference on Small Business (1997), and was selected as a North Carolina Delegate to the Congressional Small Business Summit in 2000, 2002 & 2004, and the Whitehouse Conference on Small Business as a State and National Delegate (1996); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whiteheart has been recognized and honored for his business acumen as the 2006 recipient of the Small Business in North Carolina, and as North Carolina's Small Business Champion of the Year by the National Federation of Independent Business among more than fifteen thousand members; and

WHEREAS, as an advertising professional, Bill Whiteheart is co-founder of the Outdoor Advertising Association of North Carolina and served as past President of the North Carolina Outdoor Advertising Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whiteheart has been involved in many humanitarian efforts including service to Habitat for Humanity, the Forsyth County Law Enforcement Memorial Committee, the Mental Health Association of Forsyth County, Inc., the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Teacher of the Year Selection Committee, and served the Lewisville Civic Club as past member, Treasurer and President; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as a County Commissioner, Mr. Whiteheart has also served on the Emergency Management Advisory Council, the Board of the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART), the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Transportation Advisory Committee, the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and the Forsyth County Audit Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whiteheart was recently appointed by Governor Pat McCrory as a member of the North Carolina Aviation Development Task Force for the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whiteheart is a life member of the N.C. Cattleman's Association and a member of Centenary United Methodist Church;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes, honors, and thanks Commissioner William Heath (Bill) Whiteheart for his dedicated service as County Commissioner to the citizens of Forsyth County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution Recognizing The Accomplishments Of Commissioner William Heath (Bill) Whiteheart shall be entered in the Minutes of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this 24th day of November 2014.