

PERCIPIENT STRATEGIES RESEARCH DOSSIER

MARK SPEED

(NORTH CAROLINA STATE SENATE: SD-11)

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EXECUTIVE SYNOPSIS

DOSSIER NOTES

In preparing this background report, we undertook an examination of all readily available and relevant electronic and online records, several hundred Nexis and news articles, dozens of active and archived web pages, and several dozen public records from Nexis and the resources of various federal, state, and municipal government offices. The results of our analysis are contained below.

Typographical Note: There are a number of articles quoted in this report that contain typographical errors. These are from the original text of the article and have not been corrected when being quoted directly.

MAIN VULNERABILITIES

Fiscally Irresponsible Governance And Notable Policy Positions

A review of Speed's tenure on the Franklin County Commission has revealed a record of fiscal irresponsibility.

Most notably, during Speed's tenure on the Commission, the size of government has grown considerably. Speed has served as a rubberstamp for the annual county budget which has seen annual spending increase by millions of dollars a year.

Speed has sought to keep pace with the county's spending by backing budgets that increase the local garbage fee. Speed has also voted to implement brand new fees for parks and recreation usage.

The FY 2020-2021 budget, which Speed supported, is most troublesome. The FY 2020-2021 budget appears to have reduced funding for public safety and education yet was reported to have provided a pay raise for the county's bureaucrats.

Additionally, Speed has supported a resolution calling for North Carolina to expand Medicaid.

Notably, Speed's own political party may find it distasteful how colorfully Speed has defended the second amendment on social media.

TOP HITS

Political

Compensation

- Since being appointed in June 2017, Speed has received an aggregate of \$128,780.03 in taxpayer-funded compensation.
 - Between 2018 and 2020, Speed received an increase in compensation of more than \$2,500.

Voting

- Speed failed to vote in the 2016 Democratic Party primary election.

Farm Subsidies

- Between 1995 and 2020, Speed has received an aggregate of \$3,005 in USDA farm subsidies.

Criminal

Concealed Handgun Permit Violation

- In January 2013, Speed was charged with a concealed handgun permit violation.
 - In July 2013, the charge was dismissed by the district attorney.

Fiscal Governance

- During Speed's tenure on the Franklin County Commission, the size of county government has ballooned:
 - Speed has served as a rubberstamp for every budget put forth for Franklin County.
 - During Speed's tenure serving on the Franklin County Commission, the county's budget increased general fund appropriations by 21 percent (millions of dollars).
- Multiple Speed-backed budgets have increased fees (solid waste availability fee).
- Speed voted to implement new fees for parks and recreation
- The Speed-backed FY 2021-22 budget increased water and sewer rates.
- The Speed-backed FY 2020-21 budget reduced funding for public safety and education.
- The Speed-backed FY 2020-21 budget appears to have provided a taxpayer funded pay raise for county bureaucrats.

Policy Vulnerabilities

- Speed has indicated support for Medicaid expansion.

- Notably, despite being a democrat, Speed has indicated pro-second amendment views.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION**PERSONAL INFORMATION: MARK SPEED**

Full Name: James Marshburn Speed

DOB: December 26, 1966 (55)

Social Security: 246-02-XXXX

Home Address: 626 Laurel Mill Road
Louisburg, NC 27549
Franklin County
(1994-Pres.)

Additional Land: Gold Sand Road
Louisburg, NC 27549
Franklin County
(2003-Pres.)

Additional Land: Person Road
Louisburg, NC 27549
Franklin County
(Unk.-Pres.)

Marital Status: Married

Spouse: Camille Gupton Speed (née Duke)
DOB: November 24, 1969 (52)

Children: Unk.

Voter Registration: Registered Democrat – Franklin County, North Carolina

Education: N/A

Employment: 2017 – Pres. Commissioner, Franklin County Commission, District 3
2003 – Pres. Owner, Speed of Sound DJ Service
Unk. – Pres. Receiver, Tractor Supply Co.
Unk. – Unk. Landscaper, Posts Nursery

Associations: Member, Red Bud Baptist Church

Business Interest: N/A



Military Service: N/A

Election Results: 2020 Franklin County Commission, District 3 (General, Won)

Web Sites: <https://www.electmarkspeed.com/>
<https://ballotpedia.org/>
<https://business.franklin-chamber.org/>
<https://www.franklincountync.gov/>

Social Media: [Facebook](#) (Personal)
[Facebook](#) (Campaign)
[Twitter](#) (Campaign)

Email: JAMES.SPEED@GMAIL.COM

Phone: (919) 853-3528

ELECTION RESULTS

Mark Speed has been serving as the District 3 Commissioner for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners since being appointed to the seat in 2017. Speed was re-elected in 2020.

2020 General Election, Franklin County Commission, District 3

General Election Results (November 3, 2020)

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Mark Speed	DEM	3,120
Jeremy Neal	REP	2,662

(Official Election Results, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), 11/3/20)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Thus far Mark Speed has received an aggregate of \$3,923.76 in total contributions for his campaign for the North Carolina State Senate for District 11. Speed has personally contributed \$816.18 to his campaign and transferred nearly \$2,000 from his past county commission committee. Speed has not yet reported any disbursements.

Individually, Speed has contributed an aggregate of \$7,651 to campaign committees in the state of North Carolina. Speed contributed more than \$1,500 to the Franklin County Democratic Committee and \$1,400 to Governor Roy Cooper. Speed has additionally contributed to various Democratic candidates and committees throughout the state. Speed has never contributed to a federal campaign committee.

Elect Mark Speed For State Senate (2022)

Notable Contributions

Thus Far, Mark Speed Has Received An Aggregate Of \$3,923.76 In Total Contributions For His Campaign For The North Carolina State Senate. (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)

- **In 2021, Speed Transferred \$1,939.58 From His County Commission Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
 - **In 2021, Speed Contributed \$816.18 To His Own Campaign.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **In 2021, Speed Received \$500 To James Moss From Youngsville, North Carolina.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **In 2021, Speed Received \$250 To Cheryl Ellington From Henderson, North Carolina.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **In 2021, Speed Received \$200 From Lucy Allen From Louisburg, North Carolina.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)

Notable Expenditures

NOTE: Speed has not yet reported any disbursements.

Individual Contributions**Federal Election Commission**

NOTE: Speed has never contributed to a federal campaign committee.

North Carolina State Board of Elections

According To The North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Speed Has Contributed An Aggregate Of \$7,651 To Campaign Committees In The State Of North Carolina. (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)

- **Between 2005 And 2021, Speed Contributed \$1,566 To The Franklin County Democratic Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **Between 2004 And 2016, Speed Contributed \$1,400 To Cooper For North Carolina.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **Between 1993 And 1994, Speed Contributed \$750 To Dem Legislative Campaign Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **Between 1996 And 2002, Speed Contributed \$600 To Fountain Odom For NC Senate.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **In 2010, Speed Contributed \$500 To Schriver For NC Senate.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **Between 2004 And 2008, Speed Contributed \$400 To Lucy T. Allen For NC House.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **Between 1991 And 1992, Speed Contributed \$400 To Daniel T. Blue Jr.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **Between 2007 And 2008, Speed Contributed \$300 To The Richard Moore Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **Between 1994 And 2011, Speed Contributed \$275 To The NC Democratic Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **In 1992, Speed Contributed \$200 To Friends Of Henson P. Barnes.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **In 1996, Speed Contributed \$200 To Citizens For Jim Hunt.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **Between 2008 And 2010, Speed Contributed \$200 To Doug Berger For NC Senate.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)

- **In 2020, Speed Contributed \$150 To Elect Dr. Phil Stover.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **In 1992, Speed Contributed \$150 To His Father's Campaign.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **In 2008, Speed Contributed \$100 To The Bev Purdue Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **In 2010, Speed Contributed \$100 To John May For NC House.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **In 2020, Speed Contributed \$100 To Sarah For NC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **In 2008, Speed Contributed \$100 To Steve Troxler For NC Commissioner Of Agriculture.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)
- **In 2000, Speed Contributed \$100 To Swindell For Senate Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 5/2/22)

VOTING RECORDS

Mark Speed has been an actively registered Democratic Party voter in Franklin County, North Carolina since September 25, 1986. Since 1992, Speed has failed to vote in at least four elections, including notably the 2016 Democratic Party primary election. (Note: Voting history prior to 1992 is no longer available per record retention schedule).

Franklin County, NC

According To The North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Speed Has Been An Actively Registered Democratic Party Voter In Franklin County, North Carolina Since September 25, 1986. ([North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

JAMES MARSHBURN SPEED
626 LAUREL MILL-CENTERVILLE RD
LOUISBURG, NC 27549

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YOUR VOTER DETAILS

County:	FRANKLIN
Status:	ACTIVE
Voter Reg Num:	00000003155
NCID:	BP4248
Party:	DEM
Race:	WHITE
Ethnicity:	NOT HISPANIC or NOT LATINO
Gender:	MALE
Registration Date:	09/25/1986
NCDMV Customer:	No

([North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

Since 1992, Speed Has Failed To Vote In At Least Four Elections: The 1992, 2014, And 2016 Primary Elections; As Well As The 2014 General Election. ([North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

<u>Election</u>	<u>Voted Method</u>	<u>Voted County</u>	<u>Primary Election Ballot</u>
11/03/2020 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	FRANKLIN	
03/03/2020 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	FRANKLIN	DEMOCRATIC
11/06/2018 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	FRANKLIN	
05/08/2018 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	DEMOCRATIC
11/08/2016 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	
11/06/2012 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	
05/08/2012 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	DEMOCRATIC
11/02/2010 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	
06/22/2010 SECOND PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	DEMOCRATIC
05/04/2010 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	DEMOCRATIC
11/04/2008 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	
06/24/2008 SECOND PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	DEMOCRATIC
05/06/2008 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	DEMOCRATIC
11/07/2006 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	
05/02/2006 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	DEMOCRATIC
11/02/2004 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	
08/17/2004 SECOND PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	DEMOCRATIC
07/20/2004 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	DEMOCRATIC
11/05/2002 GENERAL	ABSENTEE	FRANKLIN	
09/10/2002 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	DEMOCRATIC
11/07/2000 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	FRANKLIN	
05/30/2000 SECOND PRIMARY	LEGACY	FRANKLIN	
05/02/2000 PRIMARY	LEGACY	FRANKLIN	
11/03/1998 GENERAL	LEGACY	FRANKLIN	
05/05/1998 PRIMARY	LEGACY	FRANKLIN	
11/05/1996 GENERAL	LEGACY	FRANKLIN	
06/04/1996 SECOND PRIMARY	LEGACY	FRANKLIN	
05/07/1996 PRIMARY	LEGACY	FRANKLIN	
11/08/1994 GENERAL	LEGACY	FRANKLIN	
05/03/1994 PRIMARY	LEGACY	FRANKLIN	
11/03/1992 GENERAL	LEGACY	FRANKLIN	

([North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

- **Speed Did Not Vote In The 2016 Democratic Party Primary Election.** ([North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

NOTE: Voter history prior to 1992 is no longer available, per record retention schedule.

PUBLIC COMPENSATION RECORDS

Since being appointed in June 2017, Mark Speed has received an aggregate of \$128,780.03 in taxpayer-funded compensation. Between 2018 and 2020, Speed received an increase in compensation of more than \$2,500.

Between 1995 and 2020, Speed has received an aggregate of \$3,005 in USDA farm subsidies.

Franklin County Commission (2017-Pres.)

Since June 2017, Speed Has Received An Aggregate Of \$128,780.03 In Taxpayer-Funded Compensation While Serving On The Franklin County Commission. (Compensation, Franklin County Clerk, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 4/12/22)

- **Between 2018 And 2020, Speed Received An Increase In Compensation Of \$2,564.27.** (Compensation, Franklin County Clerk, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 4/12/22)

James Mark Speed #2479						
Hired: 6/26/2017						
						2022 YTD as of 4/1/2022
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Commissioner Salary	\$6,097.56	\$12,547.00	\$12,561.00	\$12,561.00	\$12,946.27	\$3,656.59
DSS Board Pay	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$100.00
Travel	\$1,800.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$969.22
Cell Phone	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$161.49
Health Insurance	\$4,567.50	\$9,135.00	\$9,315.00	\$10,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$3,500.00
Life Insurance	\$16.80	\$33.60	\$33.60	\$33.60	\$33.60	\$11.20
Total	\$12,781.86	\$25,915.60	\$26,109.60	\$27,094.60	\$28,479.87	\$8,398.50

(Compensation, Franklin County Clerk, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 4/12/22)

- **Thus Far In 2022, Speed Has Received An Aggregate Of \$8,398.50 In Taxpayer Funded Compensation.** (Compensation, Franklin County Clerk, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 4/12/22)
- **In 2021, Speed Received An Aggregate Of \$28,479.87 In Taxpayer-Funded Compensation.** (Compensation, Franklin County Clerk, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 4/12/22)
- **In 2020, Speed Received An Aggregate Of \$27,094.60 In Taxpayer-Funded Compensation.** (Compensation, Franklin County Clerk, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 4/12/22)
- **In 2019, Speed Received An Aggregate Of \$26,109.60 In Taxpayer-Funded Compensation.** (Compensation, Franklin County Clerk, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 4/12/22)
- **In 2018, Speed Received An Aggregate Of \$25,915.60 In Taxpayer-Funded Compensation.** (Compensation, Franklin County Clerk, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 4/12/22)
- **In 2017, Speed Received An Aggregate Of \$12,781.86 In Taxpayer-Funded Compensation.** (Compensation, Franklin County Clerk, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 4/12/22)

Farm Subsidies

Between 1995 And 2020, Speed Has Received An Aggregate Of \$3,005 In USDA Farm Subsidies. (Farm Subsidies, [Environmental Working Group](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

USDA subsidy information for James M Speed

James M Speed received payments totaling \$3,005 from 1995 through 2020†;

Year	Conservation Subsidies	Disaster Subsidies	Commodity Subsidies	Total USDA Subsidies 1995-2020†
1995	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1996	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1997	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1998	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1999	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2001	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2002	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2003	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2004	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2005	\$3,005	\$0	\$0	\$3,005
2006	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2007	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2008	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2009	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2010	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2011	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2012	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2013	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2014	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2015	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2017	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2018	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2019†	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$3,005	\$0	\$0	\$3,005

(Farm Subsidies, [Environmental Working Group](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

CRIMINAL RECORDS

In January 2013, Mark Speed was charged with a concealed handgun permit violation. In July 2013, the charge was dismissed by the district attorney.

Speed has additionally received at least seven traffic citations for issues relating to speeding and having expired registrations.

Concealed Handgun Permit Violation

In January 2013, Speed Was Charged With A Concealed Handgun Permit Violation In Wake County, North Carolina. (Case No. 13IF701915, Wake County Clerk Of Court, Filed 1/19/13)

Defendant

Name: SPEED,JAMES,MARSHBURN
Date of Birth/Estimated Age:12/26/1966
Race: WHITE
Sex: MALE
Address: 626 LAUREL MILL RD
 LOUISBURG, NC 27549

First Alias: -
Second Alias: -
Driver's License State: NC
Commercial Driver's License: YES

Witnesses

Name	Type	Agency
HERRMAN,E,A	COMPLAINANT	CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

District Court Offense Information

Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT

#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	CONCEAL HANDGUN PERMIT VIOL(I)	INFRACTION	G.S. 14-415.21(A)
	CONVICTED	-	-	-
Plea: -		Verdict: -	Disposed on: 07/02/2013	
Disposition Method: DISMISSAL WITHOUT LEAVE BY DA				

(Case No. 13IF701915, Wake County Clerk Of Court, Filed 1/19/13)

- **In July 2013, The Case Was Dismissed Without Leave By The District Attorney.**
 (Case No. 13IF701915, Wake County Clerk Of Court, Filed 7/2/13)

Traffic Citations

In June 2008, Speed Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding And Improper Equipment In Franklin County, North Carolina. (Case No. 08CR001554, Franklin County Clerk Of Court, Filed 6/16/08)

Defendant

Name: SPEED,JAMES,MARSHBURN
 Date of Birth/Estimated Age:12/26/1966
 Race: WHITE
 Sex: MALE
 Address: 626 LAUREL MILL RD
 LOUISBURG, NC 27549-7939

First Alias: -
 Second Alias: -
 Driver's License State: NC
 Commercial Driver's License: NO

Witnesses

Name	Type	Agency
STANLY,G	COMPLAINANT	CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

District Court Offense Information

Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT

Current Citation: DISTRICT COURT				
#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	SPEEDING(61 mph in a 45 mph zone)	TRAFFIC	20-141(J1)
	CONVICTED	IMPROPER EQUIP - SPEEDOMETER	INFRACTION	G.S. 20-123.2
Plea: RESPONSIBLE TO LESSER		Verdict: RESPONSIBLE	Disposed on: 06/23/2008	
Disposition Method: WAIVER - CLERK				

(Case No. 08CR001554, Franklin County Clerk Of Court, Filed 6/16/08)

- **In June 2008, Speed Pleaded To The Lesser Charge.** (Case No. 08CR001554, Franklin County Clerk Of Court, Filed 6/23/08)

In July 2021, Speed Received A Traffic Citation For Having An Expired Registration And Expired Inspection In Franklin County, North Carolina. (Case No. 21CR703766, Franklin County Clerk Of Court, Filed 7/4/21)

Defendant

Name: SPEED,JAMES,MARSHBURN
 Date of Birth/Estimated Age:12/26/1966
 Race: WHITE
 Sex: MALE
 Address: 626 LAUREL MILL RD
 LOUISBURG, NC 27549

First Alias: -
 Second Alias: -
 Driver's License State: NC
 Commercial Driver's License: NO

Witnesses

Name	Type	Agency
SYKORA,D	COMPLAINANT	COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

District Court Offense Information

Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT

#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	EXPIRED REGISTRATION CARD/TAG	TRAFFIC	G.S. 20-111(2)
	CONVICTED	-	-	-
Plea: -		Verdict: -	Disposed on: 10/26/2021	
Disposition Method: DISMISSAL WITHOUT LEAVE BY DA				
02	CHARGED	EXPIRED/NO INSPECTION	INFRACTION	G.S. 20-183.8(A)(1)
	CONVICTED	-	-	-
Plea: -		Verdict: -	Disposed on: 10/26/2021	
Disposition Method: DISMISSAL WITHOUT LEAVE BY DA				

(Case No. 21CR703766, Franklin County Clerk Of Court, Filed 7/4/21)

- **In October 2021, The Charges Were Dismissed By The District Attorney.** (Case No. 21CR703766, Franklin County Clerk Of Court, Filed 10/26/21)

In March 1984, Speed Received A Traffic Citation For An Inspection Violation And An Expired Registration Tag In Franklin County, North Carolina. (Case No. 84CR000922, Franklin County Clerk Of Court, Filed 3/8/94)

Defendant

Name: SPEED,JAMES,MARSHBURN
 Date of Birth/Estimated Age: 12/26/1966
 Race: WHITE
 Sex: MALE
 Address: RT 6 BOX474
 LOUISBURG, NC

First Alias: -
 Second Alias: -
 Driver's License State: NC
 Commercial Driver's License: -

Witnesses

Name	Type	Agency
REDD,B	COMPLAINANT	STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

District Court Offense Information

Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT

#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	INSPECTION VIOLATION	TRAFFIC	G.S. 20-183.2
	CONVICTED	-	-	-
Plea: OT		Verdict: -	Disposed on: 03/19/1984	
Disposition Method: OTHER				
02	CHARGED	EXPIRED REGISTRATION CARD/TAG	TRAFFIC	G.S. 20-111(2)
	CONVICTED	-	-	-
Plea: OT		Verdict: -	Disposed on: 03/19/1984	
Disposition Method: OTHER				

(Case No. 84CR000922, Franklin County Clerk Of Court, Filed 3/8/94)

- **In March 1984, The Case Was Disposed.** (Case No. 84CR000922, Franklin County Clerk Of Court, Filed 3/19/94)

In June 1993, Speed Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding In Franklin County, North Carolina. (Case No. 93CR003720, Franklin County Clerk Of Court, Filed 6/17/93)

Defendant

Name: SPEED,JAMES,MARSHBURN
Date of Birth/Estimated Age:12/26/1966
Race: WHITE
Sex: MALE
Address: RT 6 BOX 542
 LOUISBURG, NC 27549

First Alias: -
Second Alias: -
Driver's License State: NC
Commercial Driver's License: NO

Witnesses

Name	Type	Agency
ALLEN,T	COMPLAINANT	STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

District Court Offense Information

Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT

#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	SPEEDING(73 mph in a 55 mph zone)	TRAFFIC	20-141(J1)
	CONVICTED	EXCEEDING SAFE SPEED	INFRACTION	G.S. 20-141(A)
Plea: RESPONSIBLE TO LESSER		Verdict: PRAYER FOR JUDGMENT	Disposed on: 10/26/1993	
Disposition Method: DISPOSED BY JUDGE				

(Case No. 93CR003720, Franklin County Clerk Of Court, Filed 6/17/93)

- **In October 1993, Speed Pleaded To The Lesser Charge.** (Case No. 93CR003720, Franklin County Clerk Of Court, Filed 10/26/93)

In November 2015, Speed Received A Traffic Citation For Having An Expired Registration And An Expired Inspection In Nash County, North Carolina. (Case No. 15CR706164, Nash County Clerk Of Court, Filed 11/16/15)

Defendant

Name: SPEED,JAMES,MARSHBURN
Date of Birth/Estimated Age:12/26/1966
Race: WHITE
Sex: MALE
Address: 626 LAUREL MILL RD
 LOUISBURG, NC 27549

First Alias: -
Second Alias: -
Driver's License State: NC
Commercial Driver's License: YES

Witnesses

Name	Type	Agency
WITHROW,M,G	COMPLAINANT	CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
WITHROW,MARK	STATE	-

District Court Offense Information

Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT

#	Description		Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	EXPIRED REGISTRATION CARD/TAG	TRAFFIC	G.S. 20-111(2)
	CONVICTED	-	-	-
Plea: -		Verdict: -	Disposed on: 12/14/2015	
Disposition Method: DISMISSAL WITHOUT LEAVE BY DA				
02	CHARGED	EXPIRED/NO INSPECTION	INFRACTION	G.S. 20-183.8(A)(1)
	CONVICTED	-	-	-
Plea: -		Verdict: -	Disposed on: 12/14/2015	
Disposition Method: DISMISSAL WITHOUT LEAVE BY DA				

(Case No. 15CR706164, Nash County Clerk Of Court, Filed 11/16/15)

- **In December 2015, The Charges Were Dismissed By The District Attorney.** (Case No. 15CR706164, Nash County Clerk Of Court, Filed 12/14/15)

In October 1986, Speed Received A Traffic Citation For Speeding In Vance County, North Carolina. (Case No. 86CR007406, Vance County Clerk Of Court, Filed 10/20/86)

Defendant				
Name: SPEED,JAMES,MARSHBURN		First Alias: -		
Date of Birth/Estimated Age:12/26/1966		Second Alias: -		
Race: WHITE		Driver's License State: NC		
Sex: MALE		Commercial Driver's License: -		
Address: ROUTE 6, BOX 474 LOUISBURG, NC				
Witnesses				
Name	Type	Agency		
MONTGOMERY,J.	COMPLAINANT	STATE HIGHWAY PATROL		
District Court Offense Information				
Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT				
#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	SPEEDING(78 mph in a 55 mph zone)	TRAFFIC	20-141(J1)
	CONVICTED	-	-	-
Plea: GUILTY		Verdict: GUILTY		Disposed on: 03/20/1987
Disposition Method: DISPOSED BY JUDGE				

(Case No. 86CR007406, Vance County Clerk Of Court, Filed 10/20/86)

- **In March 1987, Speed Pleaded Guilty To The Charge.** (Case No. 86CR007406, Vance County Clerk Of Court, Filed 3/20/87)

In July 1989, Speed Received A Traffic Citation For Failing To Wear A Seatbelt And Having An Expired Registration Plate In Vance County, North Carolina. (Case No. 89CR005287, Vance County Clerk Of Court, Filed 7/18/89)

Defendant				
Name: SPEED,JAMES,MARSHBURN		First Alias: -		
Date of Birth/Estimated Age:12/26/1966		Second Alias: -		
Race: WHITE		Driver's License State: NC		
Sex: MALE		Commercial Driver's License: -		
Address: RT 6 BOX 542 LOUISBURG, NC				
Witnesses				
Name	Type	Agency		
MARTIN,W.N.	COMPLAINANT	STATE HIGHWAY PATROL		
District Court Offense Information				
Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT				
#		Description	Severity	Law
01	CHARGED	EXPIRED REGISTRATION PLATE	MISDEMEANOR	-
	CONVICTED	EXPIRED REGISTRATION PLATE	MISDEMEANOR	-
Plea: GUILTY		Verdict: GUILTY		Disposed on: 09/08/1989
Disposition Method: WAIVER - MAGISTRATE				
02	CHARGED	FAIL TO WEAR SEAT BELT	INFRACTION	G.S. 20-135.2(A)
	CONVICTED	FAIL TO WEAR SEAT BELT	INFRACTION	G.S. 20-135.2(A)
Plea: RESPONSIBLE		Verdict: RESPONSIBLE		Disposed on: 09/08/1989
Disposition Method: WAIVER - MAGISTRATE				

(Case No. 89CR005287, Vance County Clerk Of Court, Filed 7/18/89)

- **In September 1989, Speed Pleaded Guilty To The Charges.** (Case No. 89CR005287, Vance County Clerk Of Court, Filed 7/18/89)

POLICE RECORDS

NOTE: No immediately actionable information pertaining to Mark Speed could be gleaned from municipal police records.

REAL PROPERTY RECORDS

626 Laurel Mill Road, Louisburg, NC, Franklin County

This is the primary residence owned by Mark Speed and his wife, Camille. This single-family residential property comprises three bedrooms and two bathrooms and has a 2022 assessed value of \$147,360. Speed and his wife have owned the property since inheriting the property from Speed's father in August 1994.



([Franklin County Assessor](#), Accessed 5/2/22)


Property Information

Full Address:	626 Laurel Mill Road, Louisburg, NC 27549
County:	Franklin County
Parcel ID:	029077
Property Type:	Single-Family Residential
Owner:	SPEED JAMES M & CAMILLE G
Sale Date:	-
Sale Price:	-
Transfer Date:	08/18/1994
Year Built:	1994
Total Bedrooms:	3
Total Bathrooms:	2
Total Square Footage:	1,600
2022 Assessed Value:	\$147,360

([Franklin County Assessor](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

Tax Information

In 2021, Speed Paid \$1,405.31 In Total Municipal Property Taxes. ([Franklin County Tax Collector](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	BILL NUMBER	PARCEL ID	BILLING DATE	DUE DATE	INTEREST BEGINS
348781	2125792	029077	07/16/2021	09/01/2021	01/06/2022
REAL VALUE: \$146,360 PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUE: \$0 DEFERRED VALUE: \$0 EXEMPTION: \$0 NET TAXABLE VALUE: \$146,360			LOCATION: 626 LAUREL MILL- CENTERVILLE RD ACRE OR LOT: 7.86		
RETURN CHECK CHARGE: 10% of the amount of the check or \$25.00 whichever is greater will be charged for any check returned for insufficient funds or non-existence of an account. Tax receipts are null and void if payments is made with a check that fails to clear the bank.  ONLINE: http://franklin.webtaxpay.com/ BY PHONE: 877-768-4775 Cards also accepted at counter in office. BIS Online charges a non-refundable fee for processing payments. The fee is 2.4%. You will need your parcel zip code, bill number, tax year and account number in order to make a payment by phone. Visit us at www.franklincountync.us/services/tax			DESCRIPTION OF CHARGES	TAX RATE	AMOUNT DUE
			FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX TAX	0.7950	\$1,163.56
			GOLD SAND FIRE TAX	0.0750	\$109.77
			RSOLIDWASTE AVAIL FEE TAX	100.0000	\$100.00
			Interest	0	\$31.98
			TOTAL TAX		\$1,405.31
			PAYMENTS/CREDITS		\$-1,405.31
			IF PAID BY AUG 31, PAY THIS AMOUNT		
			TOTAL DUE		0.00

([Franklin County Tax Collector](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

Land Parcel: Gold Sand Road, Louisburg, NC, Franklin County

This is a vacant agricultural lot owned by Mark Speed. This property spans over 86 acres and has a 2022 assessed value of \$142,930. Speed has owned the property since December 2003.




([Franklin County Assessor](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

Property Information

Full Address: Gold Sand Road, Louisburg, NC 27549
 County: Franklin County
 Parcel ID: 012355
 Property Type: Agricultural Lot
 Owner: SPEED JAMES MARSHBURN
 Sale Date: 12/29/2003
 Sale Price: \$15,000
 Total Acreage: 86.40
 2022 Assessed Value: \$142,930
 ([Franklin County Assessor](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

Tax Information

In 2021, Speed Paid \$366.92 In Total Municipal Property Taxes. ([Franklin County Tax Collector](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	BILL NUMBER	PARCEL ID	BILLING DATE	DUE DATE	INTEREST BEGINS
34878	2137936	012355	07/16/2021	09/01/2021	01/06/2022
REAL VALUE: \$142,930 PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUE: \$0 DEFERRED VALUE: \$101,884 EXEMPTION: \$0 NET TAXABLE VALUE: \$41,046			LOCATION: GOLD SAND RD ACRE OR LOT: 86.40		
RETURN CHECK CHARGE: 10% of the amount of the check or \$25.00 whichever is greater will be charged for any check returned for insufficient funds or non-existence of an account. Tax receipts are null and void if payments is made with a check that fails to clear the bank.  ONLINE: http://franklin.webtaxpay.com/ BY PHONE: 877-768-4775 Cards also accepted at counter in office. BIS Online charges a non-refundable fee for processing payments. The fee is 2.4%. You will need your parcel zip code, bill number, tax year and account number in order to make a payment by phone. Visit us at www.franklincountync.us/services/tax			DESCRIPTION OF CHARGES	TAX RATE	AMOUNT DUE
			FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX TAX	0.7950	\$326.32
			GOLD SAND FIRE TAX	0.0750	\$30.78
			Interest		\$9.82
			TOTAL TAX		\$366.92
			PAYMENTS/CREDITS		\$-366.92
			IF PAID BY AUG 31, PAY THIS AMOUNT		
			TOTAL DUE		0.00

([Franklin County Tax Collector](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

Land Parcel: Person Road, Louisburg, NC, Franklin County

This is vacant agricultural lot owned by Mark Speed. This property spans nearly 49 acres and has a 2022 assessed value of \$53,970. Speed inherited the property from his father in March 2006.




([Franklin County Assessor](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

Property Information

Full Address: Person Road, Louisburg, NC 27549
 County: Franklin County
 Parcel ID: 036860
 Property Type: Agricultural Lot
 Owner: SPEED JAMES MARSHBURN
 Transfer Date: 03/08/2006
 Total Acreage: 48.96
 2022 Assessed Value: \$53,970
 ([Franklin County Assessor](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

Tax Information

In 2021, Speed Paid \$117.46 In Total Municipal Property Taxes. ([Franklin County Tax Collector](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

ACCOUNT NUMBER	BILL NUMBER	PARCEL ID	BILLING DATE	DUE DATE	INTEREST BEGINS
51181	2137937	036860	07/16/2021	09/01/2021	01/06/2022
REAL VALUE: \$53,970 PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUE: \$0 DEFERRED VALUE: \$40,470 EXEMPTION: \$0 NET TAXABLE VALUE: \$13,500			LOCATION: PERSON RD ACRE OR LOT: 48.96		
RETURN CHECK CHARGE: 10% of the amount of the check or \$25.00 whichever is greater will be charged for any check returned for insufficient funds or non-existence of an account. Tax receipts are null and void if payments is made with a check that fails to clear the bank.  ONLINE: http://franklin.webtaxpay.com/ BY PHONE: 877-768-4775 Cards also accepted at counter in office. BIS Online charges a non-refundable fee for processing payments. The fee is 2.4%. You will need your parcel zip code, bill number, tax year and account number in order to make a payment by phone. Visit us at www.franklincountync.us/services/tax			DESCRIPTION OF CHARGES	TAX RATE	AMOUNT DUE
			FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX TAX	0.7950	\$107.33
			GOLD SAND FIRE TAX	0.0750	\$10.13
			TOTAL TAX		\$117.46
			PAYMENTS/CREDITS		\$-117.46
			IF PAID BY AUG 31, PAY THIS AMOUNT		
			TOTAL DUE		0.00

([Franklin County Tax Collector](#), Accessed 5/2/22)

BANKRUPTCIES, JUDGMENTS, & LIENS RECORDS

NOTE: No bankruptcies, judgments, or lien records could be found for Mark Speed.

LEGAL ISSUES

NOTE: No legal issues could be found for Mark Speed.

BUSINESS RECORDS

NOTE: No business records could be found for Mark Speed.

NON-PROFIT RECORDS

NOTE: No non-profit records could be found for Mark Speed.

PROFESSIONAL & RECREATIONAL LICENSES

NOTE: No professional or recreational licenses could be found for Mark Speed.

PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

On his 2022 Statement of Economic Interests, Mark Speed declared he was a receiver with the Tractor Supply Company and that he earned wages from the company while his wife received wages from the Eastern North Carolina Medical Group. Speed declared he and his wife owned two properties in Louisburg, North Carolina, including their primary residence, as well as partial ownership of two other properties in North Carolina. Speed disclosed he held no financial or business interests and additionally declared no liabilities.

2022 Statement Of Economic Interests, North Carolina State Senate

Employment

In 2022, Speed Declared He Was A Receiver With Tractor Supply Company. (2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 4/20/22)

Current Employer	Job Title
Tractor Supply Company	Receiver
Nature or Type of Business	
Home improvement and agricultural supply retail store.	

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 4/20/22)

Property Interests

In 2022, Speed Declared He And His Wife Owned Two Properties In Louisburg, North Carolina, Including Their Primary Residence. (2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 4/20/22)

In 2022, Speed Declared 33% Ownership Of A Property In Louisburg, North Carolina. (2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 4/20/22)

In 2022, Speed Declared 50% Ownership Of A Property In Warrenton, North Carolina. (2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 4/20/22)

Property Interests			
1. As of December 31, 2021, did you or any members of your immediate family:			
A. have an ownership interest in North Carolina real estate (including your residence) with a market value of \$10,000 or more?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Owner of Real Estate	% Ownership Interest	Location by City	Location by County
(Self plus Spouse)	100.00%	Louisburg	Franklin
(Self plus Spouse)	100.00%	Louisburg	Franklin
James Marshburn Speed (Self)	33.00%	Louisburg	Franklin
James Marshburn Speed (Self)	50.00%	Warrenton	Warren

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 4/20/22)

Financial Interests**In 2022, Speed Declared He Did Not Hold Any Stock In A Public Or Non-Public Company.**(2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 4/20/22)

Financial Interests	
3. As of December 31, 2021, did you or any members of your immediate family own any of the following financial interests valued at \$10,000 or more? List each company individually.	
A. Stock in a publicly owned company?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<p>► Do <u>not</u> list interests in a widely held investment fund (including mutual funds, regulated investment companies, or pension or deferred compensation plans) if:</p> <p>1. the fund is publicly traded or its assets are widely diversified; and</p> <p>2. neither you nor an immediate family member are able to control the underlying assets.</p>	
Owner of Interest	Full Name of Company or ticker symbol
B. Stock options in a company or business?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Owner of Stock Option	Full Name of Company (Do not use a ticker symbol)
C. Interests in a non-publicly owned company or business entity? These include interests in sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited partnerships, joint ventures, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and closely held corporations.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No - If "No," proceed to question 4.	
Owner of Interest	Name of Company or Business Entity

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 4/20/22)**Liabilities****In 2022, Speed Declared No Liabilities.** (2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 4/20/22)

5. As of December 31, 2021, did you any members of your immediate family have liabilities of \$10,000 or more, excluding the mortgage on your primary personal residence? Examples include credit card debts, auto loans, student loans, personal loans and intra-family debt.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Name of Debtor	Type of Creditor (commercial Bank, credit union, individual, etc.)

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 4/20/22)

Income

In 2022, Speed Declared He Received Wages From The Tractor Supply Company. (2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 4/20/22)

In 2022, Speed Declared His Wife Received Wages From Eastern North Carolina Medical Group. (2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 4/20/22)

6. List each source of income (**not** specific amounts) of more than \$5,000 received by you or any members of your immediate family during 2021. Include salary, wages, state/local government retirement income, professional fees, honoraria, interest, dividends, rental income, business income, and other types required to be reported on State and federal tax returns. **Please remember to disclose your receipt of salary or wages from any governmental or private entity.**

Do **not** include income received from the following sources:

- ▶ Capital gains
- ▶ Federal government retirement
- ▶ Military retirement
- ▶ Social security income/SSDI

Recipient of Income	Name of Source	Type of Business/Industry	Type of Income
Camille Gupton Speed (Spouse)	Eastern North Carolina Medical Group	Healthcare	Wages
James Marshburn Speed (Self)	Tractor Supply Company	Retail/Agriculture	Wages

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 4/20/22)

Business Interests

In 2022, Speed Declared He Held No Business Interests. (2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 4/20/22)

9(a). List the name of each business with which you were associated where you or a member of your immediate family was an employee, director, officer, partner, proprietor, or member or manager as of December 31, 2021.

Name of Person	Relationship to Filer	Name of Company	Role of Person
No Business Associations			

9(b). If you know that any entity listed in 9(a) above had any material business dealings or business contracts with the State of North Carolina or was regulated by the State as of December 31, 2021, briefly describe that activity.

Name of Company or Business Entity	Description of Business Activity with the State
None or Not Known	

10. Are you a practicing attorney?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Judicial Officer/State Attorney

If "Yes", check each category of legal representation in which you or the law firm with which you are affiliated has earned legal fees of more than \$10,000 during 2021.

(2022 Statement Of Economic Interest, [North Carolina State Ethics Commission](#), Filed 4/20/22)

SPEED'S FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE AND NOTABLE POLICY POSITIONS

A review of Speed's tenure on the Franklin County Commission has revealed a record of fiscal irresponsibility.

Most notably, during Speed's tenure on the Commission, the size of government has grown considerably. Speed has served as a rubberstamp for the annual county budget which has seen annual spending increase by millions of dollars a year.

Speed has sought to keep pace with the county's spending by backing budgets that increase the local garbage fee. Speed has also voted to implement brand new fees for parks and recreation usage.

The FY 2020-2021 budget, which Speed supported, is most troublesome. The FY 2020-2021 budget appears to have reduced funding for public safety and education yet was reported to have provided a pay raise for the county's bureaucrats.

Additionally, Speed has supported a resolution calling for North Carolina to expand Medicaid.

Notably, Speed's own political party may find it distasteful how colorfully Speed has defended the second amendment on social media.

DURING SPEED'S TENURE ON THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSION, THE SIZE OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT HAS BALLOONED

Speed Has Served As A Rubberstamp For Every Budget Put Forth For Franklin County

Speed Has Supported Each Final Adopt Budget For Put For Franklin County During His Tenure. (Franklin County Commission, [FY 2017-18 – FY2021-22](#), Independent Analysis)

Fiscal Year	General Fund	Millage Rate	Vote & Date
FY 2017-18	\$78,921,255	8.950	N/A
FY 2018-19	\$81,622,504	8.050	Yea – 6/4/18
FY 2019-20	\$89,633,239	8.050	Yea – 6/3/19
FY 2020-21	\$88,899,961	8.050	Yea – 6/4/20
FY 2021-22	\$95,702,496	7.950	Yea – 6/7/21

(Franklin County Commission, [FY 2017-18 – FY2021-22](#), Independent Analysis)

NOTE: *Speed did not vote on the DY 2017-18 Franklin County budget; the numbers are included as a benchmark from which to compare budget figures.*

During Speed's Tenure Serving On The Franklin County Commission, The County's Budget Increased General Fund Appropriations By 21 Percent (Millions Of Dollars)

During Speed's Tenure Serving On The Franklin County Commission, The County's Budget Increased General Fund Appropriations From \$78,921,255 To \$95,702,496 Or By 21 Percent. (Franklin County, [FY 2017-18](#); Franklin County, [FY 2021-22](#))

- **The FY 2018-19 Franklin County Budget Appropriated \$78,921,255 To The General Fund.** (Franklin County, [FY 2017-18](#))
- **The FY 2021-22 Franklin County Budget Appropriated \$95,702,496 To The General Fund.** (Franklin County, [FY 2021-22](#))

Speed Voted To Adopt The FY 2018-19 Franklin County Budget

In 2018, Speed Voted Yea To Adopt The FY 2018-19 Franklin County Budget Ordinance. (Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/4/18)

Commissioner Dickerson made a motion to approve the budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Speed and was approved with a 4-3 vote. Commissioners Schriver, Bunn and Foy voted "NO."

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/4/18)

The FY 2018-19 Franklin County Budget Appropriated \$81,622,504 To The General Fund. (Franklin County, [FY 2018-19](#))

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT (Dollars)</u>
General Government	\$7,716,179
Public Safety	25,376,413
Economic and Physical Development	2,696,103
Human Services	17,220,192
Cultural and Leisure	1,543,231
Education	<u>27,070,386</u>
Total General Fund Appropriation	\$81,622,504

(Franklin County, [FY 2018-19](#))

Speed Voted To Adopt The FY 2019-20 Franklin County Budget

In 2019, Speed Voted Yea To Adopt The FY 2019-20 Franklin County Budget Ordinance. (Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/3/19)

Commissioner Speed then made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 budget ordinance as presented, levying a general fund rate of 80.5 cents per one hundred dollars valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2019 and approval of a general fund budget totaling \$89,646,153. Commissioner Dickerson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schriver stated he would like additional time at the next meeting to continue budget discussions and said he did not understand any urgency to approve the budget. He said he supports education in Franklin County but also feels other areas need to be revisited so that everyone considered in the budget receives a fair shake.

Chairman Dunston reminded the Board that staff has presented the best budget it knows to present, eliminating the need for a tax increase and called for a vote on Commissioner Speed's motion to approve the budget. The budget was approved 4-2 with Commissioners Schriver and Bunn voting "NO."

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/3/19)

The FY 2019-20 Franklin County Budget Appropriated \$89,633,239 To The General Fund.

(Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#))

GENERAL FUND	AMOUNT
	(Dollars)
General Government	\$8,053,287
Public Safety	28,245,499
Economic and Physical Development	3,366,285
Human Services	18,606,137
Cultural and Leisure	1,741,706
Education	<u>29,633,239</u>
Total General Fund Appropriation	\$89,646,153

(Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#))

Speed Voted To Adopt The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Budget

In 2020, Speed Voted Yea To Adopt The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Budget Ordinance.

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/4/20)

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 budget ordinance as presented, levying a general fund rate of 80.5 cents per one hundred dollars valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2020 and approval of a general fund budget totaling \$88,899,961. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Speed and was approved 5 to 2. Commissioners Bunn and Schriver voted in opposition.

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/4/20)

The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Budget Appropriated \$88,899,961 To The General Fund.

(Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

GENERAL FUND	AMOUNT
	(Dollars)
General Government	\$8,180,337
Public Safety	27,909,919
Economic and Physical Development	3,018,836
Human Services.....	18,922,878
Cultural and Leisure.....	1,825,005
Education	<u>29,042,986</u>
Total General Fund Appropriation	\$88,899,961

(Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

Speed Voted To Adopt The FY 2021-22 Franklin County Budget

In 2021, Speed Voted Yea To Adopt The FY 2021-22 Franklin County Budget Ordinance.

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/7/21)

The Board was then asked to vote on the motion made by Commissioner Pearce and seconded by Commissioner Bunn to approve the FY22 Budget Ordinance as presented, levying a General Fund rate of 79.5 cents per one hundred dollars valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, approval of a General Fund budget totaling \$95,702,496 and approval of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the General Fund, Solid Waste Enterprise Fund and Public Utilities Enterprise Fund as presented for FY22 through FY26 as a planning document. The motion was unanimously approved.

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/7/21)

June 7, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met for its Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Hamilton Hobgood Courthouse Annex with the following Commissioners present: Chairman Michael Schriver, Vice-Chairman David Bunn, Commissioners Harry L. Foy, Jr., Cedric K. Jones, Sr., Kelli London, Mark Speed and Danny Pearce.

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/7/21)

The FY 2021-22 Franklin County Budget Appropriated \$95,702,496 To The General Fund.

(Franklin County, [FY 2021-22](#))

GENERAL FUND	AMOUNT
	(Dollars)
General Government	\$10,297,817
Public Safety	31,472,474
Economic and Physical Development	3,143,864
Human Services.....	19,456,050
Cultural and Leisure.....	1,869,165
Education	<u>29,463,126</u>
Total General Fund Appropriation	\$95,702,496

(Franklin County, [FY 2021-22](#))

MULTIPLE SPEED-BACKED BUDGETS HAVE INCREASED FEES***The FY 2018-19 Franklin County Adopted Budget Increased The “Solid Waste Availability Fee” By \$5 Or 6.3 Percent***

In 2018, Speed Voted Yea To Adopt The FY 2018-19 Franklin County Budget Ordinance.

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/4/18)

The FY 2018-19 Franklin County Adopted Budget Increased The “Solid Waste Availability Fee” By \$5 Or 6.3 Percent. (Franklin County, [FY 2017-18](#); Franklin County, [FY 2018-19](#))

SECTION 9A: There is hereby established the following rate schedule for solid waste charges for the period of July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018:

Solid Waste Availability Fee - \$80

(Franklin County, [FY 2017-18](#))

SECTION 9A: There is hereby established the following rate schedule for solid waste charges for the period of July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2019:

Solid Waste Availability Fee - \$85

(Franklin County, [FY 2018-19](#))

The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Adopted Budget Increased The “Solid Waste Availability Fee” By \$10 Or 11 Percent

In 2020, Speed Voted Yea To Adopt The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Budget Ordinance.

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/4/20)

The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Adopted Budget Increased The “Solid Waste Availability Fee” By \$10 Or 11 Percent. (Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#); Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

SECTION 9A: There is hereby established the following rate schedule for solid waste charges for the period of July 1, 2019 until June 30, 2020:

Solid Waste Availability Fee - \$90

(Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#))

SECTION 9A: There is hereby established the following rate schedule for solid waste charges for the period of July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021:

Solid Waste Availability Fee - \$100

(Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

THE SPEED-BACKED FY 2021-22 BUDGET INCREASED WATER AND SEWER RATES

The FY 2021-22 Franklin County Adopted Budget Increased Rates For Water And Sewer Charges

In 2021, Speed Voted Yea To Adopt The FY 2021-22 Franklin County Budget Ordinance.
(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/7/21)

The FY 2021-22 Franklin County Adopted Budget Increased Rates For Water And Sewer Charges. (Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#); Franklin County, [FY 2021-22](#))

SECTION 8A: There is hereby established the following rate schedule for water and sewer charges for the period of July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021:

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
Municipal	\$7.30 per 1,000 gal.	\$6.38 per 1,000 gal.
High Volume	\$5.75 per 1,000 gal.	\$7.70 per 1,000 gal
Low Volume	\$30.00 first 2,000 gal.	\$35.00 first 2,000gal.
	\$7.30 next 1,000 gal.	\$7.70 next 1,000 gal.
Multi-user	\$11.00 per service connect	\$27.50 first 2,000 gal.
	\$5.75 per 1,000 gal.	\$7.70 next 1,000 gal.

(Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

SECTION 8A. There is hereby established the following rate schedule for water and sewer charges for the period of July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022:

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
Municipal	\$8.18 per 1,000 gal.	\$7.15 per 1,000 gal.
High Volume	\$6.44 per 1,000 gal.	\$8.62 per 1,000 gal
Low Volume	\$33.60 first 2,000 gal.	\$39.20 first 2,000 gal.
	\$8.18 next 1,000 gal.	\$8.62 next 1,000 gal.
Multi-user	\$12.32 per service connect	\$30.80 first 2,000 gal.
	\$6.44 per 1,000 gal.	\$8.62 next 1,000 gal.
Landlord Account	\$5.60 first 2,000 gal.	\$7.84 first 2,000 gal.
	\$8.18 next 1,000 gal.	\$8.62 next 1,000 gal.
Hydrant Meter Usage	\$56.00 base rate	
	\$8.18 per 1,000 gal.	
Irrigation Account	\$33.60 base rate	
	\$8.18 per 1,000 gal.	

(Franklin County, [FY 2021-22](#))

THE SPEED-BACKED FY 2020-21 BUDGET REDUCED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND EDUCATION

The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Adopted Budget Reduced Appropriations For “Public Safety” By \$335,580 Or 1.2 Percent

In 2020, Speed Voted Yea To Adopt The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Budget Ordinance.
(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/4/20)

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<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>(Dollars)</u>
General Government	\$8,053,287
Public Safety	28,245,499
Economic and Physical Development	3,366,285
Human Services	18,606,137
Cultural and Leisure	1,741,706
Education	<u>29,633,239</u>
Total General Fund Appropriation	\$89,646,153

(Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#))

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>(Dollars)</u>
General Government	\$8,180,337
Public Safety	27,909,919
Economic and Physical Development	3,018,836
Human Services	18,922,878
Cultural and Leisure	1,825,005
Education	<u>29,042,986</u>
Total General Fund Appropriation	\$88,899,961

(Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

***The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Adopted Budget Reduced Appropriations For
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(Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

THE SPEED-BACKED FY 2020-21 BUDGET APPEARS TO HAVE PROVIDED A TAXPAYER FUNDED PAY RAISE FOR COUNTY BUREAUCRATS

The FY 2020-21 Frankly County Budget Was Reported To Contained A “A Two-Percent Cost-Of-Living Raise For Employees”

In 2020, Speed Voted Yea To Adopt The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Budget Ordinance.
(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/4/20)

The Franklin Times: “The Current Budget Pulls Just More Than \$412,000 From County Coffers To Balance The Newly Established Enterprise Fund.” “Budget highlights include: Maintaining a tax rate of 80.5 cents per \$100 of valuation; The budget does not include a transfer from the county's savings account to the solid waste fund. The current budget pulls just more than \$412,000 from county coffers to balance the newly established enterprise fund. Providing the school system \$21.1 million to meet its operational expenses and \$1 million to meet its capital needs -- both the full extent of what the school system requested; A two-percent cost-of-living raise for employees, but the budget does not implement a compensation and classification plan that would have provided pay boosts for employees. Implementation of the plan would cost the county between \$600,000 and \$1.8 million -- without benefits; Four new positions -- a school resource officer in Youngsville, a public health nurse, and two posts beginning in January, a community paramedic and fire marshal; Money -- \$188,000 -- for an agreement with Open Broadband LLC to deploy the technology, focusing on unserved and underserved areas of Franklin County; \$125,000 to craft the county's new Unified Development Ordinance; \$40,000 to develop a countywide bike and pedestrian plan, \$20,000 to pay for a long-gestating Epsom Park master plan.” (*The Franklin Times*, 6/10/20)

- **“A Two-Percent Cost-Of-Living Raise For Employees, But The Budget Does Not Implement A Compensation And Classification Plan That Would Have Provided Pay Boosts For Employees.”** (*The Franklin Times*, 6/10/20)

SPEED VOTED TO IMPLEMENT NEW FEES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

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(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 11/4/19)

3. FEE SCHEDULED FOR OWENS PARK FACILITIES

Oliver Greene, Parks & Recreation Director, requested the Board adopt a fee schedule for the Open Space and Rustic Campsite Facilities at Owens Park.

The suggested additions to the Parks & Recreation fee schedule include the following:

- Open space/amphitheater \$25 per hour (with three hours minimum)
- Campsite (rugged) \$20 per day

Commissioner Speed made a motion to adopt the fee schedule as presented, seconded by Commissioner Dickerson. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 11/4/19)

SPEED HAS INDICATED SUPPORT FOR MEDICAID EXPANSION

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Commissioner Dickerson then read aloud a resolution entitled "Medicaid Expansion Resolution." She asked the Board to consider its approval.

Commissioner Dickerson made the motion to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Speed. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

MEDICAID EXPANSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the General Assembly's 2013 decision to REJECT Medicaid Expansion has jeopardized rural hospitals and denied coverage to between 365,000 and 500,000 North Carolinians, leading to thousands of preventable deaths; and

WHEREAS, thirty-seven states including the southern states of Arkansas, Virginia and Louisiana, have expanded Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, rural communities generally suffer higher uninsured rates and have less dense populations, many small, rural North Carolina counties would see a greater share of their population gain eligibility for affordable health insurance coverage if lawmakers close the coverage gap; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that Medicaid expansion helps keep rural hospitals afloat, and in North Carolina at least six rural hospitals have closed their doors since 2010; and

WHEREAS, a 2019 study funded by the Cone Health Foundation reveals that more than 37,000 jobs would be added to the NC economy and that business activity would increase in NC by \$11.7 billion dollars in just 3 years between 2020-2022 if the General Assembly expanded Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2019 annual U.S. Census Bureau Report, North Carolina's 10.7 percent uninsured rate is the 9th highest in the nation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners request that Representative Lisa Barnes and Senator John Alexander vote for a 2020 budget bill that includes Medicaid expansion.

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 2/3/20)

**NOTABLY, DESPITE BEING A DEMOCRAT, SPEED HAS INDICATED
PRO-SECOND AMENDMENT VIEWS**

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Commissioner Speed read aloud a resolution entitled “A Resolution to Preserve and Defend the Constitution of the United States and North Carolina.” He asked the Board to consider its approval.

Commissioner Speed made the motion to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Schriver. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

**A RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States is the Supreme law of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution states, "a well-regulated militia, necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, not be infringed;" and

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 2/3/20)

In 2013, Speed Posted A Picture On Social Media Which Seemed To Criticize The Idea Of Making Guns Illegal

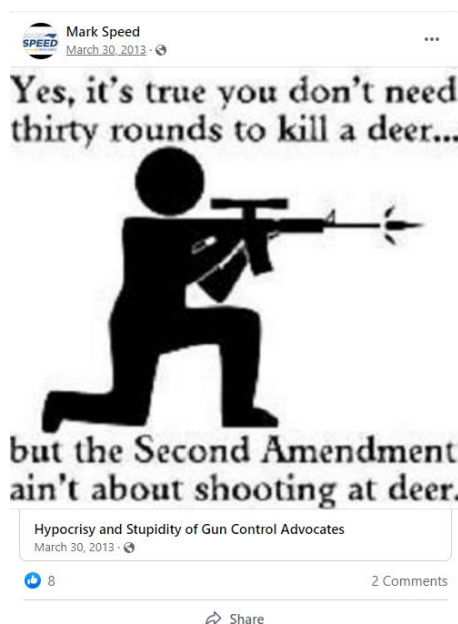
In April 2013, Speed Posted A Picture Which Seemed To Criticize The Idea Of Making Guns Illegal. (Speed’s Personal Profile, [Facebook](#), 4/12/13)



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APPENDIX A: ISSUES OF NOTE (BY SUBJECT AREA)

Below is a non-comprehensive reference section pertaining to Mark Speed's issues and policy positions of note. Any actionable material from this section has been incorporated into the prior narrative sections.

FRANKLIN COUNTY GOVERNANCE

Budget Table

Fiscal Year	General Fund	Millage Rate	Vote & Date
FY 2017-18	\$78,921,255	8.950	N/A
FY 2018-19	\$81,622,504	8.050	Yea – 6/4/18
FY 2019-20	\$89,633,239	8.050	Yea – 6/3/19
FY 2020-21	\$88,899,961	8.050	Yea – 6/4/20
FY 2021-22	\$95,702,496	7.950	Yea – 6/7/21

(Franklin County Commission, [FY 2017-18 – FY2021-22](#), Independent Analysis)

NOTE: Speed did not vote on the DY 2017-18 Franklin County budget; the numbers are included as a benchmark from which to compare budget figures.

During Speed's Tenure Serving On The Franklin County Commission, The County's Budget Increased General Fund Appropriations From \$78,921,255 To \$95,702,496 Or By 21 Percent. (Franklin County, [FY 2017-18](#); Franklin County, [FY 2021-22](#))

- **The FY 2018-19 Franklin County Budget Appropriated \$78,921,255 To The General Fund.** (Franklin County, [FY 2017-18](#))
- **The FY 2021-22 Franklin County Budget Appropriated \$95,702,496 To The General Fund.** (Franklin County, [FY 2021-22](#))

FY 2017-18 Budget

General Fund

The FY 2018-19 Franklin County Budget Appropriated \$78,921,255 To The General Fund. (Franklin County, [FY 2017-18](#))

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>(Dollars)</u>
General Government	\$7,147,016
Public Safety	24,599,995
Economic and Physical Development	2,608,904
Human Services.....	17,471,339
Cultural and Leisure.....	1,613,694
Education	<u>25,480,307</u>
Total General Fund Appropriation	\$78,921,255

(Franklin County, [FY 2017-18](#))

Millage Rate

The FY 2018-19 Franklin County Budget Imposed A Millage Rate Of 8.950. (Franklin County, [FY 2017-18](#))

SECTION 10: There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of Eighty-Nine and 50 tenths cents (\$.8950) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2017, for the purpose of generating the revenue listed as "Current Taxes" in the General Fund in Section 1 of this Ordinance. The rate of tax is based on an estimated total valuation of property, for the purpose of taxation, or \$4,759,085,024 and a ninety-eight percent (98.50%) collection rate.

(Franklin County, [FY 2017-18](#))

FY 2018-19 Budget

Vote

In 2018, Speed Voted Yea To Adopt The FY 2018-19 Franklin County Budget Ordinance. (Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/4/18)

Commissioner Dickerson made a motion to approve the budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Speed and was approved with a 4-3 vote. Commissioners Schriver, Bunn and Foy voted "NO."

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/4/18)

General Fund

The FY 2018-19 Franklin County Budget Appropriated \$81,622,504 To The General Fund. (Franklin County, [FY 2018-19](#))

GENERAL FUND	AMOUNT (Dollars)
General Government	\$7,716,179
Public Safety	25,376,413
Economic and Physical Development	2,696,103
Human Services	17,220,192
Cultural and Leisure	1,543,231
Education	<u>27,070,386</u>
Total General Fund Appropriation	\$81,622,504

(Franklin County, [FY 2018-19](#))

Millage Rate

The FY 2018-19 Franklin County Budget Imposed A Millage Rate Of 8.050. (Franklin County, [FY 2018-19](#))

SECTION 10: There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of Eighty and 50 tenths cents (\$.8050) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2018, for the purpose of generating the revenue listed as "Current Taxes" in the General Fund in Section 1 of this Ordinance. The rate of tax is based on an estimated total valuation of property, for the purpose of taxation, or \$5,591,951,020 and a ninety-eight percent (98.50%) collection rate.

(Franklin County, [FY 2018-19](#))

Other**The FY 2018-19 Franklin County Adopt Budget Increased The Tax Rate For 3 Of The 12 Fire Districts.** (Franklin County, [FY 2017-18](#); Franklin County, [FY 2018-19](#))**FIRE DISTRICT**

	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Bunn.....	914,385,012.....	.0675
Centerville.....	92,638,378.....	.0600
Hopkins.....	39,973,961.....	.0400
Central Fire.....	289,045,050.....	.0875
Epsom.....	127,618,535.....	.0700
Franklinton.....	377,006,620.....	.0700
Gold Sand.....	72,933,946.....	.0800
Justice.....	142,626,766.....	.0800
Mitchiners.....	278,877,277.....	.0675
Pilot.....	257,220,329.....	.0925
White Level.....	113,369,036.....	.0750
Youngsville.....	1,675,551,510.....	.0850

(Franklin County, [FY 2017-18](#))**FIRE DISTRICT**

	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Bunn.....	1,072,881,464.....	.0675
Centerville.....	103,971,381.....	.0600
Hopkins.....	46,604,873.....	.0550
Central Fire.....	330,243,881.....	.0875
Epsom.....	143,261,291.....	.0825
Franklinton.....	452,386,498.....	.0625
Gold Sand.....	82,903,434.....	.0750
Justice.....	161,292,218.....	.0850
Mitchiners.....	284,276,657.....	.0675
Pilot.....	297,740,430.....	.0925
White Level.....	128,988,545.....	.0750
Youngsville.....	2,065,241,235.....	.0850

(Franklin County, [FY 2018-19](#))**The FY 2018-19 Franklin County Adopted Budget Increased The “Solid Waste Availability Fee” By \$5 Or 6.3 Percent.** (Franklin County, [FY 2017-18](#); Franklin County, [FY 2018-19](#))**SECTION 9A:** There is hereby established the following rate schedule for solid waste charges for the period of July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018:**Solid Waste Availability Fee - \$80**(Franklin County, [FY 2017-18](#))**SECTION 9A:** There is hereby established the following rate schedule for solid waste charges for the period of July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2019:**Solid Waste Availability Fee - \$85**(Franklin County, [FY 2018-19](#))

FY 2019-20 Budget**Vote****In 2019, Speed Voted Yea To Adopt The FY 2019-20 Franklin County Budget Ordinance.**(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/3/19)

Commissioner Speed then made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 budget ordinance as presented, levying a general fund rate of 80.5 cents per one hundred dollars valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2019 and approval of a general fund budget totaling \$89,646,153. Commissioner Dickerson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Schriver stated he would like additional time at the next meeting to continue budget discussions and said he did not understand any urgency to approve the budget. He said he supports education in Franklin County but also feels other areas need to be revisited so that everyone considered in the budget receives a fair shake.

Chairman Dunston reminded the Board that staff has presented the best budget it knows to present, eliminating the need for a tax increase and called for a vote on Commissioner Speed's motion to approve the budget. The budget was approved 4-2 with Commissioners Schriver and Bunn voting "NO."

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/3/19)**General Fund****The FY 2019-20 Franklin County Budget Appropriated \$89,633,239 To The General Fund.**(Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#))

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	<u>(Dollars)</u>
General Government	\$8,053,287
Public Safety	28,245,499
Economic and Physical Development	3,366,285
Human Services.....	18,606,137
Cultural and Leisure.....	1,741,706
Education	<u>29,633,239</u>
 Total General Fund Appropriation	 \$89,646,153

(Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#))**Millage Rate****The FY 2019-20 Franklin County Budget Imposed A Millage Rate Of 8.050.** (Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#))

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(Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#))

Other

The FY 2019-20 Franklin County Adopt Budget Increased The Youngsville Fire District Tax Rate By 0.005 Or 6 Percent. (Franklin County, [FY 2018-19](#); Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#))

FIRE DISTRICT

	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Bunn.....	1,072,881,464	.0675
Centerville.....	103,971,381	.0600
Hopkins.....	46,604,873	.0550
Central Fire.....	330,243,881	.0875
Epsom.....	143,261,291	.0825
Franklinton.....	452,386,498	.0625
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Justice.....	161,292,218	.0850
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Pilot.....	297,740,430	.0925
White Level.....	128,988,545	.0750
Youngsville.....	2,065,241,235	.0850

(Franklin County, [FY 2018-19](#))

FIRE DISTRICT

	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Bunn.....	1,100,905,750	.0660
Centerville.....	105,101,578	.0600
Hopkins.....	47,131,146	.0550
Central Fire.....	354,060,123	.0850
Epsom.....	145,451,800	.0825
Franklinton.....	495,712,258	.0625
Gold Sand.....	83,917,377	.0750
Justice.....	160,059,417	.0875
Mitchiners.....	298,147,843	.0850
Pilot.....	309,046,989	.0925
White Level.....	132,377,739	.0750
Youngsville.....	2,214,156,018	.0900

(Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#))

FY 2020-21 Budget**Vote**

In 2020, Speed Voted Yea To Adopt The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Budget Ordinance.
(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/4/20)

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 budget ordinance as presented, levying a general fund rate of 80.5 cents per one hundred dollars valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2020 and approval of a general fund budget totaling \$88,899,961. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Speed and was approved 5 to 2. Commissioners Bunn and Schriver voted in opposition.

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/4/20)

General Fund

The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Budget Appropriated \$88,899,961 To The General Fund.
(Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

GENERAL FUND	AMOUNT
(Dollars)	(Dollars)
General Government	\$8,180,337
Public Safety	27,909,919
Economic and Physical Development	3,018,836
Human Services.....	18,922,878
Cultural and Leisure.....	1,825,005
Education	<u>29,042,986</u>
Total General Fund Appropriation	\$88,899,961

(Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))**Millage Rate**

The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Budget Imposed A Millage Rate Of 8.050. (Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

SECTION 10: There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of Eighty and 50 tenths cents (\$.8050) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2020, for the purpose of generating the revenue listed as "Current Taxes" in the General Fund in Section 1 of this Ordinance. The rate of tax is based on an estimated total valuation of property, for the purpose of taxation, of \$6,181,377,673 and a ninety-seven. five percent (97.5%) collection rate.

(Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))**Other**

The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Adopted Budget Reduced Appropriations For "Public Safety" By \$335,580 Or 1.2 Percent. (Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#); Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

GENERAL FUND	AMOUNT
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Education	<u>29,042,986</u>
Total General Fund Appropriation	\$88,899,961

(Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Adopted Budget Reduced Appropriations For "Education" By \$590,253 Or 2 Percent. (Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#); Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

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	(Dollars)
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Total General Fund Appropriation	\$88,899,961

(Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Adopt Budget Increased The Tax Rate In 4 Of The 12 Fire Districts. (Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#); Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

FIRE DISTRICT

	Assessed Value	Rate
Bunn.....	1,100,905,750	.0660
Centerville.....	105,101,578	.0600
Hopkins.....	47,131,146	.0550
Central Fire.....	354,060,123	.0850
Epsom.....	145,451,800	.0825
Franklinton.....	495,712,258	.0625
Gold Sand.....	83,917,377	.0750
Justice.....	160,059,417	.0875
Mitchiners.....	298,147,843	.0650
Pilot.....	309,046,989	.0925
White Level.....	132,377,739	.0750
Youngsville.....	2,214,156,018	.0900

(Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#))**FIRE DISTRICT**

	Assessed Value	Rate
Bunn.....	1,130,355,582	.0750
Centerville.....	106,716,969	.0600
Hopkins.....	48,420,242	.0550
Central Fire.....	368,475,923	.0875
Epsom.....	148,995,501	.0940
Franklinton.....	555,690,241	.0700
Gold Sand.....	85,885,724	.0750
Justice.....	164,077,947	.0875
Mitchiners.....	305,857,535	.0650
Pilot.....	320,676,155	.0925
White Level.....	135,116,657	.0875
Youngsville.....	2,351,677,964	.0900

(Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

The FY 2020-21 Franklin County Adopted Budget Increased The “Solid Waste Availability Fee” By \$10 Or 11 Percent. (Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#); Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

SECTION 9A: There is hereby established the following rate schedule for solid waste charges for the period of July 1, 2019 until June 30, 2020:

Solid Waste Availability Fee - \$90

(Franklin County, [FY 2019-20](#))

SECTION 9A: There is hereby established the following rate schedule for solid waste charges for the period of July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021:

Solid Waste Availability Fee - \$100

(Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

The Franklin Times: “The Current Budget Pulls Just More Than \$412,000 From County Coffers To Balance The Newly Established Enterprise Fund.” “Budget highlights include: Maintaining a tax rate of 80.5 cents per \$100 of valuation; The budget does not include a transfer from the county's savings account to the solid waste fund. The current budget pulls just more than \$412,000 from county coffers to balance the newly established enterprise fund. Providing the school system \$21.1 million to meet its operational expenses and \$1 million to meet its capital needs -- both the full extent of what the school system requested; A two-percent cost-of-living raise for employees, but the budget does not implement a compensation and classification plan that would have provided pay boosts for employees. Implementation of the plan would cost the county between \$600,000 and \$1.8 million -- without benefits; Four new positions -- a school resource officer in Youngsville, a public health nurse, and two posts beginning in January, a community paramedic and fire marshal; Money -- \$188,000 -- for an agreement with Open Broadband LLC to deploy the technology, focusing on unserved and underserved areas of Franklin County; \$125,000 to craft the county's new Unified Development Ordinance; \$40,000 to develop a countywide bike and pedestrian plan, \$20,000 to pay for a long-gestating Epsom Park master plan.” (*The Franklin Times*, 6/10/20)

- **“A Two-Percent Cost-Of-Living Raise For Employees, But The Budget Does Not Implement A Compensation And Classification Plan That Would Have Provided Pay Boosts For Employees.”** (*The Franklin Times*, 6/10/20)

FY 2021-22 Budget

Vote

In 2021, Speed Voted Yea To Adopt The FY 2021-22 Franklin County Budget Ordinance. (Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/7/21)

The Board was then asked to vote on the motion made by Commissioner Pearce and seconded by Commissioner Bunn to approve the FY22 Budget Ordinance as presented, levying a General Fund rate of 79.5 cents per one hundred dollars valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, approval of a General Fund budget totaling \$95,702,496 and approval of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the General Fund, Solid Waste Enterprise Fund and Public Utilities Enterprise Fund as presented for FY22 through FY26 as a planning document. The motion was unanimously approved.

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/7/21)

June 7, 2021

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met for its Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Hamilton Hobgood Courthouse Annex with the following Commissioners present: Chairman Michael Schriver, Vice-Chairman David Bunn, Commissioners Harry L. Foy, Jr., Cedric K. Jones, Sr., Kelli London, Mark Speed and Danny Pearce.

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 6/7/21)

General Fund

The FY 2021-22 Franklin County Budget Appropriated \$95,702,496 To The General Fund.

(Franklin County, [FY 2021-22](#))

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	AMOUNT (Dollars)
General Government	\$10,297,817
Public Safety	31,472,474
Economic and Physical Development	3,143,864
Human Services	19,456,050
Cultural and Leisure	1,869,165
Education	<u>29,463,126</u>
Total General Fund Appropriation	\$95,702,496

(Franklin County, [FY 2021-22](#))

Millage Rate

The FY 20 Franklin County Budget Imposed A Millage Rate Of 7.950. (Franklin County, [FY 2021-22](#))

SECTION 10. There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of Seventy-Nine and 50 tenths cents (\$.7950) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2021, for the purpose of generating the revenue listed as "Current Taxes" in the General Fund in Section 1 of this Ordinance. The rate of tax is based on an estimated total valuation of property, for the purpose of taxation, of \$6,581,062,898 and a ninety-eight percent (98%) collection rate.

(Franklin County, [FY 2021-22](#))

Other

The FY 2021-22 Franklin County Adopt Budget Increased The Tax Rate In 2 Of The 12 Fire Districts. (Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#); Franklin County, [FY 2021-22](#))

FIRE DISTRICT

	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Bunn.....	1,130,355,5820750
Centerville.....	106,716,9690600
Hopkins.....	48,420,2420550
Central Fire.....	368,475,9230875
Epsom.....	148,995,5010940
Franklinton.....	555,690,2410700
Gold Sand.....	85,885,7240750
Justice.....	164,077,9470875
Mitchiners.....	305,857,5350650
Pilot.....	320,676,1550925
White Level.....	135,116,6570875
Youngsville.....	2,351,677,9640900

(Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))**FIRE DISTRICT**

	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Bunn.....	1,202,050,7940750
Centerville.....	110,162,0800600
Hopkins.....	50,528,0130550
Central Fire.....	370,897,5680975
Epsom.....	155,811,3950930
Franklinton.....	620,450,6930700
Gold Sand.....	88,551,5020750
Justice.....	167,426,9870875
Mitchiners.....	326,507,6660750
Pilot.....	339,845,0340925
White Level.....	138,637,4800875
Youngsville.....	2,549,332,1840900

(Franklin County, [FY 2021-22](#))

The FY 2021-22 Franklin County Adopted Budget Increased Rates For Water And Sewer Charges. (Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#); Franklin County, [FY 2021-22](#))

SECTION 8A: There is hereby established the following rate schedule for water and sewer charges for the period of July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021:

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
Municipal	\$7.30 per 1,000 gal.	\$6.38 per 1,000 gal.
High Volume	\$5.75 per 1,000 gal.	\$7.70 per 1,000 gal.
Low Volume	\$30.00 first 2,000 gal.	\$35.00 first 2,000gal.
	\$7.30 next 1,000 gal.	\$7.70 next 1,000 gal.
Multi-user	\$11.00 per service connect	\$27.50 first 2,000 gal.
	\$5.75 per 1,000 gal.	\$7.70 next 1,000 gal.

(Franklin County, [FY 2020-21](#))

SECTION 8A. There is hereby established the following rate schedule for water and sewer charges for the period of July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022:

	<u>WATER</u>	<u>SEWER</u>
Municipal	\$8.18 per 1,000 gal.	\$7.15 per 1,000 gal.
High Volume	\$6.44 per 1,000 gal.	\$8.62 per 1,000 gal.
Low Volume	\$33.60 first 2,000 gal. \$8.18 next 1,000 gal.	\$39.20 first 2,000 gal. \$8.62 next 1,000 gal.
Multi-user	\$12.32 per service connect \$6.44 per 1,000 gal.	\$30.80 first 2,000 gal. \$8.62 next 1,000 gal.
Landlord Account	\$5.60 first 2,000 gal. \$8.18 next 1,000 gal.	\$7.84 first 2,000 gal. \$8.62 next 1,000 gal.
Hydrant Meter Usage	\$56.00 base rate \$8.18 per 1,000 gal.	
Irrigation Account	\$33.60 base rate \$8.18 per 1,000 gal.	

(Franklin County, [FY 2021-22](#))

Fees

Parks And Recreation

In November 2019, Speed Voted Yea To Impose Two New Parks & Recreation Fees.

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 11/4/19)

3. FEE SCHEDULED FOR OWENS PARK FACILITIES

Oliver Greene, Parks & Recreation Director, requested the Board adopt a fee schedule for the Open Space and Rustic Campsite Facilities at Owens Park.

The suggested additions to the Parks & Recreation fee schedule include the following:

- Open space/amphitheater \$25 per hour (with three hours minimum)
- Campsite (rugged) \$20 per day

Commissioner Speed made a motion to adopt the fee schedule as presented, seconded by Commissioner Dickerson. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting "AYE."

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 11/4/19)

Miscellaneous Policy

Sheriff Hiring Process

In October 2019, Speed Voted Yea To Approve The "Sheriff's Request To Hire Next Of Kin". (Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 10/21/19)

7. SHERIFF'S REQUEST TO HIRE NEXT OF KIN

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 153A-103, Sheriff Winstead requested the Board consider approval of hiring next of kin.

Commissioner Schriver made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Dickerson. The motion was approved with a 6 to 1 vote with Commissioner Foy voting "NO."

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 10/21/19)

Panhandling

In January 2020, Speed Voted Yea To Approve A Motion To "Allow Staff To Craft An Ordinance Prohibiting Panhandling". (Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 1/21/20)

Commissioner Schriver then made a motion to allow staff to craft an ordinance prohibiting panhandling, seconded by Commissioner Bunn. The motion passed with a 4 to 3 vote, with Commissioners Dunston, Dickerson and Foy voting “NO.” Staff will present a draft ordinance to the Board in the near future.

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 1/21/20)

HEALTHCARE

Medicaid Expansion

In February 2020, Speed Appeared To Vote In Support Of A Resolution Calling For North Carolina To Embrace Medicaid Expansion. (Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 2/3/20)

Commissioner Dickerson then read aloud a resolution entitled “Medicaid Expansion Resolution.” She asked the Board to consider its approval.

Commissioner Dickerson made the motion to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Speed. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”

MEDICAID EXPANSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the General Assembly’s 2013 decision to REJECT Medicaid Expansion has jeopardized rural hospitals and denied coverage to between 365,000 and 500,000 North Carolinians, leading to thousands of preventable deaths; and

WHEREAS, thirty-seven states including the southern states of Arkansas, Virginia and Louisiana, have expanded Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, rural communities generally suffer higher uninsured rates and have less dense populations, many small, rural North Carolina counties would see a greater share of their population gain eligibility for affordable health insurance coverage if lawmakers close the coverage gap; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that Medicaid expansion helps keep rural hospitals afloat, and in North Carolina at least six rural hospitals have closed their doors since 2010; and

WHEREAS, a 2019 study funded by the Cone Health Foundation reveals that more than 37,000 jobs would be added to the NC economy and that business activity would increase in NC by \$11.7 billion dollars in just 3 years between 2020-2022 if the General Assembly expanded Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2019 annual U.S. Census Bureau Report, North Carolina’s 10.7 percent uninsured rate is the 9th highest in the nation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners request that Representative Lisa Barnes and Senator John Alexander vote for a 2020 budget bill that includes Medicaid expansion.

(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 2/3/20)

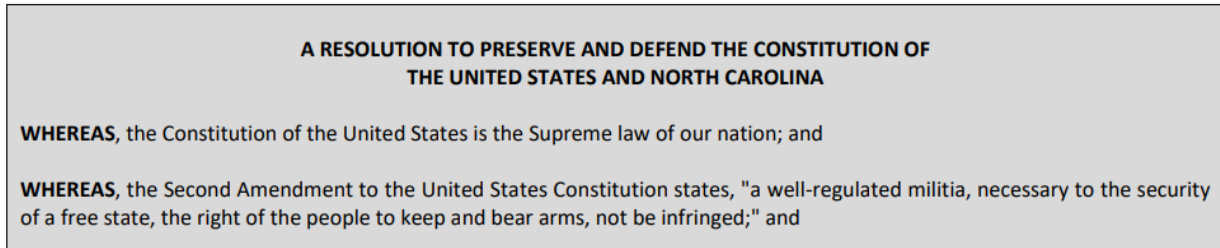
SOCIAL ISSUES

Second Amendment

In February 2020, Speed Introduced “A Resolution To Preserve And Defend The Constitution Of The United States And North Carolina” That Was Gesture Of Symbolic Support For The Second Amendment.” (Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 2/3/20)

Commissioner Speed read aloud a resolution entitled “A Resolution to Preserve and Defend the Constitution of the United States and North Carolina.” He asked the Board to consider its approval.

Commissioner Speed made the motion to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Commissioner Schriver. The motion duly carried approval with all present voting “AYE.”



(Franklin County Commission, [Meeting Minutes](#), 2/3/20)

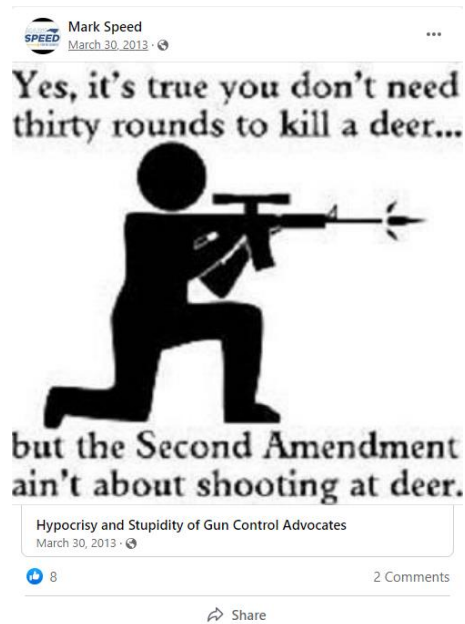
Social Media

In April 2013, Speed Posted A Picture Which Seemed To Criticize The Idea Of Making Guns Illegal. (Speed’s Personal Profile, [Facebook](#), 4/12/13)



(Speed’s Personal Profile, [Facebook](#), 4/12/13)

In March 2013, Speed Posted In Support Of The Second Amendment. (Speed’s Personal Profile, [Facebook](#), 3/30/13)



(Speed's Personal Profile, [Facebook](#), 3/30/13)

In February 2013, Speed Posted That No Politicians Have Talked About How To Take Guns Away From Criminals Not Law Abiding Citizens. (Speed's Personal Profile, [Facebook](#), 2/18/13)



(Speed's Personal Profile, [Facebook](#), 2/18/13)

POLITICAL

Democrat Party

Speed On The Democrat Party In 2017: “We Have Got To Get Out Here And Educate The Public On What The Democratic Party Is Really About...” “The final question about unifying, growing and strengthening the Democratic Party seemed to provide distance between the two candidates. Swanson said he didn't know. "I would like to tell you a real good answer,"

Swanson said, "but I don't know ..." Speed said it was an easy answer for him. "We have got to get out here and educate the public on what the Democratic Party is really about," he said. "There is so much propaganda there that is so negative about us. "Our very core beliefs reside in the last five words of the pledge; liberty and justice, for all. "The most important word in that is 'all.' "It doesn't mean for this select group or one individual, it's all," Speed said. "We are run in the ground about giveaways. We're not for giveaways. We're run in the ground for not putting people to work "That's what we're here for now, we're trying to find jobs," he said. "The Democrats dig in and investigate the whole picture," he said. "We don't just make quick decisions, it's well investigated and thoroughly looked over before a vote. "We have got to get that point out there," he said. "It will take grass roots to do that."" (The Franklin Times, 6/21/17)

- **Speed: "Our Very Core Beliefs Reside In The Last Five Words Of The Pledge; Liberty And Justice, For All."** (The Franklin Times, 6/21/17)
- **Speed: "We Are Run In The Ground About Giveaways. We're Not For Giveaways. We're Run In The Ground For Not Putting People To Work."** (The Franklin Times, 6/21/17)

State Senate Candidacy

In November 2021, Speed Announced His Candidacy For State Senate District 11. "Franklin County Commissioner Mark Speed has announced his candidacy for the N.C. Senate's District 11 seat representing Nash, Franklin and Vance counties. 'I am excited and honored to announce my candidacy to represent the great people of Franklin, Nash, and Vance counties,' Speed said. 'Over the coming months, I look forward to traveling throughout the district to hear from members of our community on how I can best serve them and to share my vision for our great state.' Speed, a Democrat, is the first candidate to announce plans to run for the office." ("Speed To Run For Nash County's NC Senate Seat," The Enterprise, 11/23/21)

Franklin County Commission

Appointment

"Speed Has Served As A County Commissioner Since His Appointment In 2017." (The Enterprise, 11/23/21)

Speed In June 2017 "Said He Would Serve His District On A Campaign Of Agriculture, Education And Jobs." "Speed said he would serve his district on a campaign of agriculture, education and jobs. "We've got a lot of things to focus on with the county commissioners to benefit this county," said Speed, noting that he was finally ready to answer the call to public service. "District 3 seems to be very forgotten at times," he said. "It is rural, but I think we can do something to change that; not the rural part, but we need services out there. "We've got to recruit jobs, entice employers to bring jobs here and retain them," Speed said. "Too many of us have to commute to work. "... But we've got to give these employers some incentive to come here," he said. 'They've got to have the infrastructure.'" (The Franklin Times, 6/21/17)

During The Evaluation Process "Speed Was Also Asked About His Residency, Which Was Apparently In Question." "Beyond the queries for both candidates, Speed was also asked about

his residency, which was apparently in question. He has properties in both Nash and Franklin counties. "I know there have been some questions," he said, noting he has legal documentation. "The place I have in Nash County is under lease. "I own my property in Franklin County," he said. "That's where we live, plainly and simply.'" (*The Franklin Times*, 6/21/17)

Additional Civic Engagements

Historic Preservation Board

In 2008, Speed Was Named To A Louisburg Historic Preservation Board. "It was a combination walk down memory lane and pep talk for the challenges that lie ahead when Peter Sandbeck, deputy state historic preservation officer, spoke at the annual banquet of the Person Place Preservation Society in Louisburg Thursday night... In other action at the society's annual meeting, Dewey Botts was elected president, succeeding John Young who had held the post for two years. Other officers in the coming year will be Bo May, vice president; Alitha Palich, treasurer, and Joe Pearce, secretary. In addition, six board members were named including Mark Speed, Sharon Billings, Jeff Anderson and Penny Sandbeck. Reappointed were Aletha Palich and Bo May.'" (*The Franklin Times*, 12/5/08)

Animal Control Advocacy Board

In 2009, Speed Was Appointed To The Local Animal Control Advisory Board. "A recent appointment to the county's Animal Control Advisory Board has opened up questions about operations at the new shelter that include alleged problems with services and personnel. County Manager Angela Harris and animal shelter Director Graham Stallings say operations are going well at the shelter and say there have been recent adjustments based on concerns raised from volunteers and the public as well as at least one outspoken, former advisory board member, Chip Broughton. County Commissioner Robert Lee Swanson did not re-appoint Broughton to the advisory board earlier this month and selected Mark Speed to fill the slot.'" (*The Franklin Times*, 2/10/09)

- **"Swanson Said There Was No One Else In The Running For The Appointment And He Chose Speed Because He Thought He 'Has Animal Welfare As A Great Concern.'" (*The Franklin Times*, 2/10/09)**
- **"Speed Has Long-Standing Interest With Animal Control In The County And Is The Son Of The Late State Sen. James Speed, Who Was Instrumental In The Overhaul Of Animal Welfare Seen During The Past Four Years." (*The Franklin Times*, 2/10/09)**

Franklin County Agriculture Board

It Has Been Noted That Speed Severed As A Franklin County Agriculture Board Member. (*The Franklin Times*, 5/25/10)

Family History

According To His Campaign Biography, Speed's Family Has Been Involved In North Carolina Politics For Generations. "Commissioner Speed enters the race with a family heritage

of public service. His Grandfather served on the Franklin County Commission in the 1920's. His father James D. Speed represented this community for over 30 years in the North Carolina General Assembly. Mark hopes to bring his own family's values of service and stability to the North Carolina State Senate." ([Elect Mark Speed](#), Accessed May 2022)

PERSONAL

Music Career

It Has Been Noted That Speed For Some Period Of Time Served As A Disc Jockey And Provide 'DJ' Services. "The generosity doesn't end there. Disc jockey Mark Speed, owner of Speed of Sound, is donating his record-spinning services to play the Electric Slide on Friday so Barry can show us his moves. Barry says he's been practicing, but he wants folks to dance it with him. After all, the Electric Slide is a group dance. DJ Speed will start playing tunes about 11 a.m. Friday. So grab the whole family and come on down and get warmed up for the dance." (*The News & Observer*, 12/22/10)