The attached document was submitted to the Washoe County Board of Commissioners during the meeting held on October 9, 2018 by Manager's Office for Agenda Item No. 10 and included here pursuant to NRS 241.020(8).
The Charters of Freedom are our country’s founding documents. These three original documents; The Declaration of Independence, The United States Constitution, and The Bill of Rights are on display in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. They are open to the public and free to view.

The Declaration of Independence was primarily penned by Thomas Jefferson between June 11 and June 28, 1776. The document was finalized and approved on July 9, 1776. All 13 colonies signed the parchment document by August 2, 1776.

The first draft of The United States Constitution was approved on August 6\textsuperscript{th}, 1787. Only after the ratification of the first ten amendments, known as our Bill of Rights, was the final draft of The Constitution ratified on September 17, 1787.

During the process of ratification of The Constitution, there was a demand for a bill of rights to defend individual liberties from a possible oppressive government. James Madison worked to get 17 amendments through the House. These were later reduced to 12 amendments by the Senate. Of these 12 amendments, 10 were approved on December 15, 1791 and added to The Constitution. These first 10 amendments are our Bill of Rights.
Morganton, North Carolina
Burke County
Dedicated July 2, 2014

Asheville, North Carolina
Buncombe County
Dedicated May 25, 2015

Murphy, North Carolina
Cherokee County
Dedicated September 17, 2014

Jacksonville, Illinois
Morgan County
Dedicated May 30, 2015

Kokomo, Indiana
Howard County
Dedicated August 7, 2015
Columbia, South Carolina
Richland County
Dedicated May 26, 2016

Sylva, North Carolina
Jackson County
Dedicated May 19, 2017

Windsor, North Carolina
Bertie County
Dedicated August 24, 2017

Ft. Thomas, Kentucky
Campbell County
Dedicated July 4, 2017

Hanover College, Indiana
Jefferson County
Dedicated September 19, 2017
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YOUR CHARTERS OF FREEDOM

These three documents are known as The Charters of Freedom.

These three documents declare:

1. We are an independent people.
2. We are governed by a democratic republic.
3. We are secure in our freedom and rights as citizens of The United States of America.

OUR MISSION

Simply put, Foundation Forward, Inc. is an educational, not for profit project. It is an organization that builds Your Charters of Freedom settings in communities across the country.

Our Passion is to provide easy Access and Education to these founding documents in a proper setting.

Our Vision is to provide this Access and Education to these founding documents in all communities in the United States of America.

Our Goals are to educate the children and citizens of each community on how our government is meant to serve and protect, and to preserve history.
OUR STORY

In the fall of 2011, Vance and Mary Jo Patterson were visiting Washington, DC for meetings with some members of Congress and various organizations. They had some free time and decided to go to the National Archives because they had never seen The Declaration of Independence and The U.S. Constitution. Walking through the large bronze gates, they entered the rotunda. There, on the other side of the room, were the founding documents on display – The Declaration of Independence on the left, four pages of The United States Constitution in the middle, and on the right, the original document listing the first proposed 12 amendments which contain the Bill of Rights. These three original documents are known as your Charters of Freedom.

When they got the chance, Vance and Mary Jo stepped up to view The Declaration of Independence and began a very emotional experience. Vance recalls, “Seeing something our founding fathers had actually penned, and then their signatures - Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Rutledge and the others - I got goosebumps. And, when I moved over and saw the first page of The Constitution and the words, ‘We The People,’ I actually got a lump in my throat.”

In the spring of 2012, Vance tells how he remembers “sitting with Mary Jo on the Old Courthouse Green in Burke County, NC for a National Day of Prayer service, and towards the end of the service the thought came to him, ‘What if I could take the experience Mary Jo and I had up in Washington at the National Archives the first time we saw the Charters of Freedom – what if we could bring that experience back to the citizens of Burke County?’ I started getting excited about it and after the meeting, I told Mary Jo and we actually walked around picking out possible locations.”

Later that year, Vance began working on a project. It turned out to be an education project: to design and build a Charters of Freedom setting on the Old Burke County Courthouse Green. Two years later on July 2, 2014 the first Charters of Freedom setting outside of Washington, DC was dedicated in downtown Morganton, North Carolina.

This was only the beginning.
Founder Vance Patterson states, "It took me over 60 years to get to The National Archives in Washington, D.C. to see our Founding Documents. Even though it is free and open to the public, there is just so much to see in Washington, all the monuments and museums, that you don't get a chance to get to the National Archives." Most people will never see and experience these founding documents in a proper setting.

The goal of Foundation Forward is to bring these documents to local communities in life size replicas of the settings in the National Archives. Your Charters of Freedom setting will be placed in a location central to the community, 24 hour access, with high visibility, high foot traffic, and easy access for school children. They are built to last 300 to 500 years.
THIS IS AN EDUCATION PROJECT

You would not believe how many people come up to the documents and say, "That's all there is to our Constitution - just four pages?"

You would not believe how many people do not know that our first ten amendments are our Bill of Rights!

People do not know that the First Amendment which covers Freedom of Speech, Freedom of The Press, Freedom of Religion, Freedom to Assemble, and Freedom to Petition The Government is only 45 words long!

Imagine if you will, a grade school teacher taking her third or fourth grade students on an annual field trip to Your Charters of Freedom setting. Sitting on the grass in front of The United States Constitution, they are listening to stories about our Founding Fathers and learning some about our Founding Documents. While they are there, they will learn a little about our government, state and local history, along with local heroes.

Our hope is that our future leaders will come from communities with their own Charters of Freedom; that they will grow up, not talking about The Constitution and Bill of Rights in Washington, but talking about Their Constitution and Their Bill of Rights, the ones they grew up with, right in their home community. And, they will know how government is supposed to work to protect and serve We The People.
YOUR COMMUNITY

Having a Charters of Freedom setting will show that your community takes pride in being an All American Community. This will be a positive attraction for those considering moving to your area, both people and businesses.

Your community will have Access to Your Charters of Freedom without traveling to Washington, D.C.

Your community will participate in the opening of the time capsules and celebration of our 300th Anniversary of our U.S. Constitution on Constitution Day, September 17, 2087, along with all the other communities around the country.

YOUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Your Charters of Freedom setting is not a monument. It is an active, hands-on educational supplement to your school’s curriculum, encouraging your school system, Public, Private, and Home to educate all students in the history of our Country, Founding Fathers, and Government responsibilities.

Having a Charters of Freedom setting will encourage your school children to get involved in the needs of our country; just as our Founding Fathers did in Colonial times.

YOU & YOUR FAMILY, YOUR LEGACY

Gifting or helping to gift a Charters of Freedom setting to your community will allow you the Joy of Giving.

Gifting or helping to gift a Charters of Freedom setting to your community will give you a direct link to our Founding Fathers by helping to preserve what it is they gave this country; a government to protect and serve We The People.

Gifting or helping to gift a Charters of Freedom setting to your community will establish Your Legacy in the community with your name on the dedication plaque. Your future generations will be able to take their grandchildren down to the monument and show them what their great, great ancestor did for their community and country.
VANCE & MARY JO PATTERSON
Founders

Vance is a businessman, an Industrial Manufacturer - started 22 companies, two of which made the INC. 500 List for fastest growing companies in the U.S. He's a two-time finalist Entrepreneur of The Year in S.E. Father of four, married 43 years.

PERRY SNIDER
State Director, Military Coordinator

Perry is the director of activities in North Carolina, conducting presentations for city and county leaders. After projects are approved, he will initiate community support to fund the project. With the funding in place, he will coordinate contractors and suppliers to construct the monuments. Perry works with various military organizations such as the VFW, American Legion as well as civic organizations such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Command Sergeant Major, US Army (retired). Perry has spent 11 years in both Iraq & Afghanistan, building and sustaining camps for the US Military. He was a Project Manager for Kellogg, Brown & Root as well as Fluor Daniels.

RON LEWIS
Facilitator, Spokesman, Foundation Treasurer

Ron is the primary contact for those counties considering a Charters of Freedom setting in their community. He schedules presentations and speaks on behalf of Foundation Forward in the absence of the president. Ron also works directly with community support and outreach programs.

Former USMC Communications Platoon Commander. Ron has 31 years experience as a North Carolina County Manager, and is currently a consultant for Faith Based Disaster Relief Organizations. Four of his ancestors have fought in the American Revolution.
David Streater  
State Director, Military Coordinator

David researches the history of the Founding Fathers and develops supplemental educational curriculum materials to be shared with educators across the U.S. These materials are then used for visits to their local settings.

As a criminologist with an acute history interest, he has an extensive background with careers in probation and parole holding officer and higher management positions, in addition to college teaching and senior administration. Dr. Streater earned degrees from Pfeiffer College (now University) BA; Rollins College, MSCJ; and Barry University, PhD, with additional graduate qualifications teaching forensic psychology.

Dr. Streater is a veteran of the US Navy having served aboard the USS Nitro and in the Navy JAG office, NTC Orlando. David married his wife, Vivian, during December 1979. They have two children, Matthew and Aaron.

Connie Snider  
Office Manager

Connie manages the daily operation of Foundation Forward’s corporate office in Morganton, answering and directing inquiries to the appropriate team members. She handles initial and follow-up correspondence, accounting, extensive research, monitoring and updating social media as well as handling press related matters.

Connie has over 20 years experience in office management both in Florida and North Carolina. She enjoys spending time with her husband and their two loving pups.
The Declaration of Independence is our nation's birth certificate! This handwritten document states that our country is free from British rule and will now create our own laws of government. It is only one page long! Can you believe it?

WHO?
In the 1770's, there were 13 colonies in America. The people who lived in these colonies were called Colonists and were subject to British law under King George III. The Founding Fathers of our Nation were those who participated in the American Revolution (the war for independence) and signed the Declaration of Independence.

Thomas Jefferson, who later became the 3rd President of the United States, authored the majority of this document of freedom.

WHEN?
The Declaration of Independence was written between June 11th and June 28th, and approved on July 4th, 1776. That is why we celebrate the 4th of July as our Independence Day!

WHY?
Great Britian (England) was a monarchy (ruled by a king) and the Colonists thought that King George III was the biggest bully around! The King demanded they pay high taxes and said that everything the Colonists built belonged to him. The Colonists wanted to own their property and make their rules which started the American Revolution. They created the Declaration of Independence as a way of saying a new Nation was born!

WHERE?
The original document is at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

FILL IN THE BLANK
Complete the names of the original 13 colonies:

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__ORT__CA__OLI__A SO__TH__AROL__NA
__GE__REGI__ PE__NS__LVA__IA
__VI__GI__IA NEW__OR__NEW__OR
R__OD__IS__AND CONN__CTI__UT
NEW__AM__SHIR__MA__YLAN__
The Law is the set of rules that we live by. The United States Constitution is the highest law. It belongs to the United States; it belongs to all Americans.

The U.S. Constitution says how the government works. It is split into three parts: Congress, the President and the Courts. These three parts of government work together to make our laws good and fair.

The Constitution was written in 1787. That's over 225 years old!

In 1787, a group of people met to write the Constitution. They did not like the way the country was going. They fixed it by creating the United States Constitution. We call these men The Framers.

Some of the Framers are very famous. George Washington was a Framer, as was Ben Franklin!

The Framers met at the Constitutional Convention in Independence Hall during a hot summer in Philadelphia. They had a lot of debates. In the end, they agreed to the words in the Constitution. They knew they had to agree. If they did not agree, the disagreements would keep going.

After the Framers wrote the United States Constitution, they asked the colonies to approve this. It took some time, but all the colonies approved it on September 17th, 1787 - Constitution Day - and they became states: The United States of America.

The History

Freedom's Timeline

When the U.S. Constitution was signed, the United States population was 4 million. It is now more than 325 million.

How long did it take to create the United States of America and set the stage for the nation we live in today?
Congress (makes laws)
- Senate
  - 100 Senators elected
  - Two senators per state
- House of Representatives
  - 435 Representatives elected
  - Based on each state's population

President (enforces laws)
- Head of the United States government and military
- Vice President
- Cabinet
  - Advisors to the President

Courts (evaluates laws)
- Supreme Court
  - Nine Justices nominated by the president and approved by the Senate
  - Other Federal Courts

The Declaration of Independence
A time capsule
The Bill of Rights
John Hancock's signature
The Preamble to the U.S. Constitution
Article I (One)
3 plaques
Benjamin Franklin's signature
The U.S. Constitution
Something made of bronze
The date "July 4, 1776"
The word "Congress"
The words "We the People"
Article IV (Four)
The word "America"
An interesting building nearby

1783 - 1789 - 1791
Revolutionary War Ends
Philadelphia Convention is Held
George Washington Becomes 1st U.S. President
Bill of Rights is Created
Constitution is Signed
Bill of Rights is Ratified
1776
1787
1789
1791

Our own government? ONLY 18 YEARS!
After the leaders of the new United States of America wrote the United States Constitution, they had to get the thirteen states to agree to it. Some of the states did not want to agree unless they could add some specific rights for individual people. So, in 1791 the United States added ten new rights to the Constitution. They got the idea for some of these rights from the English Magna Carta. These are called your Bill of Rights. The first ten ratified amendments to the United States Constitution are:

1st Amendment
Freedom of Speech, Religion, Press, Assembly and Petition

2nd Amendment
Right to raise a militia and keep and bear arms

3rd Amendment
Right to refuse personal homes to soldiers

4th Amendment
Freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures

5th Amendment
Right to due process of law, no self-incrimination or double jeopardy

6th Amendment
Right to a fair and speedy trial

7th Amendment
Right to a trial by jury

8th Amendment
Freedom from excessive bail or cruel punishment

9th Amendment
People have more rights than are listed in the Constitution

10th Amendment
All power not granted by the Constitution is reserved for the States and People

There were 12 amendments in the Bill of Rights. Only the last 10 were ratified.
A GIFT FROM
FOUNDATION FORWARD, INC.
AN EDUCATIONAL 501(c)(3)

EDUCATION
Imagine school teachers bringing their 3rd and 4th grade classes on annual field trips to see your founding documents, learn about our state and local government, our Founding Fathers and local heroes.

ACCESS
All families and citizens of your county will now have local access to life-size replicas of our founding documents displayed as they are seen in The National Archives - a very impressive and emotional experience.

COMMUNITY
This is truly a community strengthening experience by allowing future generations to grow up no longer just talking about the Constitution and Bill of Rights in Washington, but talking about their Constitution and their Bill of Rights, right in their home community! These monuments are built to last 500 years.
Bring YOUR CHARTERS OF FREEDOM to your community and set them in stone!

Burke County
Morganton, North Carolina
Dedicated: July 2, 2014

Buncombe County,
Asheville, NC
Dedicated: May 25, 2015

Cherokee County
Murphy, NC
Dedicated: September 7, 2015

Morgan County,
Jacksonville, IL
Dedicated: May 30, 2015

Howard County
Kokomo, Indiana
Dedicated: August 7, 2015

Visit our website to see more Approved Site Locations!

THE STORY

The first time my wife and I saw the original founding documents, something our Founding Fathers had actually penned, when seeing their signatures, I got goose bumps. When I looked at the first page of The Constitution and saw the words “We the People,” I got a lump in my throat. We were both so moved we decided to build and gift a Charters of Freedom Monument to our home community of Burke County, North Carolina. It was dedicated July 2, 2014. Since then we have gifted four more monuments to communities in NC, IN, and IL at a cost of $70,000 - $75,000 each. Now, YOU have a chance to work with us to bring Your Charters of Freedom Monument to your community.
COMPLETED PROJECTS

Hanover College Students

Burnsville, North Carolina
Yancey County
Dedicated September 25, 2017

Bryson City, North Carolina
Swain County
Dedicated September 28, 2017

Bryson City, NC JROTC

Franklin, North Carolina
Macon County
Dedicated November 11, 2017
PHASE ONE - INTRODUCTION, PRESENTATIONS, PLANNING

Step One – Foundation Forward, Inc. will work with your County or City Administrator to add the Presentation to the public agenda of the meeting of the governing body – County Commissioner’s Meeting or City Council Meeting.

Step Two – Following the Presentation to the governing body in general session, Foundation Forward will propose the governing body consider accepting the gift from Foundation Forward on behalf of The Children and Citizens of The Community, and commit to providing a site suitable for the setting.

Step Three – Letters of Intent will be exchanged and the project will begin.

PHASE TWO - COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND FUNDING

1. Community Support is crucial for a successful setting, not only for funding if needed, but for the community to take ownership of the setting once it is completed.
2. A Leader is required to make this work. This person must have a passion for the project, be a respected member of the community and have a network of good contacts.
3. A local bank account is set up to accept local donations.

Types of Support:

1. Donors of materials and labor – concrete, rebar, concrete labor, brick, brick masons.
2. Individual Donors
3. Corporate Donors
4. Legacy Donors – Names on Dedication Plaque
5. Engraved Brick Donors – Names are built into back of settings.

PHASE THREE - CONSTRUCTION

Step One – Site is cleared and prepared for excavation.
Step Two – Excavation to 3' and rebar is set, concrete is poured – 4,000 psi+
Step Three – Core is formed, rebar is set, concrete is poured – 4,000 psi+
Step Four – Brick fascia is installed.
Step Five – Document Chambers are set, Bronze Documents are set, Polycarbonate and Trim are set.
Step Six – Plaques are installed.
Step Seven – Cleanup, and landscaping if desired.

PHASE FOUR - DEDICATION

Step One – Decide on a date.
Step Two – Coordinate with Foundation Forward for Programs and suggested agenda based on past dedications.
VARIABLES

SETTINGS

All settings have the same basic components:

1. Solid Foundation going down 3' into the ground with reinforced poured concrete.
2. Solid Core with reinforced poured concrete.
3. Six Founding Documents on ¼" routed bronze plates – each weighing over 60 lbs.
4. Vault embedded in the back of the center setting, with time capsule.
5. Document chambers are covered with ½" treated polycarbonate and framed.
6. Five bronze plaques are installed.

The difference in the settings is the fascia selections. They are as follows, with estimated costs:

- **BRICK SETTING WITH PAINTED STONE CAP**
  - ADDITIONAL $15,000

- **BRICK SETTING WITH LIMESTONE CAP**
  - ADDITIONAL $41,000

- **LIMESTONE SETTING**
  - ADDITIONAL $41,000

- **GRANITE SETTING**
  - ADDITIONAL $48,500

[Image links to chartersonoffreedom.com]
Anna A. Payne – Murphy, NC, Town Manager, Cherokee County: "Mayor Hughes wanted me to let you know things here are fine. The Charters are a big attraction. Our local Boy Scout Troop has taken it upon themselves to clean the glass on a weekly basis. Thanks again."

Brian McMahan – Sylva, NC, Chairman, Jackson County Commissioners: "A heartfelt thanks to all who helped make the event and project a success. Please share my thank you with everyone at Foundation Forward."

Jerry Ollis – Vice President, Entegra Bank, Sylva, NC, Jackson County: "A heartfelt thank you for how you have been so instrumental in bringing to the children and people of Jackson County. These Charters of Freedom will be enjoyed by many for years to come. I so clearly remember when this project started last year and to see it come to fruition is very touching to me. I commend you for your dedication to a project such as this and making this a reality for people across this country to appreciate and enjoy."

Paul Wyman – Kokomo, IN, Howard County Commissioner: "My Dad always told me when I was growing up, if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. But, this was one of those times when it sounded to good to be true, but it really was true." "Their (Pattersons') passion for our country and these documents overwhelmed me in my conference room and so we began the journey..."

Joe Belcher – Asheville, NC, Buncombe County Commissioner: I have as much fun as the kids when they visit the monument because I enjoy meeting the groups and sharing the history behind the documents. I am very impressed with the interest of the visiting students. It really gives me a sense of patriotic pride to see the students so involved. I really appreciate having the monument available for the children and citizens of Buncombe County."
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   Morganton, North Carolina
   Commissioner Johnnie Carswell - Chairman
   Morganton, NC 28655
   828-433-9702
   Johnnie.Carswell@Burkenc.org

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   Morganton, NC 28655
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   Wayne.Abele@Burkenc.org

2. **Buncombe County**
   Asheville, North Carolina
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   Commissioner Joe Belcher - District 3
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   Joe.belcher@buncombecounty.org

   County Manager Wanda Greene
   828-250-4100
   Wanda.greene@buncombecounty.org

3. **Cherokee County**
   Murphy, North Carolina
   Commissioner C.B. McKinnon - Chairman
   828-837-3528
   cb.mckinnon@cherokeecounty-nc.gov

   Mayor Bill Hughes
   828-837-2510
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4. **Howard County**
   Kokomo, Indiana
   Commissioner Paul Wyman - President
   The Wyman Group
   765-419-1021
   pwyman8@aol.com

5. **Morgan County**
   Jacksonville, Illinois
   Mayor Andy Ezard
   Jacksonville, Illinois
   217-479-4610
   mayor@jacksonvilleil.com

6. **Bertie County**
   Windsor, North Carolina
   Commissioner Tammy Lee - Chairman
   252-325-4125
   commissioners@bertie.nc.gov

   Sheriff John Holley
   252-794-5330
   john.holley@bertie.nc.gov

7. **Jackson County**
   Sylva, North Carolina
   Commissioner Brian McMahan - Chairman
   828-508-1466
   brianmcmahan@jacksonnc.org

   Roy Burnette - WRGC Radio Station
   828-586-2221
   rburnette@wrgc.com
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  Estimated $18,000 - $22,000

- **BRICK SETTING WITH LIMESTONE CAP**
  Estimated $33,000 - $37,000

- **LIMESTONE SETTING**
  Estimated $59,000 - $63,000

- **GRANITE SETTING**
  Estimated $66,500 - $70,500
CITAPITAL BUDGET AND REVENUE STATEMENT

SETTING CONSTRUCTION

Site Work
Foundation and Core
Stone Work Granite
Stone Work Limestone
Brick Fascia with Cast Stone Cap
Documents
Glazing
Plaques
Vault and Time Capsule
Trim

TOTAL SETTING CONSTRUCTION $460,850 $545,660 $768,640
Average Cost per Setting $30,723.33 $21,826.40 $21,961.14

OPERATIONS

Executive Management Personnel Taxes Rent Travel Insurance Office Supplies

TOTAL OVERHEAD $250,520 $421,000 $437,800
Monthly Overhead Cost $20,876.67 $35,083.33 $36,483.33

TOTAL ANNUAL CAPITAL REQUIRED $711,370 $966,660 $1,206,440

2017 2018 2019

REVENUE

SETTINGS

Local Contributions of Material
Community Support - Local Donations
Corporate Funding - Local
Stakeholders Certificate Funding
Grants
Individual Donations
Corporate Sponsors - National
Founders Donations

TOTAL SETTINGS FUNDS $460,850 $802,980 $1,136,470

OPERATIONS FUNDING

Founders Donations

TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS $250,520 $421,000 $437,800

TOTAL FUNDS $711,370 $1,223,980 $1,574,270

OVER (UNDER) $- $257,320 $367,830

2018 EXPENSES

2018 REVENUES

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