

May 27, 2026

ATTN: Secretary Devdutta Sangvai, M.D.
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NC General Assembly

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health & Human Services (Chairman
Burgin, Chairwoman Cunningham, Chairman Lambeth, Chairman Potts, Vice
Chair Galey)

Subject: Report on East Carolina University Regional Autopsy Center

Pursuant to: SL 2023-134 Section 9H.10A.(c)

“Annually, beginning February 1, 2024, ECU shall submit a progress report to the Department of Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division on the status of relocating the regional autopsy center serving the eastern counties of North Carolina to the new ECU Medical Examiner's Office, listed as project code UNC/ECU23-3 in Section 40.1 of this act. The reporting requirements of this subsection terminate upon ECU's submission of a report confirming that this new facility has been completed and commenced operating as the regional autopsy center serving the eastern counties of North Carolina.”

Due to an oversight, a report was not submitted as required on February 1, 2026. Please see below activity for the project as of April 1, 2026.

Key Milestones and activities:

Notice to Proceed	3/2/26
Contract completion date	8/10/27

Work completed in past 30 days

- Mobilized on site
- Installed all erosion control measures
- Installed pond and ditches
- Installed site fencing
- Installed job office
- Undercut and filled the south loop road up until the building pad
- Installed stone on south road with undercut
- Established North Loop Road
- Established the building pad
- Graded and began building up building pad (2'-3')
- Interviews have begun for the Administrative Director position

Work planned for the next 30 days

Complete building pad fill

Complete water tap

GUC to bore electric under B's Barbecue Rd

Begin Foundations

Undercut and lay stone at North Loop Rd

Begin Primary Sewer to MH2

Begin Domestic water installation

Transformer for temporary power