

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
OF GUILFORD COUNTY**

Greensboro, North Carolina
April 21, 2016

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on April 21, 2016 at 5:30PM, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Jeff Phillips, presiding; Vice Chairman Alan Branson; Commissioners Kay Cashion, Carolyn Q. Coleman (in at 5:44PM), J. Carlvena Foster, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue, Ray Trapp and Hank Henning.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Marty Lawing; County Attorney Mark Payne; Deputy County Manager Clarence Grier; Robin Keller, Clerk to Board; Ariane Webb, Deputy Clerk to Board; Reid Baker, Finance Director; Ben Chavis, Tax Director; J. Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director; Heather Skeens, DHHS-Social Services Division Director; Merle Green, DHHS-Public Health Division Director; Hemant Desai, Information Services Director; Bonnie Stellfox, Purchasing Director; Jim Albright, Emergency Services; Karen Neill, Cooperative Extension Director; Catherine Johnson, Family Justice Center Director; Captain Ken Whitesell, Sheriff's Office; Jeff Fowler, Security Director; members of the community and media.

I. INVOCATION

Chaplin Ben Chavis led those present in the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Phillips led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Phillips called the meeting to order 5:37PM and welcomed those in attendance.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Sandra Cramer, Greensboro resident and member of the Library of the Board of Trustees, thanked the Board for their support of public libraries and discussed activities held at local libraries throughout the year. Ms. Cramer shared the benefits of NC Digital library. Zalonda Woods, Greensboro resident, urged the Board to have a vested interest in the sovereignty movement and expressed her concerns regarding the amount of funding and the quality of Child Protective Services (CPS) investigations. She began discussing a recent case involving her children.

Chairman Phillips requested Ms. Woods pause in her commentary for the Board to receive guidance from County Attorney Mark Payne regarding their ability to hear details of CPS investigations.

County Attorney Mark Payne stated that any information included in a juvenile file must be withheld from public inspection, and noted the Board has not received a court order allowing them to receive or disseminate information related to the CPS investigation. He stated Ms. Woods can make the decision to violate the related statute, but noted he would be required to notify court officials of the violation.

Commissioner Coleman arrived to the meeting at 5:44PM.

Chairman Phillips questioned if Ms. Woods understood Mr. Payne's counsel to the Board.

Commissioner Branson questioned if Ms. Woods had forwarded information regarding her case to any Commissioners.

Ms. Woods continued to discuss her concerns regarding the investigation and urged the Board to reduce DSS funding and re-allocate to direct spending on families. She encouraged the Board to consider the sovereignty movement.

Robert Goodwill, Greensboro resident, expressed concerns with refugee resettlement in Guilford County and requested the Board force oversight of un-vetted refugees. He spoke to concerns regarding funding sources and their placement in our community. Mr. Goodwill urged the Board to consider a resolution opposing resettlement without vetting.

Commissioner Henning expressed sympathy for refugees and noted their experiences are part of American heritage. He spoke to concerns regarding his inability to find information regarding Guilford County resettlement programs and thorough vetting of potential security risks. He questioned if staff had initiated a dialogue with the Sheriff's department regarding this issue.

County Manager Marty Lawing stated staff could begin these discussions.

Commissioner Henning requested staff begin these discussions to determine security risks and to gather information regarding resettlement programs within Guilford County.

Herb Goins, High Point resident, spoke to the Master Plan for the Rich Fork preserve up for consideration during the May 10, 2016 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. He discussed a proposal presented by the Rich Fork Stewardship committee for alternate consideration which includes requests for professional trail design and buffer lands between the preserve and adjoining property owners. Mr. Goins expressed concerns with the consideration of bike trails in the preserve and requested the Board consider the alternate Master Plan proposal presented by the Rich Fork Stewardship committee.

Commissioner Coleman questioned the County Manager regarding the status of having another community meeting regarding Rich Fork preserve.

Lawing stated another hearing has not been scheduled and staff would seek Board direction prior to making this decision.

Commissioner Coleman suggested holding a public hearing to receive citizen input, and would discuss this request further during the New Business portion of the agenda.

Dr. Carolyn Chappell, Greensboro resident, echoed her thanks on behalf of the Public Library Trustees Board. She shared they recently presented their annual report to elected officials, and provided a brief overview of the report.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2016-169 PROCLAIM APRIL 10-16 AS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Adopt proclamation declaring April 10-16 as Volunteer Appreciation Week in Guilford County.

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Commissioner Cashion invited Karen Neill and Hannah Pettis from Cooperative Extension Services to receive the proclamation declaring April 10-16 as Volunteer Appreciation Week. Commissioner Cashion read the proclamation into the minutes.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 10-16, 2016 AS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK IN GUILFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, Guilford County, NC participates in National Volunteer Week April 10-16, 2016;
and

WHEREAS, volunteers are inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people that seeks out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about demonstrating to the nation that by working together, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals; and

WHEREAS, this is the perfect opportunity for Guilford County to seize the moment and share the national spotlight that National Volunteer Week deservedly receives; and

WHEREAS, our volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive city. So many volunteers working in our community utilize their time and talents daily to make a difference in the lives of children, adults, and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, Guilford County is committed to encouraging volunteerism among its partners, businesses, organizations, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, our volunteers provide vast improvement to our quality of life and increase community participation and ownership.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 10 - 16, 2016 as "**Volunteer Recognition Week**" in Guilford County and urge our fellow citizens to volunteer and put their hearts into volunteerism in their community throughout the year. By volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can promote partnership, understanding, and compassion in our community.

Commissioner Cashion recognized the Cooperative Extension volunteers and spoke to the magnitude of work being conducted by the master gardeners. She noted the hourly value of a volunteers is \$23.07.

Karen Neill, Cooperative Extension Services Director, discussed the thousands of hours donated to the County by volunteers and thanked the Board for their support and recognition.

B. 2016-168 PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2016 AS NATIONAL GARDEN MONTH

Adopt proclamation declaring April 2016 as National Garden Month.

[Legislation Text](#)

Commissioner Branson read the proclamation into the minutes.

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2016 AS NATIONAL GARDEN MONTH IN
GUILFORD COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of our life, teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts; and

WHEREAS, Gardening educates and engages our youth so that they may be exposed to nature which is essential for healthy childhood development; and

WHEREAS, Gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers; and

WHEREAS, Gardeners work to preserve our Country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; and

WHEREAS, Gardeners advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world and that their roles are a balanced and productive ecology; and

WHEREAS, Gardening furnishes a challenging and productive activity for many citizens, for those just learning as well as those having years of experience; and

WHEREAS, Gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of all plants and the riches of their efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of April as "**National Garden Month**" in an effort to acknowledge the importance of gardening and the numerous contributions of Gardeners.

Neill spoke to the work conducted across Guilford County by the Greater High Point Food Alliance and Greensboro Community Food Task Force, along with the rise in community and school gardens. She announced the Northeast Gardening Day event will be held on April 24, 2016 in recognition of National Gardening month.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Phillips asked if any Commissioners wished to pull an item from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Trapp requested item B.1. pulled from the consent agenda for further consideration.

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2016-146 2015 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) BUDGET AMENDMENT

Approve an increase in Federal/State Revenue of \$5,417 and increase the FY2016 Emergency Services budget by the same amount to reflect additional revenue awarded to the County by the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management to assist in the cost of developing and maintaining a comprehensive Emergency Management program.

[Legislation Text](#)

[EMPG Cost Report 2.pdf](#)

2. 2016-151 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION BUDGET AMENDMENT - ALIGN SMART START GRANTS - \$8,816

Approve a decrease of \$8,816 in Federal/State revenues, and decrease the Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health Division FY2016 budget by the same amount, to align the Universal Newborn Visiting and Child Care Consultation grants to award amounts actually received from Guilford County Partnership for Children.

[Legislation Text](#)

3. 2016-152 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION BUDGET AMENDMENT - ALIGN CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION BUDGET - \$74

Approve an increase of \$74 in Federal/State revenues and increase DHHS-Public Health Division FY2016 budget by the same amount in order to align budget to funds allocated from the NC Division of Public Health Women's and Children's Health / Children and Youth Branch for Child Fatality Program.

[Legislation Text](#)

4. 2016-153 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION BUDGET AMENDMENT - ALIGN HEALTHY COMMUNITIES GRANT - \$4,159

Approve an increase of \$4,159 in Federal/State revenues and increase DHHS - Public Health Division FY2016 budget by the same amount in order to align budget to funds allocated from the NC Division of Public Health Chronic Disease and Injury Section / Community and Clinical Connections for Prevention and Health Branch for Guilford County's Healthy Communities Grant.

[Legislation Text](#)

5. 2016-154 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION BUDGET AMENDMENT - ALIGN FAMILY PLANNING TANF FUNDS - \$26,626

Approve an increase of \$26,626 in Federal/State revenues and increase DHHS - Public Health Division FY2016 budget by the same amount in order to align budget to funds allocated from the NC Division of Public Health Women's and Children's Health / Women's Health for Family Planning Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

[Legislation Text](#)

6. 2016-158 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH GRANT - \$2,941

Approve an increase of \$2,941 in Federal/State revenues and increase the Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health Division FY2016 budget by the same amount to reflect a grant allocation received from Division of Public Health / Environmental Health Section for mosquito monitoring and control.

[Legislation Text](#)

B. CONTRACTS

Removed from the Consent Agenda

1. 2016-103 TRIAD ADULT & PEDIATRIC MEDICINE (TAPM) LEASE

Authorize staff to enter into a lease with Triad Adult & Pediatric Medicine (TAPM) for the term of five (5) years, with three (3) five-year renewal periods, to be effective March 1, 2016. The rental rate for the first (3) years shall be \$6,500 monthly / \$78,000 annually and shall be increased to \$12,576 monthly / \$150,912 annually, beginning in year four (March 2019). The renewal rate for the subsequent terms shall be based on current fair market value, as determined by County staff.

[Legislation Text](#)

[TRIAD ADULT AND PEDIATRIC MEDICINE INC - Lease 501 East Green Dr HP - Eff 4-1-2016](#)

2. 2016-131 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION: ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS (EHR) & PRACTICE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CONTRACT WITH CAROLINAS IT, INC.

Approve DHHS-Public Health Division EHR Practice Management System contract, in substantial form, with Carolina IT, Inc. in the amount of \$191,699, which includes \$163,900 for the purchase of the EHR Practice Management System and \$27,800 for the second and third year of maintenance and support. The contract will begin May 1, 2016 and end on February 28, 2019, for a total of thirty-six (36) months.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Event 501-Carolinas IT Inc. Contract.doc](#)

[CAROLINAS IT INC - Contract Scan Part 1 - 5-1-2016](#)

[CAROLINAS IT INC - Contract Scan Part 2 - 5-1-2016](#)

[CAROLINAS IT INC - Contract Scan Part 3 - 5-1-2016](#)

[CAROLINAS IT INC - Contract Scan Part 4 - 5-1-2016](#)

[CAROLINAS IT INC - Contract Scan Part 5 - 5-1-2016](#)

3. 2016-147 FARRAGUT SYSTEMS - NCPTS SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT

Approve contract, in substantial form, for the support and maintenance of NCPTS software with Farragut Systems not to exceed \$550,833 to be effective May 1, 2016 for a term of three (3) years.

[Legislation Text](#)

[FARRAGUT SYSTEMS INC - NCPTS Software Maintenance Agreement Scanned - 5-1-2016](#)

4. 2016-148 FARRAGUT SYSTEMS - SOFTWARE LICENSE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT FOR MAPMETRICS, DEEDSYNC AND PARCELSYNC

Approve contract with Farragut Systems, in substantial form, for support and maintenance of MapMetrics, DeedSync and ParcelSync not to exceed \$143,790 to be effective May 1, 2016 for a term of three (3) years.

[Legislation Text](#)

[FARRAGUT SYSTEMS INC - License and Support Agreement Scanned - 5-1-2016](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2016-137 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH FORSYTH COUNTY FOR LAND USE AT TRIAD PARK FOR 800MHZ TOWER

Approve, in substantial form, an interlocal agreement with Forsyth County for land use for 800 MHz Tower at Triad Park.

[Legislation Text](#)

[FORSYTH COUNTY - Triad Park Operation - Maintenance Contract Scan.pdf](#)

[R 3983 824.pdf](#)

[FORSYTH COUNTY - Triad Park 800 MHz Tower Land Use Agreement - 5-1-2016.docx](#)

2. 2016-149 PURCHASE OF MOBILE DATA TERMINALS FOR PATROL VEHICLES

Approve the purchase of thirty-two (32) Mobile Data Terminals and associated equipment from CDW Government, 230 North Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, IL 60061 under State Contract 204b at a total cost of \$140,801.

[Legislation Text](#)

[MCT Quote](#)

3. 2016-143 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS

Accept and approve tax collection and beverage license reports for month ending March 31, 2016.

[Legislation Text](#)

[401C All Guilford 3-31-16](#)

[Bev 03-31-16 Detail](#)

4. 2016-144 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for month ending March 31, 2016.

[Legislation Text](#)

[March 2016 Rebates & Releases](#)

[March 2016 NCVTS Pending Refund report](#)

5. 2016-160 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF US 70 AND WILLOWLAKE ROAD (SR 2828) IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Adopt Resolution in Support of a Traffic Signal at the intersection of US 70 and Willowlake Road (SR2828) in Guilford County.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Map Willowlake Road.docx](#)

[Request for Signal Light.pdf](#)

6. 2016-150 MINUTES APPROVAL

Review and approve the following sets of draft meeting minutes:

04/07/2016 Work Session

04/07/2016 Regular Meeting

[Legislation Text](#)

[dmws040716](#)

[dm040716](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Justin Conrad, seconded by Commissioner Hank Henning, to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0

AYES: J. Phillips, A. Branson, K. Cashion, C. Coleman, C. Foster, J. Conrad, A. Perdue, R. Trapp, H. Henning

NOES: None

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

B.1. 2016-103 TRIAD ADULT & PEDIATRIC MEDICINE (TAPM) LEASE

Authorize staff to enter into a lease with Triad Adult & Pediatric Medicine (TAPM) for the term of five (5) years, with three (3) five-year renewal periods, to be effective March 1, 2016. The rental rate for the first (3) years shall be \$6,500 monthly / \$78,000 annually and shall be increased to \$12,576 monthly / \$150,912 annually, beginning in year four (March 2019). The renewal rate for the subsequent terms shall be based on current fair market value, as determined by County staff.

[Legislation Text](#)

[TRIAD ADULT AND PEDIATRIC MEDICINE INC - Lease 501 East Green Dr HP - Eff 4-1-2016](#)

Commissioner Trapp questioned the lease amount paid by TAPM each month.

Merle Green, DHHS-Public Health Division Director, stated the agency currently pays \$6,500 per month, and noted the amount will increase after three (3) years, per the pending contract.

Commissioner Trapp questioned if this increase is financially feasible.

Green stated the County contracts with TAPM to serve as the medical home for under-insured or uninsured children and reported their current financial status makes them unable to afford an immediate rent increase. She expressed their desire to pay the increased rent amount within the next three (3) years, but noted it is unlikely they will be able to pay this amount.

Commissioner Trapp questioned the County cost if these services were brought in-house.

Green stated it would cost the County approximately \$1 million to cover staffing, equipment and exam rooms.

Commissioner Trapp expressed his concerns with the lease, as presented, and spoke to the valuable service TAPM provides to underserved children within the community. He urged the Board exercise sensitivity towards non-profits providing mandated services, and recommended no changes to the rent amount.

Chairman Phillips clarified the lease presented would leave the rental rate flat for the first three (3) years, and increase the rate in year four (4) of the contract. He questioned if TAPM would be able to afford doubling the lease amount.

Green confirmed and stated the likelihood is high the agency will be unable to make the increased payments.

Chairman Phillips questioned the potential outcome for the agency at year four (4), if they are unable to make the increased payment.

Green stated the contract terms would be renegotiated.

Chairman Phillips questioned the benefits of amending the contract to a three (3) year term.

Green noted the agency's financial status will not change within the next three (3) years, due to the indigent and uninsured population primarily served through this clinic, and suggested the agency would appreciate a longer term lease, with no rent increase.

Chairman Phillips expressed his confidence with a three (3) year term, and requested feedback from the Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, seconded by Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster, to authorize staff to enter into a lease with Triad Adult & Pediatric Medicine (TAPM) for the term of three (3) years, to be effective March 1, 2016 at a rental rate of \$6,500 monthly / \$78,000 annually, and allowing re-negotiation of rental rate, upon contract expiration, at a rate no lower than \$6,500 per month.

Commissioner Coleman opined on the difficulty of securing finances for non-profit organizations, and stated it is in the Board's best interest to allow the rental rate to remain flat for the next three (3) years, as the agency would be unable to afford an increase.

Payne noted the advantages of five (5) year contract terms for organizations working to secure financing from banking institutions.

Commissioner Ray Trapp offered a friendly amendment to the motion on the floor; authorize staff to enter into a three (3) year lease at a flat rental rate of \$6,500 monthly/ \$78,000 annually, and allowing re-negotiation of rental rate at years four (4) and five (5) no lower than \$6,500 per month, and direct staff to make the necessary amendments.

Commissioner Coleman accepted the friendly amendment.

Commissioner Conrad expressed concerns with locking into a lower rate for five (5) years, but noted he is not advocating a higher rental rate.

Commissioner Trapp noted his concerns with charging unaffordable rental rates to an agency that provides mandated services for children within the community.

The Board discussed the motion on the floor.

Commissioner Coleman called the question.

Payne clarified the motion on the floor.

Commissioner Henning questioned the need to amend the lease to a five (5) year term.

Chairman Phillips questioned the County Attorney regarding the impact of contract length on an agency's ability to secure financing.

Payne discussed an agency's need to provide projections for financing.

Commissioner Perdue clarified the motion on the floor.

An amended motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Ray Trapp, to approve Triad Adult & Pediatric Medicine (TAPM) lease for a period of five (5) years at \$6,500 monthly/\$78,000 annually.

VOTE: Motion carried 5 - 4
AYES: A. Branson, K. Cashion, C. Coleman, C. Foster, R. Trapp
NOES: H. Henning, J. Phillips, J. Conrad, A. Perdue

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2016-157 NWN CORPORATION - HOSTED VOICE OVER IP, UNIFIED MESSAGING AND CONTACT CENTER AGREEMENT

Approve contract with NWN Corporation, in substantial form, for the total amount of \$2,636,985 to be effective November 1, 2016 for a term of five (5) years.

Legislation Text

[NWN CORPORATION - Hosted Voice Over IP Phone Service Contract Part 1 - 11-1-2016](#)

[NWN CORPORATION - Hosted Voice Over IP Phone Service Contract Part 2 - 11-1-2016](#)

Hemant Desai, Information Services Director, introduced the agreement and noted this item for the County's phone system. He stated vendor provides a collaborative, holistic solution for the phone system, 24/7 helpdesk support, e-fax and expanding conferencing options. Desai stated the new contract will save the County \$11,000 per month.

Desai stated the new vendor will provide future enhancements for equipment replacement, which are included in this agreement.

Commissioner Perdue questioned back-up capabilities in the event the County's internet service is unavailable and if the Voice Over IP system provides equivalent 911 EIN location services. Desai confirmed the new vendor offers the same EIN 911 functions and geo-coding, along with back-up within their own cloud. He noted the provider offers two (2) paths of connectivity, limiting the possibility of phone service failure.

Chairman Phillips questioned the costs associated to current service contracts.

Desai stated, after November 2016, equipment maintenance fees could cost \$10,000-\$15,000 annually under the current provider.

Chairman Phillips questioned if other entities were being serviced by NWN Corporation.

Desai stated the City of Charlotte, Wake County School system and Chapel-Hill/Carrboro School system are current customers. He noted Alamance-Burlington School system was once of the company's initial customers.

Chairman Phillips questioned if the department anticipated any issues with transition to the new service.

Desai noted the biggest risk is associated with the migration process, but noted there will be five (5) to six (6) months dedicated to project implementation, with sufficient contingency time dedicated to allowing for any potential issues.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Alan Branson, seconded by Commissioner Justin Conrad, to approve contract with NWN Corporation, in substantial form, for the total amount of \$2,636,985 to be effective November 1, 2016 for a term of five (5) years.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: J. Phillips, A. Branson, K. Cashion, C. Coleman, C. Foster, J. Conrad, A. Perdue, R. Trapp, H. Henning
NOES: None

B. 2016-142 SOLE SOURCE SOFTWARE UPGRADE WITH KRONOS

Approve sole source purchase with Kronos for upgrade to Workforce Telestaff software in the amount of \$24,970 and annual maintenance of \$2,188.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Kronos Proposal - Telestaff r2.pdf](#)

Jim Albright, Emergency Services Director, introduced the agenda item.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, seconded by Vice Chairman Alan Branson, to approve sole source purchase with Kronos for upgrade to Workforce Telestaff software in the amount of \$24,970 and annual maintenance of \$2,188.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: J. Phillips, A. Branson, K. Cashion, C. Coleman, C. Foster, J. Conrad,
A. Perdue, R. Trapp, H. Henning
NOES: None

C. 2016-139 CAMP HOPE AMERICA READINESS GRANT

Authorize staff to proceed with acceptance of the Camp HOPE America Readiness Grant in the amount of \$10,000. Increase the appropriation to the Family Justice Center by \$10,000 and authorize staff to take all necessary action to complete the execution of grant documentation.

[Legislation Text](#)

Catherine Johnson, Family Justice Center Director, introduced the item to the Board. She shared that Camp Hope services children impacted by domestic violence and noted the funds would be used to train partners and prepare the community for camp implementation. Johnson noted Guilford County was one of twelve (12) counties across the Country to receive the readiness grant.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Hank Henning, to authorize staff to proceed with acceptance of the Camp HOPE America Readiness Grant in the amount of \$10,000. Increase the appropriation to the Family Justice Center by \$10,000 and authorize staff to take all necessary action to complete the execution of grant documentation.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: J. Phillips, A. Branson, K. Cashion, C. Coleman, C. Foster, J. Conrad,
A. Perdue, R. Trapp, H. Henning
NOES: None

Commissioner Phillips shared that Johnson recently received the NC Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Distinguished Practitioner award.

Johnson discussed the honor and shared she is the youngest recipient to receive this award.

The Board thanked her for efforts and leadership, and congratulated her on this achievement.

Ms. Johnson thanked the Board for their leadership and effort to develop the Family Justice Center.

D. [NEW BUSINESS FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS](#)

Commissioner Coleman noted her initial request to staff during the Board's annual retreat in February 2016 to conduct a community forum in regards to the Rich Fork Preserve master plan recommendations. She expressed concern that the forum has not been held and spoke to the need to hear citizen concerns. Coleman noted a recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Commission does not provide a holistic view of the issue at hand. She urged the Board to conduct a community forum or conduct a public hearing.

Chairman Phillips stated his interest in conducting a public hearing in the future, and stated the recommendation should be channeled through the Parks & Recreation Commission, per the protocol established by the Board for advisory boards & commissions. He spoke to the priority of impending County budget, and considering the option for a public hearing or forum at an appropriate time following the budget season.

Commissioner Henning spoke to his concern that the plan has not been thoroughly deliberated and echoed Commissioner Coleman's interest in conducting a community discussion.

Commissioner Branson shared he was unable to attend the last Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, and noted the plan was presented to this board one (1) day prior to the meeting, limiting time to review the item. He discussed the existing division between board members and noted the inordinate amount of time and discussion spent on this topic, while failing to address other important parks topics that require attention. Branson urged all parties to work together professionally and noted the abundance of property available at Rich Fork Preserve that could support collaborative activities that would benefit High Point residents. He expressed his concern regarding funding needed to support the farmstead located on the preserve and the inability demonstrated to date, from the advocacy groups to collaborate and develop a solution.

Commissioner Coleman expressed her support to hear from all parties interested in the future of Rich Fork Preserve, and noted her belief that there have not been sufficient opportunities to hear citizen concerns. She spoke to the responsibility of the Board to hear from the citizens.

Commissioner Cashion noted the major complaint of High Point citizens living in close proximity to the property is that their concerns have not been adequately addressed and spoke in support of allowing citizens to comment on the preserve. She requested the Board consider the option of conducting a public hearing and addressing the master plan afterwards.

Commissioner Foster expressed her support of conducting a public hearing, in addition to considering recommendations from the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Branson requested staff locate a room of adequate size to accommodate at least 300 attendees to conduct a public hearing. He noted the County has held three (3) public input periods specific to the Rich Fork Preserve, and that the fourth should be held in a setting of adequate size.

Chairman Phillips reiterated this item will be address at the appropriate time.

Commissioner Coleman requested clarification regarding the appropriate time period for the public hearing.

Commissioner Phillips opined that July, at the earliest, would be the appropriate time to hold a public hearing, once the budget was passed.

VIII. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

A. 2016-156 DHHS - SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION UPDATE ON FOSTER CARE ROOM AND BOARD

Receive Division of Social Services (DSS) update on Foster Care Room and Board and approve an increase in Federal/State Revenue by \$1,042,000 and increase appropriation to Health & Human Services (Social Services) by \$1,042,000.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Room and Board spreadsheet update](#)

Heather Skeens, DHHS-Social Services Division Director, provided an update to the Board regarding Foster Care overspending and requested the Board increase appropriation to the department to cover these services. She noted the County match would be covered by lapsed salaries.

Skeens stated the department has increased the line item to accommodate the additional children in foster, and referenced the general statute effective January 1, 2017, which will require children to remain in foster care up to age 21. She noted they are unable to predict the impact this will have upon the program.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ray Trapp, seconded by Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster, to receive Division of Social Services (DSS) update on Foster Care Room and Board and approve an increase in Federal/State Revenue by \$1,042,000 and increase appropriation to the Health & Human Services (Social Services) by \$1,042,000.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: J. Phillips, A. Branson, K. Cashion, C. Coleman, C. Foster, J. Conrad, A. Perdue, R. Trapp, H. Henning
NOES: None

Skeens reported on their increased licensing and recruitment effort, and introduced Christopher Hines, Foster Care Recruiter.

Hines thanked the Board's support and interest, and stated the agency set a goal to license twenty (20) foster homes by the end of June 2016, but anticipate exceeding this goal and licensing thirty (30) new foster homes. He spoke to the success of the Foster Care web page, hotline and radio ads in recruitment efforts, and noted the interest expressed by citizens in becoming foster parents. Hines challenged the Board to assist in recruiting foster parents and facilities, and provided informational cards to the Board for distribution within the community.

Commissioner Trapp requested staff discuss the play at Triad Stage which features the stories of graduates from Guilford County foster care.

Sharon Barlow, DHHS-Social Services Child Welfare Division Director, stated the name of the production is "Wrongs of Passage", which chronicles the journey of foster care graduates.

Chairman Phillips questioned the genre of radio stations running the foster care advertisements.

Hines stated 93.1 FM, 98.7 FM and 97.1 FM are playing the ads.

Chairman Phillips questioned if consideration was given to faith-based radio stations.

Hines stated a firm was hired to identify stations that would help them reach their target audience.

Skeens noted the choices were limited by funding, and noted that with approval of the adoption promotion funding would allow advertising through more stations to reach a larger audience.

Chairman Phillips spoke to his interest in considering additional efforts to reach more Guilford County residents interested in foster care. He discussed the option of creating a video featuring Commissioners appealing to citizens regarding foster care.

Barlow noted staff have visited a large number of churches and organizations regarding foster care, but noted the success of the radio ads in recruitment efforts.

Skeens stated the contracts for foster care facilities will be presented to Board at the end of June. She noted May is Foster Care Month.

B. 2016-161 ADOPTION PROMOTION PROGRAM FUND

Approve an amendment to the FY2016 Budget Ordinance increasing the appropriation to Health and Human Services (Social Services) by \$192,000 and accordingly increasing the Federal/State Revenue appropriation by \$192,000.

[Legislation Text](#)

Skeens discussed the adoption promotion fund and noted it was designed to promote adoption of sibling groups and special needs children. She noted the need to list the funding as a special line item, as efforts for special adoptions must be monitored in order to remain eligible for funding.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Alan Branson, seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman to approve an amendment to the FY2016 Budget Ordinance increasing the appropriation to Health and Human Services (Social Services) by \$192,000 and accordingly increasing the Federal/State Revenue appropriation by \$192,000.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: J. Phillips, A. Branson, K. Cashion, C. Coleman, C. Foster, J. Conrad, A. Perdue, R. Trapp, H. Henning
NOES: None

[IX. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.](#)

A. 2016-145 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS GUILFORD COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Review the recommended appointments and reappointments to the listed Guilford County Boards & Commissions.

[Legislation Text](#)

[ACH-CAC Roster](#)

[ACH-CAC Term Exemption Letter-I. Noble](#)

[ACH-CAC Term Exemption Letter-J. Cardwell](#)

[ACH-CAC Term Exemption Letter-L. Marsh](#)

[Agricultural Commission Roster](#)

[AHice Application](#)

[AHice Resume](#)

[DSockwell Application](#)

[Agricultural Commission Term Exemption Letter - KBowman.AClapp](#)

[BOA Roster](#)

[BOA Term Exemption-D. Miller](#)

[Environmental Review Board Roster](#)

[JWaller Application](#)

[JWResume](#)

[MSmith Application](#)

[MSmith Resume](#)

[ERB Term Exemption Letter-E. Payne](#)

[ERB Term Exemption Letter-S. Stookey](#)

[GCASB Roster](#)

[CAshby Application](#)

[CAshby Resume](#)

[TGraves Application](#)

[OPerkins Application](#)

[BLevine Application](#)

[BLevine CV](#)

[LStanton Application](#)

[DSmithLawrence Application](#)

[DSmithLawrence BIO](#)

[CRoberts Application](#)

[BFrizzell Application](#)

[Animal Services Board Creation.pdf](#)

Chairman Phillips noted the need for additional discussion regarding the Guilford County Animal Services Board and recommended appointments, and stated he would separate this item

from the recommended appointments and reappointments to the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee, Agricultural Commission, Board of Adjustment and Environmental Review Board. He read the proposed appointments and reappointments.

Commissioner Coleman questioned the process regarding appointments and reappointments to boards with Commissioner district-based positions.

Robin Keller, Clerk to Board, stated the Commissioners are contacted if their appointee is up for reappointment or if a district-based position is vacant. She stated applications and reappointments for standard boards with no district positions are forwarded to board liaisons to review and determine if the candidate meets board requirements. Keller noted staff continue to check for racial and district diversity when considering appointments and based upon the commission input staff compile recommendations to be placed before the Board for consideration.

Commissioner Coleman questioned if the Commissioner would be able to remove a staff-recommended appointment from the list if they chose to recommend a different candidate.

Keller confirmed these are staff recommendations based upon applications received through the online system, and noted the boards up for consideration do not contain district-based positions. She stated the existing candidate is considered for reappointments based upon terms served eligibility, willingness to serve another term, and quality of prior service. Keller noted these vetted candidates are submitted to the Commissioners for consideration.

Commissioner Coleman questioned if there is a list identifying vacancies or upcoming reappointments.

Keller stated she is compiling a list of upcoming and existing vacancies in an effort to provide advanced notification to the Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, seconded by Vice Chairman Alan Branson, to approve recommended appointments and reappointments to the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee, Agricultural Commission, Board of Adjustment and Environmental Review Board.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: J. Phillips, A. Branson, K. Cashion, C. Coleman, C. Foster, J. Conrad, A. Perdue, R. Trapp, H. Henning
NOES: None

Chairman Phillips noted a draft copy of the bylaws was included in the meeting packet and referenced the outline of the Guilford County Animal Services Board, which was approved during the Annual Retreat, and served as the guideline for creating the recommended board presented in the agenda packet.

Deputy County Manager Clarence Grier reviewed the process staff used when recommending candidates for the board. He discussed the large number of qualified applicants and staff's attempt to gain representation from each district.

Commissioner Foster expressed concerns with the lack of district and racial diversity within the recommendations. She indicated she received a late application from a candidate whom she is requesting the Board consider as an appointee.

Motion was made by Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster, seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, to modify the Guilford County Animal Services Board to allow for nine (9) citizen positions, one (1) Commissioner position, add Rynisha Dean to the list of staff recommendations for appointees, and approve the recommended appointments to the Guilford County Animal Services Board.

Commissioner Conrad clarified that the motion should include modifying the by-laws to include an additional Public/At-Large position. He thanked all citizens who applied for the board and spoke to the impressive quality of applications received. Conrad spoke to the need to have representation from all parts of the County, and noted the ongoing need to address issues related to the process.

Commissioner Coleman questioned if Commissioners would be able to designate an appointee, if the motion were approved.

Commissioner Henning stated he did not support appointing positions by commissioner district, due to the number of qualified applicants willing to serve on the board, but would support moving forward with staff recommendations and the addition with of one (1) additional candidate.

Chairman Phillips expressed concerns regarding conversations with Commissioners over district appointments, and expressed interest in hearing comments from the Board regarding adding at-large positions for full representation.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns with changes in board & commission composition from district appointments to non-district appointments, and questioned if staff understood the direction of the Board regarding this topic.

Chairman Phillips stated staff received direction from the Board during the Annual Retreat.

Commissioner Conrad echoed Commissioner Coleman's concerns with having an opportunity for each Commissioner to appoint a person to the board, but noted the recommended commissioner appointee may not be from the Commissioner's actual district. He expressed his support of Commissioner Foster's motion.

Commissioner Perdue stated the geographic location is not as important as placing the correct person with the right skill set in the correct task.

Commissioner Trapp spoke in support of the motion, and noted the need to have nine (9) positions, each appointed by a Commissioner.

Commissioner Cashion noted the need for representation of specific disciplines on the board and questioned if the Commissioners should reconsider the size of the board. She expressed concerns that the Commissioners are confirming staff recommendations versus providing appointments. She spoke in support of the motion on the floor, but requested more consideration given to the commissioners and their appointments, in the future.

Commissioner Coleman questioned if the Commissioners could change the appointments recommended by staff.

Payne requested clarification of the motion.

Commissioner Foster stated the motion included approval of staff recommended appointments, in addition to appointment of Rynisha Dean.

Commissioner Coleman stated she has an alternate appointee, and stated she would not be able to support the motion, as worded as it would exclude district appointments.

Chairman Phillips clarified the motion and announced the Board liaison would be Commissioner Justin Conrad.

Commissioner Coleman questioned if Commissioner Foster was willing to amend her motion and only approve the by-laws, tabling approval of the recommended appointments to another date, when Commissioners could provide the names of the district appointees.

Commissioner Foster stated her intent was to include appointment of Rynisha Dean, and noted she was unwilling to amend the motion as presented.

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VOTE: Motion carried 7 – 2
AYES: J. Phillips, A. Branson, K. Cashion, C. Foster, J. Conrad, A. Perdue, H. Henning
NOES: C. Coleman and R. Trapp

Chairman Phillips thanked the Board for its discussion of the item, and noted, as members of are unable to serve, there may be opportunity for future Commissioner appointments.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns she was being deprived of the opportunity to appoint a candidate to the board.

X. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Trapp spoke to his interest in ensuring representation for all areas of Guilford County.

Commissioner Conrad expressed birthday wishes to his mother. He announced the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro has re-named the Thanksgiving Fund in honor of his father, Ken Conrad. He announced a generous donation from the Greensboro Grasshoppers of \$10,000, in addition to an ongoing food drive, in support of holiday meals for families. Conrad shared his participation in the “Reel in for Research” fishing tournament to raise funds for pediatric cancer research.

Commissioner Foster congratulated Ray McAllister on being awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in a ceremony at High Point University. She congratulated Tatiana Simmons on being crowned High Point Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Ms. Jabberwock. Foster announced the TW Wingate Andrews High School band recently received new band uniforms, and has competed nationally, and was recently recognized as a school of high achievement. She shared she visited Union Hill Elementary, who was the first school in North Carolina to receive the “Think Big” Carson Scholars reading room. Foster thanked the five (5) community partners recognized during the recent Public Health Department breakfast, and thanked Green and staff for their hard work. She invited all Commissioners to attend the High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau annual meeting next Wednesday at the Radisson, located on S. Main Street in High Point. Foster announced the ribbon-cutting for the Carl Chavis YMCA Splash Pad, named in Commissioner Foster’s honor, will be held May 12, 2016.

Commissioner Cashion shared her attendance at the Master Gardner’s awards breakfast and noted 122 volunteers were honored during this event. She shared her attendance at the Pinwheel Project sponsored by the Kellin Foundation and First Responder’s organization. Cashion discussed her participation in the public meeting held in the municipal plaza. She shared her visit at Lindley Elementary and participation in the Junior Achievement event. Cashion shared her attendance at the Sandhills Board meeting and evaluation of future consolidation. She spoke to the efforts of the Library Board of Trustees and the progressive efforts they utilize to reach the community.

Commissioner Henning congratulated Ray McAllister on being awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, and shared the Triad Highland games will be held Friday, May 6 through Saturday, May 7 at Bryan Park.

Commissioner Perdue congratulated Public Health department award winners and shared his participation in the Junior Achievement event at Sedgefield Elementary. He offered thoughts and prayers to Deputy Stanley and his family on the recent loss of their home.

Commissioner Coleman expressed birthday well wishes to her son, Carlton Coleman, and Dr. Heath Parker.

Commissioner Branson reiterated the announcement of Northeast Gardening Day on April 24, 2016. He encouraged citizens to purchase plants grown at the Old County Prison Farm, and noted the remaining plants will be planted in local parks throughout the County.

Commissioner Phillips expressed birthday wishes to Commissioner Conrad's mother and Carlton Coleman. He shared his participation in the Library Board breakfast and spoke to powerful characterization of the Library's role in citizen's lives. Phillips shared his attendance at the Guilford County Metro 911 awards ceremony and spoke to the impact of first responders upon the lives of citizens. He shared his attendance at Lindley Elementary's Junior Achievement event and spoke to quality of the lessons taught to the students.

Commissioner Foster shared she attended the Junior Achievement event at Wiley Elementary and spoke to the interactive lessons shared with students. She thanked the Commissioners for their role in the school's ground-breaking event.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

Lawing shared the state has exceeded the 95% USDA threshold for Food & Nutrition Services (FNS) timely processing rate, and noted Guilford County's rate was at 98.6%.

XII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:12PM.

Jeffrey M. Phillips
Chairman

Robin Keller
Clerk