

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

Greensboro, North Carolina  
July 18, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on July 18, 2019 at 5:30PM, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Alan Branson, presiding; Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips; Commissioners Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Kay Cashion, Melvin "Skip" Alston, Hank Henning, Alan Perdue (via simultaneous communication) and Carolyn Q. Coleman (in at 6:01PM).

ABSENT: Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Marty Lawing; County Attorney Mark Payne; Deputy County Manager Clarence Grier; Robin Keller, Clerk to Board; Scott Baillargeon, Deputy Clerk to Board; Michael Halford, Budget Director; Harley Will, Finance Director; J. Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director; Jim Roland, Assistant Tax Director; Jim Albright, Emergency Services Director; Iulia Vann, DHHS – Public Health Division Assistant Director; Jeff Fowler, Security Director; members of the community and media.

**I. INVOCATION**

Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips offered the invocation.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Branson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Branson called the meeting to order at 5:36PM and welcomed those present.

#### IV.      **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Luther Falls Jr., Greensboro resident, expressed his appreciation for prompt response of the Guilford County EMS staff to a medical emergency at a local Walmart. He encouraged the Board to continue monitoring the recommendations made by the Guilford County Schools Superintendent related to the school facility study. Mr. Falls spoke to the importance of Bluford Elementary within his community. He thanked Vice Chairman Phillips, Commissioner Alston and Commissioner Cashion for assisting him with business-related requests over the years and spoke to the importance of the relationships developed through their assistance. Mr. Falls shared Dudley High School would celebrate their consolidated reunion this weekend and spoke to the economic benefits of this event to the county.

#### V.      **PRESENTATIONS**

A.      2019-123 DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD AND  
CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL  
REPORTING

Recognize Guilford County Budget, Management & Evaluation Director Michael Halford and department staff on their achievement in attaining the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the FY 2018-19 annual budget; and recognize Guilford County Finance Director Harley Will and department staff on their receipt of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for fiscal year ending 2018.

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[GFOA Distinguished Budget Award](#)

[GFOA Budget Award](#)

[GFOA Certificate Excellence Finance Reporting](#)

[GFOA Finance Award](#)

Chairman Branson introduced the item and invited County Manager Marty Lawing to conduct the presentations.

County Manager Marty Lawing shared the significance of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and spoke to the achievements of the Budget and Finance departments. He invited Budget Director Michael Halford to receive the award.

Budget Director Michael Halford thanked his staff and spoke to the level of work required to develop the annual budget.

Lawing introduced the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and noted this is the 38<sup>th</sup> year the Guilford County Finance department has received the award. He invited Finance Director Harley Will to receive the award.

Finance Director Harley Will thanked his staff and spoke to the level of quality and commitment it takes to ensure quality reporting of Finance. He thanked the Board for their support.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Melvin "Skip" Alston, and seconded by Commissioner Justin Conrad to approve the consent agenda.**

**VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0**  
**AYES: Alan Branson, Hank Henning, Jeff Phillips, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Perdue**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: J. Carlvena Foster and Carolyn Q. Coleman**

### **A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

#### **1. 2019-310 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION - DUKE ENDOWMENT GRANT - \$171,720 AND APPROVAL OF FOUR (4) NEW POSITIONS**

Approve an increase of \$171,720 in Other Revenues and increase the DHHS - Public Health Division FY 2019-20 budget by the same amount to reflect a total grant award amount of \$343,727 from Duke Endowment for the period April 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 (\$172,007 was already included in the FY2019-20 Adopted Budget); and approve four (4) new grant-funded positions: one (1) Nursing Services Supervisor, one (1) Nurse Specialist II, one (1) Community Health Consultant and one (1) Senior Office Specialist in the Guilford Family Connects program, all to be contingent upon continued grant funding.

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[Duke Endowment Contract](#)

2. 2019-313 APPROPRIATION OF PRIOR YEAR GRANT FUNDS FOR EMPLOYEE INNOVATION LABS

Increase the FY 2019-20 budget for Budget & Management by \$3,187 to reflect the appropriation from fund balance of unspent grant funds received to provide employee innovation workshops.

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**B. CONTRACTS**

1. 2019-309 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION AND ALAMANCE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - \$20,667

Approve an Interlocal Agreement between DHHS-Public Health Division and Alamance County Department of Public Health in substantial form, to be effective June 1, 2019, for a term of one (1) year.

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[CONTRACT - CM 1638 Alamance County](#)

2. 2019-299 APPROVE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) F550 CHASSIS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Approve purchase of three (3) Ford F550 Cab/Chassis from North Carolina State Contract 070A from vendor: Piedmont Ford, 412 S. Regional Rd., Greensboro, NC 27409. The three (3) Ford F550 Cab/chassis will be for use by Emergency Services as ambulance chassis. Contract amount for total award is \$180,609 (\$60,203 per chassis).

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3. 2019-300 APPROVE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) MODULAR AMBULANCE BOXES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Approve the purchase of three (3) 157" modular ambulance boxes manufactured for use by Emergency Services from Northwestern Emergency Vehicles (located at 1056 NC-194, West Jefferson, NC 28694). The contract amount for the total award is \$439,425 (\$146,475 per unit).

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[Ambulance spec for Event 511](#)

[Event 511](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2019-171 NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FOR ABANDONMENT OF MAINTENANCE - SR 1582 (LARK DRIVE)

Adopt a resolution requesting abandonment of a portion of State Road 1582 (Lark Drive) from the North Carolina State Maintained Secondary Road System.

[Legislation Text](#)

[NCDOT Request SR 1582](#)

[Maps SR 1582](#)

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF  
STATE ROAD 1582, LARK DRIVE, FROM THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE MAINTAINED  
SECONDARY ROAD SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, as authorized by N.C.G.S. 136-63, the attached petition (request) received from the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, has been filed with the Guilford County Board of Commissioners requesting that a 0.04 mile portion of State Road 1582, Lark Drive, the location of which has been indicated on the attached map, be abandoned from the North Carolina State Maintained Secondary Road System; and

**WHEREAS**, County Planning staff has reviewed the request of abandonment and find that no property owner would be deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress to his/her property, and there would be no negative impacts from maintenance being abandoned on the 0.04 mile portion of State Road 1582, Lark Drive; and therefore the Planning Department staff recommends in favor of the request to abandon the said portion of the road; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the recommendation of County Planning staff, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners finds that the abandonment would serve the best interest of the people of Guilford County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Guilford County hereby concurs with request of abandonment of State Road 1582, Lark Drive, from the State Secondary Road System as shown on the attached map.

**ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.

2. 2019-174 REALIGNMENT OF FY 2018-19 JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) FUNDS

Approve the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council's recommendation for realignment of its FY 2018-19 funding plan reflecting a decrease of \$17,807 in revenues from sources outside Guilford County, to coincide with actual revenues received.

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[4thGuilfordFinalAdjustments JCPC](#)

[discretionary funds plan scanned of differences - 05.13.19](#)

3. 2019-227 RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULES

Approve the following Records Retention and Disposition Schedules issued by the NC Department of Cultural Resources on March 1, 2019:  
Soil and Water Conservation District Schedule  
Local Health Departments Schedule

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[Soil and Water Retention Schedule DRAFT](#)

[Local Health Department 2019 DRAFT](#)

4. 2019-302 REQUEST REFUND OF TAX STAMPS FOR ROSSABI LAW PARTNERS

Approve the refund of \$92.00 to Rossabi Law partners for the excise tax paid on the four (4) deeds that were recorded twice, which resulted in an overpayment of tax stamps, per GS 105-228.37.

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[Request for Excise Tax letter](#)

[4 Documents showing excise tax amount for refund](#)

[4 Documents to correct info on deeds paid tax](#)

[GS 105 228 37 Refund Tax Stamps](#)

5. 2019-305 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

Approve the tax collection report and beverage licenses issued for month ending June 30, 2019.

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[401C All Guilford 6-30-19](#)

[Bev 6-30-19 Detail](#)

6. 2019-306 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

Approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending June 30, 2019.

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[June 2019 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)

[June 2019 Rebate and Releases](#)

7. 2019-308 FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 TAX COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL SETTLEMENT REPORT

Accept and approve the fiscal year 2018-2019 Tax Collector's Annual Settlement Report.

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[FY 2018-2019 Tax Collector's Settlement Statement and Addendum](#)

[Collector's Annual Settlement - Resolution Establishing Insolvent List 2018-2019](#)

[Annual Settlement - Unpaid REI 2018-2019 - TR-452 Delinquent Bills Report](#)

[Annual Settlement - Unpaid IPP 2018-2019 - TR-452 Delinquent Bills Report](#)

[Annual Settlement - Unpaid BUS PP 2018-2019 - TR-452 Delinquent Bills Report](#)

[Annual Settlement - Unpaid Public PP 2018-2019 - TR-452 Delinquent Bills Report](#)

8. 2019-307 APPOINT KAYE GRAYBEAL, DEPUTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, AS REVIEW OFFICER FOR MAPS AND PLATS FOR GUILFORD COUNTY, NC AND REMOVE LESLIE (LES) P. EGER AS A REVIEW OFFICER FOR MAPS AND PLATS FOR GUILFORD COUNTY, NC

Appoint Kaye Graybeal, Deputy Planning & Development Director, as Review Officer for maps and plats for Guilford County, North Carolina, pursuant to G.S. 47-30.2 and approve corresponding resolution.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Map Review Officer Resolution K Graybeal.docx](#)

[Map Review Officer Removal L Eger.doc](#)

#### **RESOLUTION APPOINTING REVIEW OFFICES UNDER NCGS 47-30.2**

**BE IT RESOLVED by the Guilford County Board of Commissioners**, pursuant to G.S. 47-30.2 effective July 18, 2019, that the Guilford County Board of Commissioners amends its appointments, at the request of the Guilford County Planning & Development Department, by removing Leslie (Les) P. Eger as a Map Review Officer for Guilford County and adding the following person to the official list of Review Officers for purposes set forth in G.S. 47-30.2 and other applicable law:

Kaye Graybeal, Deputy Planning & Development Director, as Review Officer for maps and plats within the corporate limits of Guilford County, NC.

Pursuant to said statute, this resolution shall be recorded in the Guilford County Registry and indexed on the grantor index in the name of the Review Officer.

**ADOPTED** this 18th day of July 2019.

9. 2019-311 BUDGET AMENDMENT REPORT FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS PROCESSED UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE COUNTY MANAGER IN THE FY 2018-19 BUDGET ORDINANCE

Receive Budget Amendment report for budget amendments processed under the authority granted to the County Manager in the FY 2018-19 Budget Ordinance.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Budget Amends Report 2019-07-18.pdf](#)

10. 2019-259 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the following sets of minutes:

11/09/17 Family Justice Center Subcommittee Meeting

08/14/18 Audit Subcommittee Meeting

11/13/18 Audit Subcommittee Meeting

02/07/19 Work Session

06/06/19 Regular Meeting

06/17/19 Work Session

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[comFJC11.09.17](#)

[comAudit08.14.18](#)

[comAudit 11.13.18](#)

[dmws020719](#)

[dm060619](#)

[dmws061719](#)

**VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. 2019-251 HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASED ALLOCATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDING TO THE HIGH POINT MARKET AUTHORITY INCLUDED IN FY 2019-20 ADOPTED BUDGET

Hold a public hearing for July 18, 2019, in accordance with N.C.G.S 158-7.1, to receive public input on the increased allocation of economic development grant funding to The High Point Market Authority included in the FY 2019-20 Adopted Budget.

[Legislation Text](#)

[07.18.19 Public Hearing Notice - High Point Market Auth ED FY20 Grant](#)

[FY19 20 High Point Market Auth App](#)

Planning & Development Director Leslie Bell introduced the item.

Chairman Branson opened the floor for public input on the proposed allocation of economic development grant funding to the High Point Market Authority and reviewed the public hearing process.

There being no opponents or proponents to speak at the public hearing, Chairman Branson closed the floor for the public hearing.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 2019-285 CONSIDER WASTE INDUSTRIES' PROPOSED SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION FEE INCREASE AND RENEWAL OF GUILFORD COUNTY SOLID WASTE COLLECTION LICENSE (INCLUDING MINIMUM CUSTOMER SERVICE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

Approve Waste Industries' proposed solid waste and recycling collection fee increase and renewal of Guilford County's Solid Waste Collection License (including minimum customer service performance standards) at SAME rate as was approved for Republic Waste Services effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022.

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[Guilford County Request for Increase May 2019 Waste Industries.docx](#)

[SolidWasteHaulers06042019\(2\).docx](#)

[SW Hauler Application Revised.doc](#)

[SWHaulerLicence Waste Industries Revised.doc](#)

[Customer Bill of Rights Waste Industries.docx](#)

Bell introduced the item and shared Waste Industries is requesting the Board consider a monthly rate increase for solid waste collection and recycling services.

Norma Yanez, Waste Industries Government Contracts Manager, shared they have not had a rate increase in over ten (10) years and spoke to the changes in the costs associated with processing waste during this time. She noted the current franchise pricing is limiting their service area and spoke to the need to increase the rates to absorb increased costs associated with transportation and staffing. Yanez shared that the rate change will not affect the customer's ability to choose which waste collection franchise best meets their needs.

Chairman Branson questioned the current number of customers they serve in Guilford County. He shared the number of waste collection-related inquiries and complaints he has received from citizens during the past 6-8 months.

Seth Heath, Waste Industries Local Manager, shared that they serve approximately 1,500 customers in Guilford County. He noted this figure does not include the municipality of Oak Ridge, as there is a separate contract for their waste services.

Yanez shared that increasing the rates would allow them to offer services to a larger portion of Guilford County which would give citizens more options for waste collection services.

Chairman Branson requested clarification on the areas of the county served by Waste Industries.

Heath clarified they serve approximately 1,500 subscription customers outside of Oak Ridge, primarily located in the eastern portion of the county.

Chairman Branson questioned if these were residential or commercial accounts.

Leath stated they served only residential accounts. He noted that the company has been unable to expand their business to include new customers, even when existing customers cancel service. Leath shared the addition of new customers results in a loss to the company, as a result of low rates.

Yanez shared the experience of recent rates hikes for Alamance County customers and spoke to the increased costs associated with processing waste and recyclable materials.

Chairman Branson discussed the recent re-negotiation of the franchise agreement with Republic Waste Management and questioned if Waste Industries provides both trash and recycling collection containers.

Yanez confirmed they provide the containers as a safety feature for their drivers and noted the rate increase includes these associated costs.

Vice Chairman Phillips questioned discrepancies in the number of customers served within Guilford County.

Heath clarified that when Oak Ridge accounts are included in the total, they serve approximately 3,900 customers. He noted approximately 1,500 customers would be impacted by the requested rate increase.

Vice Chairman Phillips clarified the requested the rate change.

Heath stated a large portion of the increase stems from costs associated with commodities pricing and processing contaminated waste, in addition to, staffing expenses.

Vice Chairman Phillips expressed the Board's interest in approving a rate increase comparable to the monthly amount approved for Republic Waste Services. He questioned the potential risk for customers losing service if the requested rate was not approved.

Heath noted the requested rate is comparable to the rate paid by their Alamance County customers, and noted this rate would allow them to move forward with expanding their market.

Yanez stated the responsibility falls on the company to continue providing quality service to maintain existing customer base at a competitive rate.

Vice Chairman Phillips questioned if customers currently subscribed with Waste Industries for trash and recycling collection were at risk for loss of service if the Board did not approve the requested rate change.

Heath stated it was not the company's intent to discontinue service to these customers if the requested rate change was not approved. He confirmed this would only affect their ability to expand service to new customers.

**Motion was made by Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Justin Conrad, to approve Waste Industries' solid waste and recycling collection fee increase and renewal of Guilford County's Solid Waste Collection License (including minimum customer service performance standards) at same rate as was approved for Republic Waste Services effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022: \$21.50/month/household for once per week trash collection; \$30/month/household for twice per week trash collection and \$24.50/month/household for once per week back door trash collection service.**

Commissioner Alston questioned the need for a public hearing.

County Attorney Mark Payne stated there was no requirement for a public hearing to increase the franchise rate.

Commissioner Coleman arrived to the meeting at 6:01PM.

Commissioner Perdue confirmed the customer bill of rights will apply to this company.

**Motion was made by Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Justin Conrad, to approve Waste Industries' solid waste and recycling collection fee increase and renewal of Guilford County's Solid Waste Collection License (including minimum customer service performance standards) at same rate as was approved for Republic Waste Services effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022: \$21.50/month/household for once per week trash collection; \$30/month/household for twice per week trash collection and \$24.50/month/household for once per week back door trash collection service.**

**VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0**

**AYES:** Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Hank Henning, Jeff Phillips, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Melvin "Skip" Alston  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** J. Carlvena Foster

**B. 2019-304 ORDER THE COLLECTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 TAXES**

Adopt an order directing the Guilford County Tax Collector to collect fiscal year 2019-2020 taxes, as charged in the tax records and receipts.

[Legislation Text](#)

Assistant Tax Director Jim Roland introduced the item and reviewed the requirement to direct the tax collector to collect FY 2019-20 taxes.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Hank Henning, and seconded by Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips, to adopt an order directing the Guilford County Tax Collector to collect fiscal year 2019-2020 taxes, as charged in the tax records and receipts.**

**VOTE:** Motion carried 8 - 0  
**AYES:** Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Hank Henning, Jeff Phillips, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Melvin "Skip" Alston  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** J. Carlvena Foster

**IX. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

**A. 2019-298 APPROVE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS**

Approve the Appointments and Reappointments as listed:

HP Board of Adjustment

Reappoint Sandra Dunn to 2nd term, BOCC ETJ (July 1, 2019 - 2022)

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Appoint Connie Brown 1st term Citizen's position (July 20 2019 - 2021)

Appoint Latisha McNeil 1st term Citizen's position (July 20 2019 - 2021)

Appoint Dwight Godwin 1st term Parks & Rec Designee (July 20 2019 - 2021)

Appoint Dr. Iulia Vann 1st term (replacing Susan Hawkes) Public Health Designee (July 20 2019 - 2021)

Transportation Advisory Board

Appoint Bellander Foster to 1st term (July 18, 2019 - 2022)

Appoint Derek T. Mobley to 1st term (July 18, 2019 - 2022)

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[Reappointment of Sandra Dunn to HP BOA.pdf](#)

[BFoster 040819.pdf](#)

[DMobley 040819.pdf](#)

[CBrown 020819](#)

[LMcNeil 041719](#)

[DGodwin 061319](#)

[IVann 070519.pdf](#)

Robin Keller, Clerk to Board, read the list of appointments and reappointments.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Justin Conrad, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to approve the Appointments and Reappointments as listed:**

**High Point Board of Adjustment**

Reappoint Sandra Dunn to Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) position (2<sup>nd</sup> term expiring July 1, 2022)

**Juvenile Crime Prevention Council**

Appoint Connie Brown to Citizen's position (1<sup>st</sup> term expiring July 20, 2021)

Appoint Latisha McNeil to Citizen's position (1<sup>st</sup> term expiring July 20, 2021)

Appoint Dwight Godwin as Parks & Recreation Designee (1<sup>st</sup> term expiring July 20, 2021)

Appoint Dr. Iulia Vann (replacing Susan Hawkes) as Public Health Designee (1<sup>st</sup> term expiring July 20, 2021)

**Transportation Advisory Board**

Appoint Bellander Foster (1<sup>st</sup> term expiring July 18, 2022)

Appoint Derek T. Mobley (1<sup>st</sup> term expiring July 18, 2022)

**VOTE:** Motion carried 8 - 0  
**AYES:** Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Hank Henning, Jeff Phillips, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Melvin "Skip" Alston  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** J. Carlvena Foster

#### **X. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER**

Lawing discussed the 2020 census and the county's efforts to create a Complete Count Committee to include representatives from municipalities, education, faith-based entities, universities, business communities, immigrant and non-profit organizations and the media. He noted they are also seeking community participants interested in conducting outreach to help promote and educate citizens on the benefits of the census.

Lawing shared the potential for North Carolina to gain an additional congressional seat and federal funding, due to growth over the prior years. He confirmed this is dependent upon the percentage of census participation. Lawing discussed the methods available to complete the census this year and shared the county's goals for improved participation. He reiterated the need for community leaders to work with Complete Count Committee and encouraged the Board to provide recommendations of candidates for the committee.

Lawing shared his intent to return to the Board with candidates for the committee by the first or second regular meeting in August, with training completed in September and committee meetings beginning in early fall.

Commissioner Coleman spoke to the importance of working with grass-roots organizations serving Hispanic and African-American communities to improve participation and ensure the County does not lose potential federal funding.

Lawing expressed his interest in connecting with the faith community and immigrant organizations. He discussed the hard-to-count population identified by the census and spoke to the need reach all community members, while increasing voluntary census participation to 85% in 2020.

#### **XI. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Chairman Branson shared his recent attendance National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference and noted Commissioner Cashion was honored with the NACo Arts, Transportation and Infrastructure awards.

Commissioner Cashion shared that the award is a collaboration between Americans for the Arts and NACo, and is given annually to a county or elected official for their work in arts, culture and historic preservation. She shared her work as chair of the NACo Arts and Culture Commission

over the past two (2) years and spoke to the economic impact of arts within communities. Commissioner Cashion shared local, state and federal governments received approximately \$27.5 billion in revenue from their annual investment of \$5 billion in non-profit arts and culture agencies.

Commissioner Cashion provided an update on the NACo conference and shared the various resolutions passed that would shape the policy recommendations NACo staff would use to gain funding and support from federal legislators. She discussed several resolutions presented by Brunswick County related to emergency management, and FEMA assessment programs and coordination. Commissioner Cashion shared Commissioner Foster's election as President-elect of the Women of NACo Leadership group and shared her appointment as an At-Large Director to the NACo National Association Board of Directors, reappointment as Vice Chair of the Justice and Public Safety Committee and reappointment to the Arts, Culture & Historic Preservation Committee. She noted the Guilford County Family Justice Center was recognized for its Pathways to Hope program for children and their families.

The Board congratulated Commissioner Cashion on her award and achievements, and thanked her as a representative of North Carolina and Guilford County.

Commissioner Coleman encouraged staff to apply for certain awards or develop resolutions to bring attention to the ideas developed in Guilford County. She commended Commissioner Cashion on her award.

Commissioner Cashion spoke to the need to report on the work being done here in Guilford to NACo, in order to receive recognition.

Chairman Branson provided updates from the National Transportation Board and shared his recent attendance at the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary breakfast.

**XII. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (a) (3) (5) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY**

**Motion was made by Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman to hold closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (a) (3) (5) for the purpose of consulting with the County Attorney, to consider matters related to the acquisition of real property and to consider business relocation or expansion.**

**VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0**  
**AYES: Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Hank Henning, Jeff Phillips, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Melvin "Skip" Alston**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: J. Carlvena Foster**

The meeting went into recess at 6:20PM.

The Board reconvened from closed session at 8:19PM.

**XIII. ADJOURN**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Justin Conrad, and seconded by Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips, to adjourn the meeting.**

**VOTE: Motion carried 5 - 0**  
**AYES: Alan Branson, Hank Henning, Jeff Phillips, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion,**  
**NOES: None**  
**ABSENT: J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Melvin “Skip” Alston**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:20PM.

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Chairman

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Clerk