

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
April 4, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on April 4, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston, presiding, Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, Commissioners Alan Perdue (in via virtual communication at 5:44 p.m.), Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy, and Brandon Gray-Hill.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michael Halford; County Attorney Andrea Leslie-Fite; Clerk to Board Robin Keller; Deputy Clerk to Board Ariane Webb; Deputy Clerk to Board T'ebony Rosa; Assistant County Manager Jason Jones; Emergency Medical Services Director Jim Albright; Information Technology Director Peter Purcell; Sheriff Captain Tommy Bumpass; members of staff, media, and the public. Virtual participation was made available to members of the public and media partners.

Chairman Alston introduced Thomas Jones, United States Navy Veteran, who would lead the Pledge of Allegiance following the invocation.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplin Ben Chavis offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Jones led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alston welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Dwayne Crawford, Summerfield resident, spoke in opposition to a request for de-annexation of 6% of a land mass in the town's fire protection jurisdiction. He spoke to Attorney Tom Terrell's letter regarding an alleged lack of the town's investment in a fire protection system.

Commissioner Perdue entered the meeting via virtual communication at 5:44 p.m.

Mr. Crawford noted that the fire protection district assesses taxes to provide town services.

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. 2024-177 RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF THE LATE DR. JOSEPH LOUIS DUDLEY, SR.

Adopt a resolution honoring the life and memory of the late Dr. Joseph Louis Dudley, Sr.

Chairman Alston took a point of personal privilege and called for a moment of silent prayer in memory of Dr. Dudley, Sr. and invited the family to come forward for the reading of the resolution.

Chairman Alston read the resolution into the record.

Mrs. Ursula Dudley Oglesby thanked the Board for recognizing their father. Mr. Joe Dudley, Jr. shared that in 1985, the County Commissioners agreed to sponsor a bond to allow Dudley Products to build their first manufacturing facility. He shared that the County's approval of that bond gave the confidence to the Bank to approve the loan which resulted in a substantial increase in corporate revenue. Both expressed appreciation for the honor and spoke to their late father's community contributions.

Chairman Alston recalled Dr. Dudley, Sr.'s mentorship.

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- B. 2024-168 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2024 AS THE MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD AND APRIL 6-12, 2024 AS THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Proclaim April 2024 as the "Month of the Young Child" and April 6-12, 2024 as the "Week of the Young Child".

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Vice Chairwoman Foster welcomed Guilford County Superintendent Dr. Whitney Oakley, Partnership for Children Executive Director Heather Adams, YMCA Senior Associate Young Development Director Ebony Burnett, and Southwest High School teacher Margo Crosby to receive the proclamation.

Dr. Oakley thanked the Board for the proclamation, spoke to stakeholders, and to the vital benefits of early childhood support. She shared a Kindergarten Kickoff district-wide event on

April 10th which is an opportunity to visit with staff and tour facilities. She highlighted that Guilford County is a great place to live, work, and grow.

C. 2024-194 PROCLAIM APRIL 2024 AS NATIONAL COUNTY APPRECIATION MONTH

Adopt proclamation designating April 2024 as National County Appreciation Month.

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Commissioner Gray-Hill welcomed County employees to receive the proclamation.

Mr. Elisven “Eli” Saavedra Villatoro, representing the Public Health Department as the Health Education Division Supervisor, thanked the Board for their recognition. He shared on behalf of all County employees we thank you for showcasing the work of local government.

Mr. Dwight Sloan, representing the Information Technology (IT) Department as an IT Project Manager, reviewed the number of public events and community activities that the County will be showcasing virtually and in-person throughout the month of April. He highlighted the County’s website that will list upcoming programs.

Ms. Jamie Joyner, Human Resources (HR) Director, thanked the Board and all employees for their dedication, hard work, creativity, and innovative thinking. She spoke to the County’s collaborative spirit.

D. 2024-225 PRESENTATION HONORING CENTENARIAN SISTER LUCY SLIGH

Receive presentation honoring centenarian Lucy Sligh.

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The Board presented a special certificate and flowers to Mrs. Lucy Sligh surrounded by family and friends.

Commissioner Cashion shared that it was an absolute honor to see Mrs. Sligh again to celebrate her upcoming 102nd birthday on May 18th since presenting her a resolution two (2) years ago.

Mrs. Sligh thanked everyone for the presentation. She shared that she feels blessed.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Alston introduced the consent agenda and addendum agenda. He opened the floor for any item discussions. Hearing none, he entertained a motion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to adopt the consent agenda and addendum agenda.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman, Alan Perdue
NOES: None

A. CONTRACTS

1. 2024-193 REMOUNT OF EXISTING AMBULANCE BOXES ON NEW CHASSIS

Approve the remount of five (5) existing ambulance boxes with upfit with Northwestern Emergency Vehicles, located at 268 NWEV Dr., West Jefferson, NC 28694, in the amount of \$111,962 each or a total commitment of \$559,810.

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scanner@nwev.com 20240305 093255 remount under HGAC

[Bid Justification Waiver Form-remount of Ambulance Boxes NWEV 3-6-24fc3.11.24](#)

2. 2024-199 PROCURE DELL DESKTOPS, LAPTOPS, MONITORS AND DOCKING STATIONS

Approve the purchase of laptops, desktops, monitors and docking stations, as authorized by the state contract exemption of G.S. 143-129(e) (9) for a total cost of \$125,703 from Dell Technologies Inc. off NC State Contract 204A.

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[Dell Computers off State Contract FC 3.6.24.pdf](#)

[BOCC FY24 Technology Refresh 4-4.pdf](#)

B. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2024-197 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review and approve the following sets of draft meeting minutes:
Regular Meeting 02.15.24

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2024-162 FY2023 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) GRANT

Approve the Guilford County Sheriff's Office participation in the FY23 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), and the associated Interlocal and Subrecipient agreements (between Guilford County and the City of Greensboro), in substantial form, along with any associated budget amendments to accept the funds in order to fulfill the grant requirements.

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[2023 JAG Sub-recipient Agreement-GCSO 1.12.24](#)

[FY 23 JAG Interlocal as of 1.12.24](#)

[Greensboro City Council Approval in Nov 2023](#)

[Award Package FAW-177639](#)

[2023 JAG Grant Break Down Revised](#)

[Grant Projects Fund Project Ordinance 2023](#)

Sheriff's Captain Tommy Bumpass introduced the agenda item. He spoke to the grant funding allocation for future public safety expenditures.

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to adopt the Guilford County Sheriff's Office participation in the FY23 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), and the associated Interlocal and Subrecipient agreements (between Guilford County and the City of Greensboro), in substantial form, along with any associated budget amendments to accept the funds in order to fulfill the grant requirements.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman, Alan Perdue

NOES: None

VIII. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

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Consider and approve the following appointments and reappointments to various boards & commissions:

Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee
Appoint Lila S. Marlkey to 1st term (April 4, 2024 - April 3, 2027)

Guilford County Health & Human Services Advisory Committee
Appoint Cierra Stewart to 1st term in Behavioral Health/Human Services position
(April 4, 2024 - April 3, 2027)

GuilfordWorks Board of Directors
Appoint Commissioner Carly Cooke to 1st term in Board Liaison position (April 4, 2024 - April 3, 2026)

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VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman, Alan Perdue

NOES: None

B. 2024-192 EXCEPTION REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Consider and approve the following exception reappointments to various boards & commissions:

Guilford County Animal Services Board

Reappoint Carl C. Ashby to 5th term in Public/At-Large position (April 23, 2024 - April 22, 2026)

Reappoint Janet A. Donahue to 3rd term in Public/At-Large position (April 16, 2024 - April 15, 2026)

Reappoint Beverly J. Levine to 5th term in Animal Shelter Volunteer position (April 3, 2024 - April 2, 2026)

Reappoint Linda Stanton to 5th term in Public/At-Large position (April 3, 2024 - April 2, 2026)

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Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., to adopt the following exception reappointments to various boards & commissions:

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VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman, Alan Perdue
NOES: None

IX. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Cooke shared that Ready for School/Ready for Life (Ready/Ready) hosted a visit with the Duke Endowment Trustees and thanked the endowment for their considerable investment in our community. Ready/Ready prepared a two (2) day presentation in High Point along with a tour for the trustees. She shared that they did a great job.

X. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Manager Michael Halford thanked the Board for their ongoing impactful support for County employees.

There were no comments from the County Attorney.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Cooke shared that she had an opportunity to visit with two (2) community organizations: Youth Focus and the Interactive Resource Center (IRC). She noted that both organizations serve people in our community experiencing homelessness. She highlighted that both organizations are doing really great work for our most vulnerable population.

Commissioner Cashion shared that she attended the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) District meeting where regional partners shared challenges and accomplishments. She shared her attendance at the renovated Liberty Theatre for a Toyota announcement of a \$2 million fund for Guilford and Randolph counties' educational Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs. She highlighted the restored theatre that is open to the community.

Commissioner Cashion spoke to a Justice and Public Safety (JPS) Committee meeting presentation by Judge Earl Stover from Oklahoma County District Court. She noted that the judge spoke to innovative incentives for drug court sentencing alternatives. She shared her attendance at the State of Downtown 2024 hosted by Downtown Greensboro, Inc. (DGI) held at a restored historical building, the Cadillac Service Garage. She highlighted downtown tax revenues and job creation statistics.

Commissioner Tillman shared his attendance of the State of Downtown. He reported from *The American City Business Journals* (ACBJ) that out of forty-five (45) large downtowns Greensboro rated 10th on the Downtown Vitality Index. He shared metrics from the article.

Commissioner Jones shared his participation of an Economic Development Panel at North Carolina A&T State University this week. He shared that they discussed policies and budgeting with the campus student organizations and Greensboro Chamber of Commerce. He shared his attendance at a Teach for America annual breakfast at the Proximity Hotel.

Vice Chairwoman Foster shared her attendance at a YMCA annual prayer breakfast. She highlighted the City of High Point's launch of *Discovery Magazine*. She noted her election as Vice Chair on the Trillium Regional Board. She took a point of personal privilege and called for a moment of silent prayer for the passing of Reverend Fredrick Bass, Jr., pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in High Point for forty-four (44) years.

Chairman Alston shared The New Cool Movement coordinated by radio and television personality Busta Brown. The goal of the program is to reduce bullying in the school system. He shared that the assembly today included fifty (50) to sixty (60) students who shared testimonials.

XII. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) to consult with the attorney employed by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the County Attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman, Alan Perdue
NOES: None

The Board recessed the meeting and entered into closed session at 6:43 p.m.

The Board reconvened from closed into open session at 7:57 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:58 p.m.

Robin Keller
Clerk

Melvin "Skip" Alston
Chairman