

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
April 3, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on April 3, 2025 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 Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Alan Perdue.

ABSENT: Commissioner Pat Tillman.

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 Erris Dunston; Assistant County Manager Victor Isler; Assistant County Manager Jason Jones; members of staff, media, and the public. Virtual participation was made available to members of the public and media partners.

Chairman Alston introduced Derrick Jones, United States Army and Gulf War Veteran, who would lead the Pledge of Allegiance following the invocation.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplain 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 5:36 p.m.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Scott Jones, Executive Director of Tiny House Community, voiced concern regarding professional consultants and the unhoused community.

Chairman Alston thanked Mr. Jones for his community outreach efforts and extended an invitation to present at the next Homelessness Taskforce meeting.

Dr. Bryant Lindsey, Overmountain Victory North Carolina State Trail, spoke to a request to form a county committee for the Country's 250th anniversary celebration. He urged the Commissioners to create a committee to help plan historical events.

Briana Strickland voiced opposition to the proposed Transco pipeline project through Guilford County. She voiced concerns regarding methane gas, including environmental risks and health impacts.

Chairman Alston noted an upcoming work session presentation.

Marcia Foutch, Greensboro resident, representing 3rd Act NC, spoke to the organization consisting of members over sixty (60) years of age. She spoke in opposition to the Transco pipeline project and urged the Board to consider a resolution in opposition. She spoke to the long-term devastating impacts of the methane gas pipelines.

Stephen McCollum expressed opposition to the Transco pipeline expansion project. He spoke in support of a work session to consider these concerns.

Margaret Rowlett, Guilford Clean Power Now representative, spoke in support of a resolution in opposition to the Transco pipeline expansion. She shared her work in clean-energy support and advocacy.

Jonah Montgomery shared that as a current University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) student, he is not in support of the Transco pipeline expansion.

Gail Dunham shared her advocacy for funding the Fire Department. She urged the Board to transfer Summerfield's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation to alternative projects. She noted that the Fire Department is not working in support along with the Water Tower. She expressed frustrations with the Town of Summerfield's communication efforts.

Retired Major Richard O'Jetter, announced that he was a prior Virginia State Senator, and is seeking office for the 9th Congressional District. He shared that he hopes to unseat Representative Richard Hudson and would like to represent Guilford County.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2025-172 RESOLUTION DEDICATING A FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER SUITE IN MEMORY OF SGT. PHILIP DALE NIX

Adopt resolution calling for the dedication of the Law Enforcement Suite located at the Greensboro Office of the Family Justice Center in honor of the life and service of Sergeant Dale Nix.

Legislation Text

Commissioner Cashion shared that it was her honor to be a part of recognizing the services of the late Sgt. Dale Nix. She recognized his father Eddie, mother Sue, and widow Kelly along with the Family Justice Center (FJC) partners to include Greensboro Police Department Chief John Thompson, Executive Director Catherine Johnson, and Mayor Pro Tem Marikay Abuzuaite. She requested all FJC stakeholders in the audience to stand.

Commissioner Cashion read the Resolution into the record.

Father Eddie Nix shared that his son especially enjoyed his work at the Family Justice Center and the work that he was doing.

B. 2025-144 RESOLUTION HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE TERESA H. VINCENT

Adopt resolution honoring the retirement of Chief District Court Judge Teresa H. Vincent and dedication of the inaugural location of the Legal Support Services Center in her name as the Teresa H. Vincent Courtroom, located on the first floor of the Greensboro Courthouse.

Legislation Text

Commissioner Jones welcomed Retired Justice Teresea Vincent and her family to come forward for the recognition.

Judge Vincent thanked the Board and recognized her family and friends who came to support her in her acknowledgment.

C. 2025-179 PROCLAIM APRIL 2025 AS "MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD" AND APRIL 5-11, 2025 AS "WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD" IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Proclaim April 2025 as "Month of the Young Child" and April 5-11, 2025 as "Week of the Young Child" in Guilford County.

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Commissioner Carly Cooke welcomed representatives from Guilford County Partnership for Children along with its community partners to include NC PreK, GenerationEd, Ready for School/Ready for Life, PBS Kids and Rootle, Guilford Basics, EQuIPD, Rosa Foundation, TLC Consulting, and GC School System. She thanked those who are doing this work in our community, as 80% of all brain development occurs in the first five (5) years of life.

Commissioner Cooke read the Proclamation into the record.

Heather Adams, Partnership for Children Executive Director, thanked the Commissioners for their recognition and support in raising awareness on the benefits of high-quality early education.

D. 2025-183 PROCLAIM APRIL 7-13, 2025 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

Proclaim the week of April 7-13, 2025 as Public Health Week 2025 in Guilford County.

[Legislation Text](#)

[2025 Public Health Week](#)

Commissioner Perdue invited representatives from Allied Health, Environmental Health, and Public Health. He shared the impacts of community public health on families.

Commissioner Perdue read the Proclamation into the record.

Staff thanked the Board for the recognition.

E. 2025-156 PROCLAIM APRIL 2025 AS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

Proclaim April 2025 as National County Government Month.

[Legislation Text](#)

Commissioner Gray-Hill welcomed the staff planning committee to come forward to receive the National County Government Awareness Month.

Commissioner Gray-Hill read the Proclamation declaring April as National County Government Month.

Tiffany Johnson, representing the Guilford County Employees for Positive Change, thanked the Board for recognizing the work of county employees.

Staff shared upcoming community engagement events to raise awareness for county services.

F. 2025-188 RESOLUTION CELEBRATING APRIL 2025 AS CAMBODIAN HERITAGE MONTH IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Adopt resolution celebrating April 2025 as Cambodian Heritage Month in Guilford County.

[Legislation Text](#)

Commissioner Jones welcomed members of the Cambodian community as well as City Councilmember Sharon Hightower, Mayor Pro Tem Marikay Abuzuiater, and Judge Davis in recognition of Cambodian Heritage Month.

Seyha Thach, Cambodian Association of North Carolina President, along with other representatives from the local Buddhist community, invited all to join them at their New Year Festival on April 13th at 12:00 noon.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Alston introduced the consent and addendum agendas. He opened the floor for any items to be pulled for separate consideration. Hearing none, he entertained a motion.

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to adopt the consent and addendum agendas.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 – 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill

NOES: None

Note: The approval of the addendum agenda added the following to the Presentation Section – item 2025-188 RESOLUTION CELEBRATING APRIL 2025 AS CAMBODIAN HERITAGE MONTH IN GUILFORD COUNTY; to the New Business Section – item 2025-212 MULTIFACTOR AUTHENTICATION SOLUTION CONTRACT RENEWAL; Amended item 2025-166 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; and Amended the CLOSED SESSION PURPOSE.

A. CONTRACTS

1. 2025-160 HHS-DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOSTER CARE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS FOR FY 2024-25 REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Approve twelve (12) contract amendments for total increase of \$2,943,000 and authorize staff to take all necessary actions to execute the amendments.

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[A Better Path Inc. 90006354 preaudit amendment \(BOC required\) WS Edits 02.10.2025](#)

[Baptist Children's Home 90006374 amendment 2 \(BOC required\)](#)

[Children's Home Society of NC 90006376 amendment \(BOC required\)](#)

[Clear Sky Behavioral 90006393 amendment 2 \(BOC required\) \(002\)](#)

[Crossnore Communities for Children 90006360 amendment \(BOC required\)](#)

[New Place 90006403 amendment 2 \(BOC required\)](#)

[Seven Homes Inc 90006382 amendment \(BOC required\)](#)

[The Alpha Management Community Services Inc 90006408 amendment \(BOC required\)](#)

[BOCC 04 3 HHS DSS Foster Care Amendments](#)

[BOCC 04 3 HHS DSS Foster Care Reductions](#)

[Youth Focus 90006411 preaudit amendment \(BOC\)](#)

[Pinnacle Family Services LLC 90006358 preaudit amendment 2 \(BOC\)](#)

[Lucia Hinton dba Caring Hands and S.E.E. LLC 90006399 preaudit amendment \(BOC\)](#)

[Lyfes New Direction 90006860 preaudit amendment \(BOC\)](#)

2. 2025-181 LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE AT 3309 BURLINGTON RD,
GREENSBORO, NC

Approve, in substantial form, a three (3) year lease agreement for rental of office space at 3309 Burlington Rd, Greensboro, NC, to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at the compensation rate of \$3,736.25 annually, and authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute said lease.

[Legislation Text](#)

[DRAFT Contract 90007141 State of NC Dept of Ag Consumer Services final 3.13.25 Attach A](#)

[PRE-AUDIT CONTRACT 90007141 State of NC Dept of Ag-Consumer Services 3.18.25-A](#)

3. 2025-175 APPROVE CONTRACT FOR PRINT PROCESS AND MAILING
SERVICES

Approve a not to exceed three (3) year contract with South Data Inc., for an amount of \$2,007,342 with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year renewals for a total contract period of up to five (5) years effective March 15, 2025.

[Legislation Text](#)

[South Data Inc. 90007107 preaudit \(BOC\) 3.19.25.pdf](#)

B. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2025-176 TAX COLLECTION REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
2025

Accept and approve the tax collection report issued for month ending February 28, 2025.

[Legislation Text](#)

[401C All Guilford 2-28-2025.pdf](#)

2. 2025-177 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2025

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending February 28, 2025.

[Legislation Text](#)

[February 2025 NCVTS Pending Refund Report.pdf](#)

[February 2025 Rebates and Releases.pdf](#)

3. 2025-178 REALIGNMENT OF FY25 JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) FUNDING

Approve the attached revision to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) funding plan for FY 2025.

[Legislation Text](#)

[BOTSO - budget revision 02.18.25](#)

[FY25 Funding Plan - BRs BOTSO Operation Xcel 02.27.25](#)

[Operation Homework 2.20.25](#)

4. 2025-174 NC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (NCDEQ) COMMUNITY RECYCLING & WASTE REDUCTION GRANT

Approve the NCDEQ Community Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant Application, including the twenty percent (20%) match, enabling Solid Waste to support the drop-off recycling program; and, if needed, authorize any necessary budget amendments up \$30,000 annually for one (1) year, should the County be awarded the grant.

[Legislation Text](#)

[2025 CWRAR RFP](#)

[2025 Community Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant Application](#)

5. 2025-187 APPROVE THE GUILFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO APPLY FOR CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING

Authorize the Guilford County Sheriff's Office to apply for Congressionally Directed Spending.

[Legislation Text](#)

6. 2025-211 APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA'S CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING APPLICATION

Authorize the Board of County Commissioners to sign a letter of support for Volunteer of America Chesapeake and the Carolinas' application for congressionally directed spending in support of substance use recovery services for women and children in Guilford County.

[Legislation Text](#)

[VoA Letter of Support 03.27.25](#)

7. 2025-204 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider and approve the following sets of draft meeting minutes:

03/06/2025 Work Session
03/06/2025 Regular Meeting

[Legislation Text](#)

[dmwsx030625](#)

[dmx030625](#)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2025-173 BUDGET AMENDMENT: HAYDEN-HARMON FOUNDATION DONATION

Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$24,000 for the Reentry Program's use for program participants.

[Legislation Text](#)

Captain Wes Mecham presented the agenda item. He noted that Dr. Patrick Harmon and the members of the Hayden-Harmon Foundation generously donated \$24,000 for the Sheriff's Office Re-entry Program.

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Gray-Hill, to adopt a budget amendment in the amount of \$24,000 for the Reentry Program's use for program participants.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill, Carly Cooke (via virtual communication)
NOES: None

Vice Chairwoman Foster recognized Dr. Harmon and voiced appreciation for the Hayden-Harmon Foundation donation. She shared its service throughout Guilford County for many years and its support for those experiencing homelessness.

Dr. Harmon thanked the county for their work and shared that they are happy to be partners.

B. 2025-212 MULTIFACTOR AUTHENTICATION SOLUTION CONTRACT RENEWAL

Approve contracting with Presidio Networked Solutions, LLC, in substantial form, for a Multifactor Authentication Solution, in an annual amount of \$179,679.60 per year for five (5) years for a total cost of \$898,398.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Bid Waiver Approved Presidio for Duo 5yrs 595k fc](#)

[Presidio Networked Solutions LLC 90007074 preaudit partially executed](#)

Peter Purcell, Chief Information Officer, and Jeff McCartney, Chief Information Security Officer, introduced the agenda item. He noted that this item was first presented on March 6th, however, the vendor requested additional changes after the Board's review. He noted that while there are no changes to the pricing and costing, there are terms that are now substantially different, requiring that the item come back to the Board for re-approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, to adopt contracting with Presidio Networked Solutions, LLC, in substantial form, for a Multifactor Authentication Solution, in an annual amount of \$179,679.60 per year for five (5) years for a total cost of \$898,398.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke (via virtual communication), Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill
NOES: None

VIII. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2025-166 APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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

Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission

Appoint Haley Moloney to 1st term in BOCC Designee position (April 3, 2025 - April 2, 2028)

Health & Human Services Advisory Committee

Reappoint Felicia Daye Reid to 2nd term in Nursing/Domiciliary position (April 21, 2025 - April 20, 2028)

Jamestown Planning & Zoning Board

Reappoint Robert M. Coon to 2nd term in BOCC ETJ position (January 2, 2025 - January 1, 2030)

Guilford County Parks Advisory Board

Appoint Jeffery Surgeon to 1st term as BOCC Designee for District 6 (April 3, 2025 - April 2, 2028)

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NOES: None

IX. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Jones shared that he recently attended the voluntary Agriculture Commission Board meeting. She noted the good work regarding the preservation of the farm community in our county.

Commissioner Cashion noted that we have had a very busy month thus far. She provided an update on the Library Board as well as the National Association of County Commissioners (NACo) Tax and Finance Committee. She spoke to the work happening at the Southwest Renewal Foundation. She provided updates from the recent Women and Children Residential Recovery Center. She shared that as she travels the community, she continues to receive great feedback on the Chairman's One Guilford motto as it is resonating across the community.

X. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY

There were no comments from the County Manager.

There were no comments from the County Attorney.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gray- Hill shared his recent attendance of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) that is working through the current budget season for juvenile intervention and court diversion programs. He also shared his recent participation with Meals on Wheels.

Commissioner Cooke echoed participation with Meals on Wheels.

Commissioner Perdue thanked staff for coordinating the recent Budget Town Hall event.

Commissioner Jones shared his participation in a reading day for the Guilford County Partnership for Children. He shared attendance of the Southeast Greensboro Coalition at Brown Recreation Center.

Vice Chairwoman Foster echoed the great turnout of the Budget Town Hall meeting in Jamestown. She invited the Commissioners to the grand opening of Legacy Ridge, a mixed-income community in the heart of High Point, next Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Alston echoed thanks for the staff for their work on the Budget Town Halls and invited all residents to come to the next session at Simpkins Elementary on Monday, April 7th.

XII. HOLD A CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS §143-318.11(a)(1) TO PREVENT DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION THAT IS PRIVILEGED OR CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO NCGS §132-6.1(c) AND NCGS §143-318.11(a)(4) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING MATTERS RELATING TO THE LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

Motion made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, seconded by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, to hold a closed session pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(1) to prevent disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to NCGS §132-6.1(c) and NCGS §143-318.11(a)(4) for the purpose of discussing matters relating to the location or expansion of industries for economic development incentives and consulting with the County Attorney.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

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

NOES: None

The Board recessed the meeting and entered into closed session at 7:25 p.m.

The Board reconvened from closed into open session at 8:35 p.m.

Motion made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, seconded by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., approve setting of the Elections Director salary, in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Elections, at \$160,274.69, to be made retroactive to March 9, 2025 in conjunction with the County's annual pay scale.

The motion carried by unanimous consent.

ABSENT: Commissioners Pat Tillman, Mary Beth Murphy, and Carly Cooke.

XIII. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., to adjourn the regular meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:37 p.m.

Melvin "Skip" Alston
Chairman

Robin Keller
Clerk