

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
March 6, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on March 6, 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., Pat Tillman (via virtual communication), and Alan Perdue.

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 Erris Dunston; Assistant County Manager Jason Jones; Planning Director J. Leslie Bell; Budget Director Toy Beeninga; Guilford County Schools Deputy Superintendent Business and Operations Dr. Julius Monk; members of staff, media, and the public. Virtual participation was made available to members of the public and media partners.

Chairman Alston introduced Don Massenburg, United States Marine Corps Veteran, who would lead the Pledge of Allegiance following the invocation.

I. INVOCATION

Vice Chairwoman Foster offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alston called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Chairman Alston opened Speakers from the Floor.

1. Scott Jones, Tiny House Community Development Executive Director, provided an update on the organization's community activities. He spoke to the organization's three (3) year anniversary in providing certain construction certifications through a training program for those experiencing homelessness and poverty in Guilford County. He shared they were recognized as an apprenticeship program by the State. He discussed the program benefits and requested the County consider allowing them to use the former Evergreen property which would allow non-profits to utilize the building to offer services.
2. Ron Ray, Oak Ridge resident, expressed concerns regarding the installation of the Transcontinental (Transco) oil pipeline and spoke to potential safety issues.
3. Brenda Chaney, Oak Ridge resident, shared her concerns with health and safety incidents associated with Transco, and discussed an incident that occurred in Appomattox, Virginia, during an installation similar to what is planned for Guilford County. She encouraged the Board to pass a resolution in opposition to the installation.
4. Frank Carroll, Guilford County resident, expressed his concern with property valuations and the upcoming revaluation. He encouraged the Board to adopt a zero-based budget process or begin the budget process with a revenue-neutral tax rate.
5. Kenny Banks, District 6 resident and University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) student, spoke to the importance of addressing systemic issues through collective action. He urged the Board to pass a resolution in opposition to the pipeline and spoke to the associated risks with the project.
6. Jenny Zimmer, District 8 resident, shared her concerns with the Southeast Supply Enhancement Project (SSEP) and discussed the schools and facilities close to the blast zone of the project. She expressed concerns with air pollution and its impact on young children in the area and the potential impact the pipeline could have on household expenses.
7. Gail Dunham, Summerfield resident, requested the Board withhold the \$5.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocated to the Town of Summerfield for water infrastructure.
8. Caroline Hansley, the Sierra Club's Campaign Organizing Strategist, requested the Board place a resolution in opposition of SSEP on the next meeting agenda. She spoke to concerns with the use of the fuel generated by the project and the potential pollution generated.
9. Emily Sutton, Haw River Assembly Executive Director, requested the Board pass a resolution opposing SSEP to protect the communities served by the organization. She spoke to the potential impact of the project on the County's drinking and groundwater supply.
10. Sarah Rawleigh, District 3 resident, expressed her concerns with SSEP and stated that Transco filed permits with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) within the past month. She encouraged the Board to pass a resolution in opposition, which would encourage other counties to do the same. She expressed her interest in presenting to the Board

during a work session to provide additional information, or to meet with Board members one-on-one.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2025-147 RECOGNIZING THE 2024 UNDEFEATED SEASON FOR THE GRIMSLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

Adopt resolution celebrating the Grimsley High School Football Team on their 2024 Undefeated Season.

Legislation Text

Commissioner Murphy welcomed the team members and read the resolution into the minutes.

Head Football Coach Darryl Brown thanked the Board for the recognition and expressed his appreciation for the Board's collaboration with GC Schools. He expressed his thanks for the team's hard work and efforts.

B. 2025-149 PROCLAIM MARCH AS MEALS ON WHEELS MONTH AND CELEBRATING COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS WEEK MARCH 17-21, 2025

Proclaim March as Meals on Wheels Month and celebrate March 17-21 as Champions week celebrating our volunteers and senior advocates.

Legislation Text

Commissioner Cooke invited members of the Meals on Wheels team and read the resolution into the minutes.

Courtney Lake, Senior Resources of Guilford Assistant Director, thanked the Board for this recognition and spoke to the impact of the Meals on Wheels program in Guilford County. She shared they served over 130K meals to 859 seniors in 2024. She spoke to the importance of volunteers and shared 10,995 routes were driven in 2024. She spoke to the importance of the nutrition and the engagement between volunteers and seniors served by the program.

C. 2025-169 PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025 AS SOCIAL WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Proclaim the month of March 2025 as Social Worker Appreciation Month in Guilford County.

Legislation Text

Vice Chairwoman Foster invited Social Services Director Sharon Barlow and the recognized Social Workers to the dais. She read the resolution into the minutes.

Barlow shared that approximately 320 social workers are employed by Guilford County and noted this profession helps many people daily. She shared that they work throughout the community and spoke to last year's partnership with GC Schools to host a Social Work Summit. She shared the theme of the month, "*Social Work: Compassion + Action*," speaks to the need to transform passion into action through advocacy that create systemic change. She spoke to the challenging nature of the work and thanked the Board for its ability to find creative ways to provide support and resources for this team.

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

NOTE: Approval of the Addendum Agenda amended the motion language and attachments for Item 2025-165 LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE AT 505 E. GREEN STREET AND 211 S. CENTENNIAL STREET, HIGH POINT, NC; 201 S. EUGENE STREET, GREENSBORO, NC FOR PROBATION AND PAROLE.

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2025-171 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH BUDGET ALIGNMENT NCDHHS: AGREEMENT ADDENDUM ALLOCATIONS (\$1,035,048)

Amend the General Fund Budget Ordinance to increase the appropriation to Health & Human Services by \$1,035,048 and increase Federal/State revenue by \$1,035,048; decrease appropriation to appropriated fund balance by \$146,381 and decrease appropriation to Health & Human Services - Public Health by \$146,381.

Legislation Text

PHL Budget Amendment

2. 2025-161 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES: THRIVING HEARTS GRANT (\$22,500)

Approve receipt of the FY25 Thriving Hearts Grant and authorize the grant agreement titled NC Alliance of Public Health Contract, in substantial form, in the amount of

\$22,500. Adopt a grant project ordinance for the FY25 Thriving Hearts Grant in the amount of \$22,500 with \$22,500 in Federal/State funds.

[Legislation Text](#)

[PRE-AUDIT CONTRACT - 90007068 NC ALLIANCE OF PUBLIC HEALTH](#)

[FY25 Thriving Hearts Grant - ADOPT 25.03.06](#)

3. 2025-158 BUDGET AMENDMENT: TRANSFER OF FUNDING FROM HP COURTHOUSE PLAZA CAPITAL ORDINANCE TO HP DETENTION CENTER RENOVATION CAPITAL ORDINANCE

Approve necessary budget amendments resulting in an increase of \$500,000 in the HP Detention Center Renovation project and a decrease of \$500,000 in the High Point Courthouse Plaza.

[Legislation Text](#)

[HP Detention Center Renovation - 25.03.06 AMEND](#)

B. CONTRACTS

1. 2025-165 LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE AT 505 E. GREEN STREET AND 211 S. CENTENNIAL STREET, HIGH POINT, NC; 201 S. EUGENE STREET GREENSBORO, NC FOR PROBATION AND PAROLE

Approve, in substantial form, a three (3) year lease agreement, effective March 1, 2025 through February 29, 2028, for rental of office space at 505 E. Green Street and 211 S. Centennial Street, High Point, NC, and 201 S. Eugene Street Greensboro, NC to the North Carolina Department of Adult Corrections and authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute said lease(s).

[Legislation Text](#)

[PRE-AUDIT CONTRACT 90007100 NC DAC E Green St HP 3.4.25 Attach A](#)

[PRE-AUDIT CONTRACT 90007101 NC DAC S Centennial St HP 3.4.25 Attach A](#)

[PRE-AUDIT CONTRACT 90007099 NC DAC S Eugene 3.4.25 Attach A](#)

2. 2025-162 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 effective March 24, 2025, and ending on March 23, 2030, for a total cost of \$898,398.00.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Presidio Networked Solutions Group 90007074 preaudit.pdf](#)

[Bid Waiver Request # 05818456.pdf](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2025-164 TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES QUARTERLY FISCAL REPORT
Receive Trillium Health Resources December 2024 quarterly fiscal report.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Trillium County Quarterly Report Memo](#)

[Trillium County Quarterly Report 12.31.24](#)

2. 2025-122 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Consider and approve the following sets of draft meeting minutes:
02/06/2025 BOC Work Session Meeting
02/06/2025 BOC Regular Meeting
02/20/2025 BOC Remote Regular Meeting

[Legislation Text](#)

[dmwsx020625](#)

[dmx020625](#)

[dmx022025](#)

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. 2025-146 TEXT AMENDMENT CASE # 23-05-PLBD-00048: AMEND ARTICLE 4 (ZONING DISTRICTS) TO ADD SECTION 4.10, SPECIAL PURPOSE LOTS AND AMEND SUBSECTION 5.14.A.2.C WITH THE CORRECT CORRESPONDING SECTION REFERENCE TO SPECIAL PURPOSE LOTS UNDER WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWERS

Hold a legislative hearing and adopt Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment Case #23-05-PLBD-00048 and the aforementioned statement of plan consistency, as presented herein, to establish minimum requirements for Special

Purpose Lots under the UDO Section 4.10 and amend Section 5.14.A.2.c with the correct corresponding reference.

[Legislation Text](#)

[1 TA 23-05-PLBD-00048 Special Purpose Lots Jan82025](#)

[2 BCC Staff Report](#)

[2025 GC PLAN 1-8-25 DRAFT MINUTES](#)

Planning Director Leslie Bell introduced the item and explained the purpose of the text amendment. He shared there was a typo in the background of the agenda item and noted the text amendment attachment is correct. He specified the text that reads, “An application which includes Special Purpose Lot shall not be deemed incomplete until it provides . . .” should read *complete* to match other information in the Board’s packet and not *incomplete*. He spoke to special purpose lot uses, such as cemeteries, mail kiosks, and sewer lift stations.

Chairman Alston opened the public hearing and opened the floor for proponents of the item. There being none, he opened the floor for opponents of the item. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Jones read the following consistency statement into the record:

Text Amendment Case #23-05-PLBD-00048, as presented by staff, is consistent with Future Land Use Element Goal #1 of the Guilford County Comprehensive Plan, which states that “Guilford County shall position itself to accommodate new growth and redevelopment that is efficient and cost-effective; improves the quality of life for residents; enhances economic vitality...” Introducing language in the UDO for moderated reviews of the above-listed, low-intensity, ancillary uses will ensure continued growth of the principal uses that drive economic vitality and quality of life.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., and seconded by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, to hold a legislative hearing and adopt Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment Case #23-05-PLBD-00048 and the aforementioned statement of plan consistency, as presented herein, to establish minimum requirements for Special Purpose Lots under the UDO Section 4.10 and amend Section 5.14.A.2.c with the correct corresponding reference.

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

[VIII. NEW BUSINESS](#)

Taking a point of personal privilege, Chairman Alston introduced 2025-168 Item B.
KATHERINE G. JOHNSON PRE-K-8 prior to 2025-163 Item A. BUDGET AMENDMENT.

B. 2025-168 GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS KATHERINE G JOHNSON PRE-K-8
LAND ACQUISITION APPROVAL

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 115C-426(f), approve the amount of \$300,000 to be spent for the Guilford County Board of Education's acquisition of the site for the Katherine G. Johnson Pre-K-8 School, as requested by the Board of Education.

[Legislation Text](#)

[240320-KGJK8-NewBld-Dwgs-PrelimSurvey-BeckProp-JWaller-v1](#)

[Beck Property PB 206-24](#)

[Complete with DocuSign PSA](#)

[transmittal letter RE acquisitionof real property for KG Johnson PreK-8 school 2.21.25](#)

Guilford County Schools Deputy Superintendent Business and Operations Dr. Julius Monk introduced the item on behalf of GCS.

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to adopt pursuant to N.C.G.S. 115C-426(f), approve the amount of \$300,000 to be spent for the Guilford County Board of Education's acquisition of the site for the Katherine G. Johnson Pre-K-8 School, as requested by the Board of Education.

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

A. 2025-163 BUDGET AMENDMENT: NORTHEAST FIRE AND MOUNT HOPE
FIRE

Approve a budget amendment for Northeast Fire Protection District (FPD) in the amount of \$91,000 (fund balance) and approve a reduction for Northeast Fire Protection Service District Overlay (FPSD) in the amount of \$91,000 (property tax - motor vehicle); Approve a budget amendment for the Mt. Hope Fire Protection District (FPD) in the amount of \$61,000 (property tax); and approve a budget amendment for Mt. Hope Fire Protection Service District Overlay (FPSD) through a reduction of \$61,000 (property tax).

[Legislation Text](#)

Budget Director Toy Beeninga introduced the item and provided background on fire protection districts and FPSDs. He shared the Northeast FPSD would like to appropriate fund balance dollars to address a leak in the roof of their facility. He shared that Mt. Hope has generated funding related to settlements with prior year tax assessments and would like to utilize these funds.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to adopt a budget amendment for Northeast Fire Protection District (FPD) in the amount of \$91,000 (fund balance) and approve a reduction for Northeast Fire Protection Service District Overlay (FPSD) in the amount of \$91,000 (property tax - motor vehicle); Approve a budget amendment for the Mt. Hope Fire Protection District (FPD) in the amount of \$61,000 (property tax); and approve a budget amendment for Mt. Hope Fire Protection Service District Overlay (FPSD) through a reduction of \$61,000 (property tax).

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

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

NOES: None

IX. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

There was no HHS Update provided for this agenda.

X. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2025-167 REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS Robin Keller

Consider and approve the following reappointment to a board & commission:

Guilford County Transportation Advisory Board
Reappoint Jeremy L. Lane to 2nd term as Public Human Service Agency representative
(April 21, 2025 - April 20, 2028)

[Legislation Text](#)

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Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to approve the following reappointment to a board & commission:

**Guilford County Transportation Advisory Board
Reappoint Jeremy L. Lane to 2nd term as Public Human Service Agency representative
(April 21, 2025 - April 20, 2028)**

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

XI. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Cooke shared her attendance at the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) Executive Committee and GuilfordWorks board meeting. She noted Ready for School/Ready for Life is interviewing executive candidates and should have information to share soon.

Commissioner Cashion shared her attendance at the Homelessness Taskforce meeting and thanked Commissioner Gray-Hill for attending the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) meeting in her stead.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY

A. 2025-143 RECEIVE FY2025 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT THROUGH JANUARY 2025 Toy Beeninga

Receive FY2024-25 Budget Performance Report through January.

Legislation Text

January 2025 Budget Performance Report

There were no comments from the County Manager.

There were no comments from the County Attorney.

XIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gray-Hill shared his attendance at a recent JCPC and Homelessness Taskforce meetings. He shared his attendance at the Legislative Breakfast and NACo Legislative Conference.

Commissioner Murphy shared her attendance at NACo Legislative Conference and wished her grandmother a happy birthday.

Commissioner Cooke thanked staff for coordinating the Guilford Delegation meeting and shared she was invited to visit Backpack Beginnings, a local organization working on food security. She shared they are serving the community very well. She shared she attended the NACo Legislative Conference and her participation in a prenatal roundtable to discuss challenges of childcare and learning. She shared her attendance at the Mid-size County caucus exploratory committee that

would represent rural/urban counties similar to Guilford. She shared that she will chair the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Public Education Steering Committee on March 11th, where Budget Director Beeninga and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Monk will lead presentations entitled, "Strategies to Address School Facilities Needs."

Commissioner Cashion shared her attendance at the Legislation Breakfast and met with a newly elected House representative where she shared some of the issues discussed during the Legislative Breakfast. She shared she remained in contact with Board members on events at the NACo Legislative Conference.

Commissioner Perdue shared his participation at the Telecommunication Technology Steering Committee and confirmed the resolution related to 911.gov did pass during the NACo Legislative Conference. He spoke to the importance of connectivity and confirmed approximately 80% of 911 calls come through wireless technology.

Commissioner Jones shared his attendance at the Mothers Against Gun Violence annual event and participated on a panel at Elon Law School. He shared he toured the International Civil Rights Center and Museum (ICRCM) with Governor Stein and Chairman Alston and spoke to his attendance at the NACo Legislative Conference. He shared the ACC Women's Basketball tournament is in town and encouraged everyone to support.

Vice Chairwoman Foster shared she attended the High Point Housing Authority (HPHA) annual meeting, the Homelessness Taskforce and the High Point Schools Partnership Champions Breakfast. She congratulated Commissioner Cooke on being selected as the vice president of the Mid-size County Caucus. She announced leading her first meeting as the president of the North Carolina Association of Black County Officials.

XIV. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND TO CONSIDER A PERSONNEL MATTER.

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to hold a closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) for the purpose of consulting with the County Attorney and to consider a personnel matter.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Pat Tillman, 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 6:58 p.m.

The Board reconvened from closed into open session at 9:23 p.m.

XV. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

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

NOES: None

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Melvin "Skip" Alston
Chairman

Robin Keller
Clerk