



Guilford County

301 West Market Street
Greensboro, NC 27402

Meeting Agenda - Final Board of Commissioners

Thursday, February 19, 2026

5:30 PM

Second Floor, Old County Courthouse

I. INVOCATION

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Each speaker will be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Board. Speakers from the Floor will last for a maximum of thirty (30) minutes.

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. [2026-145](#) PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 20, 2026 AS GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATORS DAY IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Requested Action: Proclaim February 20, 2026 as Government Communicators Day in Guilford County.

Sponsors: Vice Chairwoman Carlvena Foster

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. [2026-140](#) BUDGET AMENDMENT: FY26-28 FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER
ENHANCED COORDINATION GRANT

Background:

This award from the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission provides partial funding to support one (1) existing full-time staff position with the Family Justice Center department: Elder Justice Specialist Coordinator.

The Family Justice Center was initially awarded funding from the North Carolina Governor's Crime Commission (NCGCC) in 2018. Renewal applications can be requested bi-annually. This renewal application was our fourth request. Historically, this grant has awarded partial funding to support both the Elder Justice Specialist Coordinator and Child Trauma Specialist Coordinator positions. Due to cuts in federal funding to the NCGCC, the grant amount was reduced. Additionally, children are no longer a qualifying underserved population based on the grant guidelines. This has disqualified our Child Trauma Specialist Coordinator from the grant. Based on this development, the Family Justice Center is requesting to move the Child Trauma Specialist Coordinator position from the Grants Fund to the General Fund and decrease the General Fund transfer to the project.

Guilford opened its first Family Justice Center in Greensboro in 2015 and due to demand, opened a second location in High Point in 2018. FJC transformed victim services. From one location, 17 agencies and over 150 professionals work together to provide streamlined and comprehensive services. Since opening, FJC has served over 100,000 victims, including 10,614 older adults. The service demand has increased by 163% since our opening in 2015.

Since COVID, reports of elder abuse continue to flood law enforcement and DHHS. The DV homicide rate in Guilford has risen over the last two (2) years, and the need for safety nets for older adults is more imperative than ever. Also, the high staff turnover amongst helpers in advocacy, social work, legal, and law enforcement has exacerbated the need for coordinated care to ensure vulnerable victims don't fall through the cracks.

FJC has been a beacon of light in the community. Our elder abuse coordinated responses are critical to FJC operations and service provision. Our collaborative work in the Elder Justice Committee has gained national attention and recognition. This staff position provides essential services, and this life-saving collaborative work

continues to necessitate full-time staffing. The purpose of this grant from NCGCC is to maintain uninterrupted access to life-saving coordination, follow-up, and outreach to underserved victims of elder abuse.

Requested Action: Approve receipt of the first year of the FY26-28 GCC Family Justice Center Enhanced Coordination Grant in the amount of \$41,666. Amend the FY26-28 GCC Family Justice Center Enhanced Coordination Grant ordinance in the Grant Projects Fund to decrease appropriation to the project by \$92,976 and decrease Transfer from Other Funds (General Fund) by \$92,976. Authorize the transfer of one (1) FTE from the Grants Projects Fund to the General Fund.

Budget Impact: FY 26-28 GCC FJC Enhanced Coordination Grant
\$92,976 decrease in appropriation to project
\$92,976 decrease in Transfer from Other Funds (General Fund)

Sponsors: Sonya Desai

Attachments: [Award Letter Agreement 2000080869](#)
[FY26 FJC Enhanced Coordination Grant - AMEND 26.02.19](#)

2. [2026-151](#) BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 26 NC DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS GRANT - \$20,000

Background: The North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NC DMVA) Grant Program for County Veterans Offices (CVOs) is designed to assist counties in providing vital services to veterans. Guilford County, which meets eligibility requirements by employing fewer than eight (8) full-time Veteran Services Officers, is seeking approval to accept this grant funding for the 2026 program year. Guilford County Veterans Services has been awarded \$20,000 for FY26.

Grant funds must be used exclusively to support veterans, with allowable uses including: training and professional development for Veteran Services Officers; attendance at statewide training conferences; community outreach and engagement efforts; advertising and informational materials; and office equipment to support efficient claims processing and service delivery.

This request reflects Guilford County's core values of Service & Outcomes Excellence and Our People Matter. By investing in enhanced outreach, staff training, and operational equipment, this grant program reaffirms the County's commitment to delivering high-quality, results-driven services while ensuring that veterans-who have sacrificed in service to our country-receive the care, recognition, and support they deserve.

Requested Action: Accept receipt of the NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs grant funding. Adopt a grant project ordinance for FY26 Veterans Services Grant in the amount of \$20,000, with \$20,000 in Federal/State funds.

Budget Impact: **Grant Project Fund**
FY26 Veteran Services Grant
\$20,000 appropriation to grant project
\$20,000 in Federal/State funds

Sponsors: Robert Shelly

Attachments: [26.02.19- FY26 Veteran Services Grant](#)
[Guilford County Executed Grant Contract PMT](#)

B. CONTRACTS

1. [2026-126](#) APPROVE CONTRACT WITH THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOARD OF EDUCATION) ON BEHALF OF THE GUILFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SROs)

Background:

The Guilford County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) has for many years contracted with the Board of Education to provide SROs for seven (7) high schools and middle schools and to provide a sergeant and captain for supervisory purposes. These SROs perform the law enforcement related activities on the school grounds for these fourteen (14) schools. They provide a law enforcement presence for safety purposes, as well as handle investigations, which stem from criminal activity that occurred at school. As part of the existing contract, the Board of Education pays a percentage of the salaries and benefits, training, and equipment. The contract has been revised and is attached to this agenda item. The new contract has been approved by the Board of Education. It has also been through the mandated Guilford County contract approval process. The items outlined in the contract are shown below:

- The Sheriff's Office shall provide sixteen (16) sworn deputies as School Safety Resource Officers (SRO). Of those sixteen, fourteen (14) sworn deputies shall be assigned to specific middle and high schools by the Sheriff. In addition, the Sheriff shall assign two (2) sworn supervisory personnel, one Sergeant and one Captain, to oversee the SROs and the program. The selection of the individual deputies and supervisors shall be at the discretion of the Sheriff. During the effective term of this Agreement, there shall be a total of sixteen (16) officers.
- The Board shall pay the Sheriff's Office an annual stipend of \$2,000.00 per SRO for a total of \$32,000 per year.
- The Board shall pay to the Sheriff's Office 75% of the actual salaries and benefits for fourteen (14) sworn deputies, one (1) Captain, and one (1) Sergeant, as set forth in the Attachment A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Salaries and benefits are subject to increase based on promotions, merit increases,

or other adjustments during the term of the Agreement.

- The Board shall also pay up to \$40,000 toward SRO training per year, based on actual expenses incurred during the effective period of this Amendment. The Sheriff's Office shall have sole discretion in determining the SRO training to be utilized.
- The total financial exposure to the Board under this Amendment is not expected to exceed **\$4,445,013.00**. Invoices will be billed on a quarterly basis. Payments shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of the quarterly cost statements provided by the Sheriff's Office.

Line Item	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	
Salary & Benefits	\$1,364,464	\$1,409,115	\$1,458,464	
Stipend	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	
Training	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	
Total Amount per year		\$1,433,464	\$1,481,115	\$1,530,434
Year 1	\$1,433,464			
Year 2	\$1,481,115			
Year 3	\$1,530,434			
Total Contract Amount				\$4,445,013.00

This adjustment in contract terms would result in a loss of revenue to Guilford County of approximately \$200,000. The prior contract funded 100% of the salary and benefits for 14 positions and some operating expenses. The County provides funding to the Board of Education for this purpose through the annual local current expense.

Requested Action: Approve interlocal agreement, in substantial form, with the Guilford County Board of Education on behalf of the Sheriff's Office for the provision of School Resource Officer Services in the total amount of \$4,445,013 (Year 1 \$1,433,464; Year 2 \$1,481,115; Year 3 \$1,530,434) to be retroactive as of July 1, 2025 for a term of three (3) years.

Budget Impact:

Sponsors: Sheriff Danny H. Rogers (Capt. Wes Mecham)

Attachments: [FINAL CONTRACT - 90007437_GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS \(SRO AGRE](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. [2026-143](#) TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2026

Background: Attached is a tax collection report for the month ending January 31, 2026 required by NCGS 105-350(7) to be submitted by the tax collector to the governing body. The purpose of the report is to apprise the governing body of the progress of the tax collector in collecting taxes levied for the current fiscal year.

A list of beverage licenses issued for the month ending January 31, 2026 is attached for the purpose of providing the governing body the opportunity to exercise their authority to refuse to issue a license, as described in NCGS 105-113.71.

Requested Action: Accept and approve the tax collection report and beverage licenses issued for month ending January 31, 2026.

Budget Impact: **NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED**

Sponsors: Ben Chavis

Attachments: [401C All Guilford 1-31-2026.pdf](#)
[Bev 1-31-2026 Detail.pdf](#)

2. [2026-144](#) PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2026

Background: A valid defense has been provided by the taxpayer that the tax imposed was invalid and met the criteria of North Carolina General Statute 105-325 and North Carolina General Statute 105-381, to be rebated or released for the amounts contained in the attached reports. Complete reports are maintained on file with the Clerk to the Board.

Requested Action: Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending January 31, 2026.

Budget Impact: **NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED**

Sponsors: Ben Chavis

Attachments: [January 2026 NCVTS Pending Refund Report.pdf](#)
[January 2026 Rebates and Releases.pdf](#)

3. [2026-137](#) APPROVE RESOLUTION TO REALLOCATE \$125,580 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDS FROM 2018 PROGRAM YEAR ALLOCATION TO THE CITY OF GREENSBORO AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GREENSBORO AND GUILFORD COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM FOR AFFORDABLE, PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Background:

As part of the Greensboro (City) and Guilford County HOME Consortium, Guilford County (County) has \$125,580 from its 2018 Program Year allocation of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, which can be used for the public purpose of increasing the availability of affordable housing. Approval of this request reallocates Guilford County's 2018 Program Year funds of \$125,580 to the City of Greensboro. The City of Greensboro has committed funds to support the adaptive reuse and rehabilitation of property at 817 Summit Avenue for a ten (10) unit affordable, permanent supportive housing project to be known as Fourteen Friends Place.

With Greensboro serving as the HOME Consortium administrator, coupled with the City Council committing more than \$2.9 million at its January 20, 2026 regular meeting (see attached City of Greensboro Resolution) as a staged forgivable loan from Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids (HOPWA) funding, the reallocation of the County's \$125,580 HOME program funds will meet HOME Investment Partnerships Program requirements in recognition of the community health benefits which can be achieved through stable housing. As Home Program Consortium administrator, the City of Greensboro will manage all compliance responsibilities related to the use of these dollars.

The Triad Health Project (a non-profit organization with locations in both Greensboro and High Point) is located near the site (801 Summit Ave., Greensboro), has a long history of serving the target population, and will serve as a primary service provider. Additionally, the City has indicated that the adjacent Dunleath neighborhood has expressed support for the project, which would revitalize a long-blighted site.

County staff have participated in meetings with the City of Greensboro, the developer, and non-profit partners prior to the Greensboro City Council's approval of the project.

Requested Action: Approve Resolution to reallocate Guilford County's \$125,580 HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds from its 2018 Program Year allocation to the City of Greensboro as HOME Consortium Program administrator to support development of a 10-Unit Affordable, Permanent Supportive Housing Project, located at 817 Summit Ave.

Budget Impact: **NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED**
Funding for this agreement will be provided from Housing Consortium funds awarded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Sponsors: J. Leslie Bell

Attachments: [14 Friends Place Resolution City of Greensboro 1-20-2026](#)
[817 Summit Ave Resolution Guilford County](#)

4. [2026-141](#) GUILFORD COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Background:

In an effort to reduce the Nation's escalating losses from natural disasters, the U.S. Congress enacted the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), amending the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. Section 322 of DMA 2000 underscores the importance of coordinated mitigation planning among state, local, and Tribal governments and establishes the development of an approved hazard mitigation plan as a prerequisite for eligibility for federal mitigation grant funding. Jurisdictions not covered by an approved mitigation plan are ineligible to receive these funds.

Eligible programs include the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program, both administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Communities that adopt and maintain a federally approved hazard mitigation plan are therefore better positioned to compete for and secure mitigation funding both before and after disaster events.

In addition to federal requirements, the State of North Carolina mandates that jurisdictions maintain an approved hazard mitigation plan in order to qualify for mitigation and public assistance funding following a state-declared disaster. This requirement is codified in North Carolina Senate Bill 300, which formally links mitigation planning to disaster funding eligibility at the state level.

A hazard mitigation plan establishes the broad community vision and guiding principles for reducing hazard risk and further proposes specific mitigation actions to eliminate or reduce identified vulnerabilities. This plan is updated every five years through coordination with a state-sponsored hazard mitigation firm. Through extensive data and research, this plan outlines specific hazards (natural and man-made) that have and likely would impact Guilford County in the future.

Requested Action: Adopt the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to be effective February 19, 2026, for a term of five (5) years.

Budget Impact: **NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED**

Sponsors: Tommy Sluder

5. [2026-136](#) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Requested Action: Consider and approve the following sets of draft meeting minutes:

February 5, 2026 Work Session Minutes
February 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: Robin Keller

Attachments: [dmwsx020526](#)
[dmx020526](#)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. [2026-134](#) BUDGET AMENDMENT: CITY OF GREENSBORO'S HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION GRANT ISSUED THROUGH THE HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Background:

The City of Greensboro (“City”) seeks to use its 2025 federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and local Nussbaum Housing Partnership (NHP) funds to address the needs of residents who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. Federal U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations specify that CDBG funds be used, in combination with other federal, state and local funds, as part of a community-wide system of homelessness services. Under the HEARTH Act homeless service organizations work closely with other community program that, taken together, provide an array of housing opportunities intended to prevent and end homelessness for each household in need. HUD, along with the City and its community partners, expects that this system of service will make steady progress toward making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring.

The Guilford County Sheriff’s Office (GCSO) Re-Entry/Diversion Program sought, and was granted, permission to apply for funding from this City of Greensboro grant opportunity in order to assist persons who are being released from the Greensboro Detention Center, either as part of diversion or after serving their sentence. The group of Guilford County citizens are a unique population who are in desperate need of housing assistance. They meet the HUD homeless definition under 24 CFR 576.2 (iii)(F), which states, “Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution.)”

The GCSO Re-Entry/Diversion Program anticipates serving six (6) individuals in the upcoming year, ensuring manageable caseloads for adequate support and monitoring of outcomes, while it conducts this housing program. Our program proposes to use these additional funds for the purpose of obtaining permanent stable housing for these individuals. Case Managers will obtain temporary housing for a week, while more permanent housing is sought. The ability to pay rent application fees, security deposits, utility deposits, bus passes, and rent for up to six (6) months will give these Case Managers the tools they need to obtain and maintain stable housing for these

individuals. The funds would give this population time to apply for Adult Medicaid and Food & Nutrition Services benefits through Guilford County Department of Social Services (DSS) and allow them time to find a job so they can maintain their apartment after six (6) months. Additionally, it keeps this at-risk population connected to medical care and therapy, enabling them to maintain their mental and physical health.

The county approved the Sheriff's Office to apply for this grant in simpli.gov. The Sheriff's Office applied for \$51,140 and was awarded \$51,140. The dates in which the grant operates are July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. A similar grant in the amount of \$45,000.00 from the City of Greensboro was approved by the Guilford County BOC during the prior fiscal year.

Requested Action: Approve the interlocal agreement and subrecipient agreement, in substantial form, that would allow for the receipt of the FY26 City of Greensboro's Homelessness Prevention Grant award amount of \$51,140 and adopt a project ordinance for FY 26 City of Greensboro's Homelessness Prevention Grant in the amount of \$51,140 with \$51,140 in Federal/State funds.

Budget Impact:

Grant Projects Fund

FY 26 City of Greensboro's Homelessness Prevention Grant
\$51,140 appropriation to Grant Project
\$51,140 increase in Federal/State Funds

Sponsors: Sheriff Danny H. Rogers (Captain Wes Mecham)

Attachments:

[FY25-26 Interlocal Agreement](#)

[FY25-26 Subrecipient Agreement \(Proposed by COG\)](#)

[FY26 City of GSO Homelessness Prevention Grant- ADOPT -26.02.19](#)

B. [2026-163](#) TRANSCO PIPELINE EASEMENT**Background:**

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), a subsidiary of Williams, has received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to construct the Southeast Supply Enhancement Project, which will expand natural gas capacity in the Southeast. In Guilford County, the project includes installation of a new 42-inch “Salem Loop” pipeline collocated within Transco’s existing corridor across Triad Park (Tax Parcel 6896436846), jointly owned by Guilford and Forsyth Counties. This information was shared at the February 5, 2026 Work Session.

The project will utilize existing right-of-way agreements and requires:

1. An Additional Line Receipt and Easement Agreement authorizing construction of the additional pipeline within the existing corridor
2. A Temporary Access Road Easement Agreement for approximately 4.3 acres of temporary construction access within Triad Park
3. A Purchase and Construction Agreement outlining total compensation of \$110,000, construction stipulations, restoration obligations, and indemnification provisions

Construction is anticipated to begin in March 2026 and last approximately 90-120 days. The agreements require restoration of impacted park amenities, including walking trails, parking areas, disc golf tee pads, picnic facilities, and roadway access, to their pre-construction condition or better. Environmental oversight will comply with FERC and North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality requirements, including environmental inspection, erosion and sediment control, and post-construction monitoring.

Total compensation for the two tracts within Triad Park is \$110,000, which includes payment for additional pipeline rights, limits of disturbance acreage, temporary access, and damages. Compensation will be distributed in accordance with the existing Interlocal Agreement between Guilford and Forsyth Counties, meaning

Guilford County will receive \$55,000. Approval of the agreements allows the County to define construction conditions, secure restoration commitments, and obtain negotiated compensation.

Requested Action: Authorize the County Manager to execute the Additional Line Receipt and Easement Agreement, Temporary Access Road Easement Agreement, and Purchase and Construction Agreement with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC for the Southeast Supply Enhancement Project at Triad Park; and authorize staff to take any and all necessary action to execute the agreements including any necessary budget amendments for the \$55,000 received by the county.

Sponsors: Victor Isler, County Manager

Attachments: [Access Road Easement Agreement - 183](#)
[Additional Line Receipt and Agreement - 183 and 186.1](#)
[Additional Line Receipt and Agreement - 183 and 186.1](#)

VIII. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

IX. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. [2026-152](#) APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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

Commission on Aging

Appoint Sharon D. Garrett to 1st term (February 19, 2026 - February 18, 2029)

Fire District Commission - Friedens District #28

Appoint Ryan Chambers to 1st term (February 19, 2026 - February 18, 2028)

Sponsors: Robin Keller

Attachments: [01.18.26 App_SGarrett_D4](#)
[01.18.26 Resume_SGarrett_D4](#)
[01.15.26 App_RChambers_D4](#)
[01.15.26 Resume_RChambers_D4](#)

X. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY

XII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

XIII. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a) (3) and (6) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND TO CONDUCT EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS

XIV. ADJOURN

*THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF
THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WILL BE HELD MARCH 5, 2026 AT 5:30PM IN THE
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM,
OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE
301 W. MARKET STREET, GREENSBORO NC 27401.*