

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
July 17, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on July 17, 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., and Alan Perdue.

ABSENT: Commissioner Pat Tillman.

ALSO PRESENT: Interim County Manager Victor Isler; County Attorney Andrea Leslie-Fite; Deputy Attorney Matthew Mason, 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; Social Services Director Sharon Barlow; Public Health Director Courtney McFadden; Budget Director Toy Beeninga; members of staff, media, and the public. Virtual participation was made available to members of the public and media partners.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplain Ben Chavis offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Alston led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alston called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

1. David Standsfield voiced concern regarding the negative impacts of the puppy mill industry.

2. Gail Dunham spoke in support of local wells in Summerfield. She voiced concerns regarding a vendor contract in addition to a lack of communication with commissioners and staff.

Taking a moment of personal privilege, Commissioner Jones noted that he and the County Attorney met with Mrs. Dunham. He refuted her assertions regarding Board salaries and that no County Commissioner spoke to her regarding her concerns, citing his personal communications with her and meetings with staff.

3. Clement Mallory highlighted his nonprofit's community engagement through Kid's Poetry Basketball literacy program. He explained the impact of the organization and how they serve youth throughout the community with coping skills, removing negative factors caused by poverty, and instilling positive values. He expressed appreciation to the Board for its support and announced an upcoming LeBauer Park event.
4. Luther Falls Jr. acknowledged the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated's annual convention and expressed support for the Divine Nine resolution.

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. 2025-323 PROCLAIM JULY 20-26, 2025 AS NATIONAL PRETRIAL, PROBATION, AND PAROLE SUPERVISION WEEK IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Receive proclamation recognizing the week of July 20-26, 2025 as National Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week in Guilford County.

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Chairman Alston introduced the agenda item.

Commissioner Murphy welcomed the Court Services staff to come forward. She recognized them for the outstanding work they do in the pre-trial services arena, highlighting their service deliverables to include client interactions, collaborations, and case management.

Commissioner Murphy read the proclamation into the record.

Child Support-Court Services Director Rosanne Wiley-Hayes thanked the Board for recognizing the professionals on her team.

Court Services Specialist Ashlee McLean shared that on behalf of the department, they are honored to accept the recognition. She noted that pre-trial services are critical, valuable, and focused on fairness to ensure advocacy for everyone entering the justice system. She thanked the Board for their support for a more just, more humane, and more accountable pre-trial system.

- B. 2025-333 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE GUILFORD COUNTY PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

Recognize the contributions of the Guilford County Panhellenic Council.

Legislation Text

Vice Chairwoman Foster shared that it was her honor to recognize the Guilford County Panhellenic Council (GCPHC), which consists of the Divine Nine, a coalition of distinguished historically Black fraternities and sororities founded on the principles of scholarship, community service, social justice, and the uplift of the African American communities.

Vice Chairwoman Foster read the resolution into the record.

GCPHC President DeAndre Melvin recognized members of the Executive Council. He noted that these events are held each year and announced the upcoming Greek Alumni Weekend events held from August 1-3. He noted community outreach opportunities and future scholarship offerings to active Divine Nine undergraduate students.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to adopt the consent and addendum agendas.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

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

NOES: None

Note: Approval of the Addendum Agenda removed item 2025-320 CONTRACT WITH MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATES OF THE TRIAD (MHAT) FOR THE COSSUP GRANT SITE-BASED PROGRAM from the New Business Section and added item 2025-300 APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH SASSER RESTORATION FOR GREENE STREET to the New Business Section.

A. CONTRACTS

1. 2025-332 PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT MOBILE COMPUTER TERMINALS (MCTs)

Approve purchase of 180 Getac S510 rugged laptop computers, accessories and installation, as authorized by the state contract exemption of G.S. 143-129(e)(9), for a total cost of \$737,640.00 from GovDirect, Inc. through NC state contract 204B.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Quote for Getac S510s](#)

[Bid Waiver Request # 05826842](#)

2. 2025-265 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GREENSBORO AND CITY OF HIGH POINT FOR MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Greensboro and City of High Point for access to the emergency mass notification system, Everbridge, per the terms of the agreement for a term of one (1) year with two (2) one-year renewals.

[Legislation Text](#)

[FE-Joint Notification System 90003920 Amendment 2](#)

[Packet Details and Audit Trail](#)

3. 2025-307 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GREENSBORO FOR SYSTEM MAINTENANCE ON 800 MHZ RADIO SYSTEM - AMENDMENT 16

Approve Amendment #16 to the existing Interlocal Agreement with the City of Greensboro (Guilford County contract 36460-04/95-211), in substantial form, which continues the annual maintenance to the shared ownership 800 MHz radio system. This amendment specifically addresses an annual increase to Motorola for enhanced cybersecurity protection and annual maintenance on PCTEL SeeHawks previously purchased. For FY26, the County share is not to exceed: \$59,487 for the Motorola agreement and \$13,603 for the PCTEL agreement.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Appendix with Annual costing FY26-FY28 with addition of PCTEL maintenance and Motorola cybersecurity 5-13-25](#)

[Final.90005813 City of Greensboro 7-3-25](#)

4. 2025-322 INFOR/LAWSON ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Approve, in substantial form, the renewal of the software license subscription agreement with Infor/Lawson in the amount of \$637,313.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Infor, Inc. 90004374 FINAL draft \(vendor signed\)](#)

[Bid Waiver Request # 05822207 infor lawson](#)

5. 2025-325 APPROVE CONTRACT FOR VOTING SYSTEMS EXTENDED WARRANTY, MAINTENANCE, AND LICENSING FEES

Approve Elections Systems & Software contract renewal for one (1) year effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in substantial form, in the amount of \$218,487.40.

[Legislation Text](#)

[PE FINAL CONTRACT - 90007354 ELECTION SYSTEMS SOFTWARE LLC](#)

6. 2025-331 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH REGION 5 LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Approve interlocal agreements with Region 5 Local Health Local Health Departments- Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Orange, Person, Randolph, and Rockingham - to support the regional Workforce Development Initiative for the term of June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026, with one (1) option to extend for an additional one (1) year renewal.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Region 5 Rockingham \\$9,354](#)

[Region 5 Person County \\$5,424](#)

[Region 5 Durham County \\$25,874](#)

[Region 5 Chatham County \\$7,117](#)

[Region 5 Caswell County \\$4,247](#)

[Region 5 Alamance County 15,173](#)

[Region 5 Randolph County \\$13,427](#)

[Region 5 Orange County \\$11,534](#)

7. 2025-319 PURCHASE OF TWO (2) RAYSECUR CONTRABAND INTERDICTION DEVICES FOR USE IN THE DETENTION FACILITIES

Amend the General Fund budget ordinance to increase Law Enforcement in the amount of \$209,710, with \$209,710 in appropriated fund balance. Approve the Sheriff's Office to utilize \$209,710 from the Federal Forfeiture funds to purchase two (2) MailSecur

300 devices, as authorized by the federal contract purchasing exemption of G.S. 143-129(e)(9a).

[Legislation Text](#)

[Bid Waiver Request # 05822738](#)

[RaySecur_Corrections_MS300 Overview](#)

8. 2025-274 PURCHASE DETENTION FACILITY SUPPLIES FROM SOUTHEASTERN PAPER GROUP

Approve purchase of sanitary paper products as authorized by the state contract exemption of G.S. 143-129(e)(9) for a not-to-exceed initial three (3) year amount of \$345,000 from Southeastern Paper Group through NC state contract 1411B with two (2) additional one-year extensions.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Bid Waiver Request # 05821465](#)

B. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2025-326 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

Accept and approve the tax collection report and beverage licenses issued for month ending June 30, 2025.

[Legislation Text](#)

[401C All Guilford 6-30-2025.pdf](#)

[Bev 6-30-2025 Detail.pdf](#)

2. 2025-327 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending June 30, 2025.

[Legislation Text](#)

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

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

3. 2025-328 FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 TAX COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL SETTLEMENT REPORT

Accept and approve the fiscal year 2024-2025 Tax Collector's Annual Settlement Report; and adopt tax records listed as insolvent.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Collector's Annual Settlement 2024-2025 Sworn Statement.pdf](#)

[Collector's Settlement Report Memo Addendum to FY 2024-2025.docx](#)

[Collector's Annual Settlement - Resolution Establishing Insolvent List 2024-2025.docx](#)

[Annual Settlement - Unpaid REI 2024-2025.pdf](#)

[Annual Settlement - Unpaid IPP 2024-2025.pdf](#)

[Annual Settlement - Unpaid BUS 2024-2025.pdf](#)

[Annual Settlement - Unpaid PUB 2024-2025.pdf](#)

4. 2025-329 ORDER THE COLLECTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 TAXES

Adopt order directing the Guilford County Tax Collector to collect fiscal year 2025-2026 taxes, as charged in the tax records and receipts.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Commissioners 2025-2026 Tax Collection Order.pdf](#)

5. 2025-337 APPOINT AND REMOVE REVIEW OFFICERS FOR MAPS AND PLATS FOR GUILFORD COUNTY

Adopt resolution appointing Jason Hardin, Deputy Planning & Development Director, as Review Officer for maps and plats for Guilford County, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 47-30.2.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Add Map Review Officer](#)

[Remove Map Review Officers](#)

6. 2025-341 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider review and approval of the following sets of draft meeting minutes:

05/15/2025 Regular Meeting
06/05/2025 Regular Meeting
06/10/2025 Work Session
06/16/2025 Work Session
06/18/2025 Regular Meeting
06/27/2025 Special Meeting

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[dmwsx061025](#)

[dmwsx061625](#)

[dmx061825](#)

[dmx_Special Mtg_6.27.25](#)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

B. 2025-324 AWARD DESIGN CONTRACT FOR WOMEN WITH CHILDREN RECOVERY FACILITY TO CPL ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS, PC

Approve the Design Contract, in substantial form, to CPL Architects and Engineers PC, in the amount of \$577,210 to be effective July 1, 2025 and ending January 30, 2027.

[Legislation Text](#)

[PE FINAL CONTRACT 90007380_CPL Architects-Engineers_7.1.25_all](#)

Facilities and Property Management Director Eric Hilton introduced the agenda item. He reviewed the bidding and selection processes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to adopt the Design Contract, in substantial form, to CPL Architects and Engineers PC, in the amount of \$577,210 to be effective July 1, 2025 and ending January 30, 2027.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

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

NOES: None

C. 2025-343 CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA OF THE CAROLINAS

Approve a contract renewal, in substantial form, with Volunteers of America of the Carolinas for consultation on program design, facility design, and stakeholder engagement as part of program design for a Residential Treatment Services for Pregnant and Parenting Beneficiaries in the amount of \$365,835 for a twelve (12) month contract term beginning on August 1, 2025 and ending July 31, 2026; and adopt an Opioid Settlement Spending Resolution for the use of Opioid Settlement funds to fund this work under Exhibit A, Strategy 1 as outlined in the resolution in the total amount of \$365,835, to be effective from August 1, 2025 and ending August 31, 2026.

[Legislation Text](#)

[APPROVED DRAFT CONTRACT - 90006787 VOLUNTERS OF AMERICA OF THE CAROLINAS, INC.](#)

[Opioid Settlement Spending Resolution 25-07-17 - Pregnant Parenting Program Planning](#)

Special Project Manager Abby Gostling reviewed the agenda item. She noted that staff recommended contract renewal with Volunteers of America in their work for the Women with Children Recovery Center project and renewal of the Opioid Settlement Spending Resolution. She noted that last year, they onboarded two (2) additional critical staff positions who began community engagement efforts, development of policy and procedures, and collaborated with public-private partners to define operational plans.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to adopt a contract renewal, in substantial form, with Volunteers of America of the Carolinas for consultation on program design, facility design, and stakeholder engagement as part of program design for a Residential Treatment Services for Pregnant and Parenting Beneficiaries in the amount of \$365,835 for a twelve (12) month contract term beginning on August 1, 2025 and ending July 31, 2026; and adopt an Opioid Settlement Spending Resolution for the use of Opioid Settlement funds to fund this work under Exhibit A, Strategy 1 as outlined in the resolution in the total amount of \$365,835, to be effective from August 1, 2025 and ending August 31, 2026.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

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

NOES: None

D. 2025-336 REVIEW AND CONSIDER ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS FOR
COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS FOR FY 2025-26

Review and consider annual allocations to Community-Based Organizations for FY 2025-26.

Legislation Text

Chairman Alston stated that North Carolina General Statute, Section 14-234.3 prohibits public officials who also serve as directors, officers or governing board members for non-profit organizations from participating in making or administering any contracts with those non-profits.

Chairman Alston stated that when a governing board considers a contract with a non-profit, including any award of money, board members involved with that non-profit must recuse themselves from any deliberation and record their recusal with the Clerk.

Chairman Alston stated that the recusal vote will excuse each recused Commissioner from deliberation and voting on appropriations and expenditures for non-profit organizations where the public official is a director, officer or governing board member.

Chairman Alston stated that it specifically recuses:

- Chairman Skip Alston (self) from voting on funding for Action Greensboro, a subsidiary of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce;
- Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster will be recused from voting on funding for the Southwest Renewal Foundation of High Point and the YMCA of High Point Carl Chavis Branch;
- Commissioner Kay Cashion will be recused from voting on funding for the Southwest Renewal Foundation of High Point and The Arts Council of Greater Greensboro;
- Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr. will be recused from voting on funding for Greensboro Sports Foundation, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Kappa Lambda Chapter, Triad Health Project, Turning Everything Around and Greensboro ArtsHub.

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to adopt the recusals as read by the Chairman.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

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

NOES: None

Chairman Alston stated that a vote is required to appropriate and administer a contract for individual non-county, community-based organizations. He relinquished chairmanship of the

meeting to Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster during consideration of funding for Action Greensboro, a subsidiary of the Greensboro Area Chamber of Commerce.

Vice Chairwoman Foster stated that for purposes of the following votes, motions to approve will include approvals for the associated budget amendments.

Vice Chairwoman Foster opened the floor to entertain a motion to approve CBO funding for Action Greensboro in the amount of \$25,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carly Cooke, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to approve CBO funding for Action Greensboro in the amount of \$25,000.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 1
AYES: J. Carlvena Foster, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr.
NOES: Alan Perdue
RECUSE: Melvin "Skip" Alston

Chairman Alston resumed the chairmanship of the meeting to conduct votes on the remaining CBO funding requests.

Chairman Alston opened the floor to entertain a motion to approve CBO funding for Southwest Renewal Foundation of High Point in the amount of \$75,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Brandon Gray-Hill, to approve CBO funding for Southwest Renewal Foundation of High Point in the amount of \$75,000.

VOTE: Motion carried 5 - 1
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Frankie T. Jones, Jr.
NOES: Alan Perdue
RECUSE: J. Carlvena Foster, Kay Cashion

Chairman Alston opened the floor to entertain a motion to approve CBO funding for YMCA of High Point Carl Chavis Chapter in the amount of \$40,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to approve CBO funding for YMCA of High Point Carl Chavis Chapter in the amount of \$40,000.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 1
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr.
NOES: Alan Perdue
RECUSE: J. Carlvena Foster

Chairman Alston opened the floor to entertain a motion to approve CBO funding for the Arts Council of Greater Greensboro in the amount of \$75,000.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carly Cooke, and seconded by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, to approve CBO funding for the Arts Council of Greater Greensboro in the amount of \$75,000.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 1
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Frankie T. Jones, Jr.
NOES: Alan Perdue
RECUSE: Kay Cashion

Chairman Alston opened the floor to entertain a motion to approve funding for the following CBOs:

- Greensboro Sports Foundation in the amount of \$25,000
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Kappa Lambda Chapter in the amount of \$5,000
- Youth Behavior Helper in the amount of \$20,000
- Triad Health Project in the amount of \$40,000
- Turning Everything Around in the amount of \$35,000
- Greensboro ArtsHub in the amount of \$3,000

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to approve funding for the following CBOs:

- **Greensboro Sports Foundation in the amount of \$25,000**
- **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Kappa Lambda Chapter in the amount of \$5,000**
- **Youth Behavior Helper in the amount of \$20,000**
- **Triad Health Project in the amount of \$40,000**
- **Turning Everything Around in the amount of \$35,000**
- **Greensboro ArtsHub in the amount of \$3,000**

VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 1
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion
NOES: Alan Perdue
RECUSE: Frankie T. Jones, Jr.

Chairman Alston opened the floor to entertain a motion to approve funding amounts for the remaining Community-Based Organizations for FY 2025-26 as read by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to approve funding amounts for the remaining Community-Based Organizations for FY 2025-26 as listed below.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 1
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvana Foster, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary
Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr.
NOES: Alan Perdue

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E. 2025-300 APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH SASSER RESTORATION FOR GREENE STREET

Approve a service agreement with Sasser Restoration for the urgent post-fire remediation and demolition services needed at 201 S. Greene Street as authorized by the emergency exemption of G.S. 143-129(e)(2) for a total cost of \$1,000,000; approve a budget amendment of \$1,000,000.

[Legislation Text](#)

[ADDENDUM-SASSER COMPANIES LLC_90007434 BRedacted](#)

Assistant County Manager Jason Jones introduced the agenda item. He outlined the impact of a recent fire on the 201 South Greene Street location. He noted that immediate remediation is six (6) months with a follow-up once assessment is completed to determine a long-term plan.

Commissioner Perdue noted the importance of safeguarding our buildings from a proactive standpoint. He explained that our buildings are critical infrastructure to meet the needs of the public day in and day out. He noted that this fire demonstrates how impactful it is to safeguard our critical infrastructures.

Chairman Alston complemented Interim County Manager Victor Isler and his staff for their quick response.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to adopt a service agreement with Sasser Restoration for the urgent post-fire remediation and demolition services needed at 201 S. Greene Street as authorized by the emergency exemption of G.S. 143-129(e)(2) for a total cost of \$1,000,000; approve a budget amendment of \$1,000,000.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

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

NOES: None

VIII. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

A. 2025-330 HHS-DSS FY 2025-26 ENERGY PROGRAMS OUTREACH PLAN

Approve the Guilford County Department of Social Services Programs Outreach Plan.

[Legislation Text](#)

[EFS-FNSEP-10-2025](#)

Energy Outreach Plan 2025

Social Services Director Sharon Barlow noted the Energy Outreach Program, which is an annual federal program. She noted that we have not received any updates on federal funding for next year. She noted that last year it was \$2.5M for Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), and \$2M for Small Innovative Projects in Solar Program (SIP). She noted that they have received over 11K applications for each program thus far. She shared that outreach is critical to ensure that those eligible can apply.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carly Cooke, and seconded by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, to approve the Guilford County Department of Social Services Programs Outreach Plan.

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

Director Barlow noted that although we did not receive the Best in Category from the National Association of Counties (NACo), we were recognized for the Health Benefits Outreach Program.

IX. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2025-299 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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

Guilford County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
Appoint Commissioner Brandon Grayhill to 1st term as Commissioner Liaison (July 17, 2025 - July 16, 2027)

Legislation Text

Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, to adopt and approve the following appointments and reappointments to various boards & commissions:

Guilford County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
Appoint Commissioner Brandon Grayhill to 1st term as Commissioner Liaison (July 17, 2025 - July 16, 2027)

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

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

X. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Cashion shared recent meetings of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board membership and efforts to update various policy matters. She noted that she hosted a visit of our Trillium LME/MCO partners to receive an update on the Women and Children Residential Recovery Center (WCRC) program.

Commissioner Cooke highlighted a recent Health and Human Services Advisory Committee regarding an update on the School Based Tele-Health program which has continued to experience growth over the last several years. She shared that this year, we leveraged our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, and as a result, the schools have been able to leverage additional funds to grow the program and keep our students healthy.

XI. COMMENTS FROM INTERIM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY

A. 2025-225 RECEIVE FY25 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT THROUGH MAY 2025

Receive FY2024-25 Budget Performance Report through May.

Legislation Text

May 2025 Budget Performance Report

Interim County Manager Victor Isler shared his appreciation for the opportunity to support the county and serve. He recognized the overwhelming support from the county staff. He shared his vision of moving forward with the employees and engaging the community in the midst of the recent Greene Street incident and the ability to continue operational support with the County's service offerings. He voiced appreciation with the leadership team in their collaborative efforts to lessen the impacts. He recognized the tremendous efforts of the Emergency Management, Facilities and Risk Management teams to support impacted departments and ensure continuation of services to the citizens.

Interim County Manager Isler recognized new Public Health Director Courtney McFadden.

Director McFadden introduced herself to the Board and expressed appreciation for the honor to serve Guilford County. She shared her goals of viewing opportunities, building partnerships, and strengthening foundations around data, strategy, and service delivery. She shared that she is ready to work together to improve community health outcomes.

The Board welcomed Mrs. McFadden.

Budget Director Toy Beeninga provided an overview of a budget wrap-up for fiscal year 2024-2025. He noted that they will be working with the external auditor to complete the comprehensive financial report.

Director Beeninga noted that the Fire Districts' payout utilizing the ARPA investment earnings this week, closing out FY2024-25. He noted two (2) additional transfers from the Manager's contingency to Juvenile Detention to cover out-of-county stays for juveniles 16+ years of age and noted that staff processed a \$30K transfer from the County Manager's contingency to facilities to cover utility expenses. He spoke to a cat adoption fee reduction with Animal Services to assist in the management of a panleukopenia outbreak.

County Attorney Andrea Leslie-Fite acknowledged the exceptional service of Chief Deputy County Attorney Matthew Mason prior to his official retirement. She recognized his contributions while serving two decades of his career in Guilford County. She shared that during his tenure, he served as a Sheriff's Attorney and on numerous occasions, stepped in to serve as Chief Counsel. She highlighted his professionalism, integrity, humility, and dedication to public service.

Chief Deputy County Attorney Mason reflected on his career, the various roles he served in, his support structure, and acknowledged the privilege of being a public servant.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Attorney Mason and spoke to his many years of service.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gray-Hill spoke to his attendance at a recent NACo conference.

Commissioner Murphy spoke to her attendance at a recent NACo conference and opportunities for growth. She highlighted an Immigration Reform Taskforce and her participation in the Justice and Public Safety forums.

Commissioner Cooke congratulated the Triad Black Faith Leaders for their work at the Triad Black Farmers' Market and their successful event. She shared gratitude to all the employees as a result of the fire. She noted the great sessions and great speakers at the annual NACo conference. She noted that the Mid-Size County Caucus was approved with over 210 attendees at their first session. She shared her excitement to serve as the vice chair of the Caucus. She noted additional notes of encouragement and appreciation for the County staff to work through problem-solving with one of our community partners. She shared that she was proud to be a part of a team of extraordinary staff who represent the county.

Commissioner Cashion offered condolences to the family of Exum Bailey, which includes his wife and our Deputy Tax Director Donna Bailey.

Commissioner Perdue echoed support to staff in their work to get services back into place as a result of a disaster. He personally thanked Attorney Matt Mason, noting that he has worked with

him his entire career with Guilford County. He thanked him for his service and recognized that his direction and advice was exceptional.

Commissioner Jones thanked those employees who participated in the Triad Black Farmers' Market, noting that it was a tremendous community event. He noted his attendance at a leadership panel at Dudley High School and the annual NACo conference. He noted the upcoming Wyndham Championship golf tournament and encouraged people to come out and support the event.

Vice Chairwoman Foster noted that she was able to attend the Women of NACo (WON) meeting this year at NACo. She shared that the Piedmont Triad Minority Women's Enterprise received an achievement award. She echoed her thanks to Attorney Matt Mason on his retirement.

Chairman Alston noted the upcoming Annual Civil Rights Gala on July 19th. He shared a list of honorees. He noted that this is the 65th anniversary of the Civil Rights Sit-in Movement.

XIII. 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 Alan Perdue, to hold a closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 for the purpose of consulting with the County Attorney.

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

The Board recessed the meeting and entered into closed session at 7:10 p.m.

The Board reconvened from closed into open session at 9:14 p.m.

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to approve the appointment of Victor Isler as County Manager effective immediately and approve execution of a contract, in substantial form, with an annual salary of \$315,000; and authorize the County to effectuate the execution of the contract, based on agreed upon terms, for an initial term of three (3) years.

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

County Manager Victor Isler thanked the Board for showing interest in his leadership and commitment to Guilford County. He noted that we have a lot to look forward to related to economic development, education, and promote live-work-play initiatives. He explained that most importantly, as we move forward, making sure people can age in place, and that livability is above standard in our community. He shared that he looks forward to working with the Board, our community, and municipal partners. He reiterated his thanks for the Board's vote of confidence.

XIV. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:17 p.m.

Melvin "Skip" Alston
Chairman

Robin Keller
Clerk