

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
March 16, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on March 16, 2023 at 5:30PM, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston, presiding; Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster (Via Virtual Participation); Commissioners James Upchurch, Pat Tillman (in at 5:36 p.m.), Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy

ABSENT: Commissioners Carly Cooke and Alan Perdue

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michael Halford; Andrea Leslie-Fite, County Attorney; Erris Dunston, Assistant County Manager; Jason Jones, Assistant County Manager; Victor Isler, Assistant County Manager; Clerk to Board Robin Keller; Ariane Webb, Deputy Clerk to Board; T'eбony Rosa, Deputy Clerk to Board; Dr. Iulia Vann, DHHS-Public Health Division Director; Eric Hilton, Facilities and Property Management Director; Sharon Barlow, DHHS-Social Services Division Director; Toy Beeninga, Budget & Management Director; additional members of staff, the public and media

Chairman Alston called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplain Ben Chavis offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chavis led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Tillman entered the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Chairman Alston opened the floor for speakers. There being no speakers, he closed that portion of the agenda.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2023-217 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 3-9, 2023 AS PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Receive and adopt resolution designating the week of April 3-9, 2023 as Public Health Week in Guilford County.

[Legislation Text](#)

Commissioner Murphy welcomed Dr. Iulia Vann and members of the Public Health Department. She noted that the pandemic has made it very clear the value of our Public Health team over the last few years and that it was her honor to read the proclamation recognizing our public health teams.

Commissioner Murphy read the resolution designating April 3-9, 2023 as Public Health Week in Guilford County. Through general consensus, the board adopted the resolution.

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Dr. Vann thanked the Board for the recognition, and introduced her executive team members.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy
NOES: None
ABSENT: Carly Cooke and Alan Perdue

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2023-212 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION BUDGET AMENDMENT: WOMEN'S INFANT CHILDREN (WIC) CLIENT SERVICES FY23 BUDGET - \$85,203

Approve an increase of \$85,203 in Federal/State Revenues and increase appropriation to Health & Human Services to reflect revenues awarded from the NC Division Child and Family Well Being Branch for the WIC Client Services Program.

Legislation Text

2. 2023-213 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION BUDGET AMENDMENT: DELTA DENTAL PROJECT ACCESS DENTAL - \$5,000

Approve an increase in Other Revenue of \$5,000 and increase the FY 2022-23 Health & Human Services (Public Health) budget by the same amount to reflect receipt of the Smiles for Kids-Project Access Dental (PAD) award from the Delta Dental Foundation.

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3. 2023-214 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION: CHANDLER DENTAL CLINIC DONATION - \$3,000

Approve a \$3,000 increase in Other Revenues and increase the FY 2022-23 Health & Human Services (Public Health) budget by the same amount to reflect receipt of a donation from Jeffrey and Paige Chandler to support the Chandler Dental Clinic in Greensboro.

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B. CONTRACTS

1. 2023-216 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION: APPROVE ADDENDUM FOR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH AND SEVEN OF THE NINE COUNTIES IN REGION 5 OF THE ARPA PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE

Approve addendum to the interlocal agreements for Rockingham, Caswell, Person, Orange, Durham, Randolph, and Chatham counties, in substantial form, in the amount of \$25,000 to be effective as of February 14, 2023.

Legislation Text

[Person County 90004801 amendment draft](#)

[Rockingham County 90004803 amendment draft](#)

[Caswell County 90004797 amendment draft](#)

[Chatham County 90004798 amendment draft](#)

[Durham County 90004804 amendment draft](#)

[Orange County 90004805 amendment draft](#)

[Randolph County 90004802 amendment draft](#)

2. 2023-225 ARPA NON PROFIT AGREEMENT WITH CONE HEALTH

Authorize the County Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement, in substantial form, for the non-profit organization Cone Health (in the amount of \$2,200,000 for the School Based Telehealth Program); from the total allocation of ARPA funds.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Cone Agreement Final](#)

3. 2023-198 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF HIGH POINT - 2019 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

Approve interlocal agreement, in substantial form, with the City of High Point for distribution of the 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding in the amount of \$120,029.50 for the period beginning October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

[Legislation Text](#)

[2019 JAG Interlocal Agreement FINAL](#)

[2019 jag SUB. AGREEMENT](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2023-204 ACQUISITION OF TRAIL EASEMENT - RICH FORK PRESERVE

Authorize acceptance of and payment of \$850.00 for the trail easement, in substantial form, from Avalon Subdivision Owners Association, Inc., subject to its acquiring the involved common area and a required vote of its membership, for the purpose of constructing a public trail to serve the Rich Fork Preserve, and authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute said acceptance.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Avalon Easement Agreement \(JTH 2-8-23\)](#)

[Rich Fork Avalon GIS](#)

[Rich Fork trail map](#)

2. 2023-209 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Accept and approve the tax collection report and beverage licenses issued for month ending February 28, 2023.

[Legislation Text](#)

[401C All Guilford 2-28-2023.pdf](#)

[Bev 2-28-2023 Detail.pdf](#)

3. 2023-210 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending February 28, 2023.

[Legislation Text](#)

[February 2023 NCVTS Pending Refund Report.pdf](#)

[February 2023 Rebates and Releases.pdf](#)

4. 2023-187 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider and approve the following sets of draft meeting minutes:

01/05/23 Work Session
01/05/23 Regular Meeting

[Legislation Text](#)

[dmwsx01.05.23.pdf](#)

[dmx010523.pdf](#)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2023-203 LEASE OF GREENHOUSES AT THE GUILFORD COUNTY FARM TO BROTHERS EXCELLING WITH SELF-SUFFICIENCY TO THRIVE (BEST)

Adopt a resolution authorizing the approval of a five (5) year lease extension, in substantial form, for office space at the Guilford County Farm, Elon, NC to Brothers Excelling with Self-Sufficiency to Thrive (BEST) and authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute the attached lease in substantial form.

[Legislation Text](#)

[5yr BEST - Greenhouse Lease #2 - 22-23 2](#)

[Greenhouse GIS](#)

Facilities and Property Management Director Eric Hilton introduced the agenda item. He noted that this lease will be for an additional five years. He noted that we would like to continue the renewal to support the program.

Motion was made by Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Kay Cashion to adopt a resolution authorizing the approval of a five (5) year lease extension, in substantial form, for office space at the Guilford County Farm, Elon, NC to Brothers Excelling with Self-Sufficiency to Thrive (BEST) and authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute the attached lease in substantial form.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 – 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Carly Cooke and Alan Perdue

B. 2023-224 GUILFORD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE (GTCC): STATE CERTIFICATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT APPROVAL

Authorize the County Manager to certify the availability of local budget support and the estimated additional cost per year for Guilford Technical Community College's Federation of Advanced Manufacturing Education/Integrated Manufacturing Center capital improvement project.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Project #2756 FAME Renovation 3-1](#)

Budget and Management Services Director Toy Benninga introduced the agenda item. He noted that the FAME program will be on the GTCC Jamestown campus. He reviewed the program and noted no current budget impacts for this fiscal year.

Commissioner Foster questioned future financial impacts.

Benninga noted \$16,000 annually.

Commissioner Foster noted that it does not guarantee funding but ensures that we are aware of the program's potential.

Motion was made by Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by James Upchurch to authorize the County Manager to certify the availability of local budget support and the estimated additional cost per year for Guilford Technical Community College's Federation of

Advanced Manufacturing Education/Integrated Manufacturing Center capital improvement project.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy
NOES: None

C. 2023-242 APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENTS OF OPIOID LITIGATION

Adopt the attached Resolution approving the supplement to the MOA, called the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation, ("SAFF") between the State of North Carolina and various local governments, including Guilford County, relating to the settlement of the national opioid litigation, and authorize and direct staff to take such measures as are required to implement the terms of the SAFF and receive the settlement funds, including that any additional documents needing signatures as a result of allocation of opioid settlement funds coming to North Carolina local governments may be authorized and executed by Guilford County Manager and Attorney, without requiring additional Board approval.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Opioids Resolution 3-15-23](#)

[Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds.pdf](#)

Chairman Alston noted the addendum adding new Business Item C.

County Attorney Andrea Leslie-Fite introduced the agenda item. She noted the wave 2 settlements and noted that the County would need to opt into the additional settlements with a potential of approximately \$17 million in additional opioid settlement funding over the next 15 years.

Leslie-Fite noted that before the Board is a supplement and a resolution allowing staff to execute those documents.

Commissioner Upchurch questioned when the first year we would receive those dollars.

Leslie-Fite noted fiscal year 2023-2024. She added that similar to the prior allocation of funds, 15% of those funds will go to the State and 85% of the \$600 million will go to the remainder of the counties.

Chairman Alston questioned the total allocation between both rounds of settlements.

Leslie-Fite noted \$39 million in total funding.

Commissioner Tillman asked staff to share next steps or best practices for fund use.

Leslie-Fite noted that the Board will have an opportunity to direct those funds.

Halford noted that as part of the settlement agreement, the County will have a choice of the ranges of services and the County will need to go through a strategic planning process.

Commissioner Murphy questioned the county opt-in process and reallocation of funding.

Leslie-Fite noted the critical nature of the opt-in process, or the County could jeopardize the settlement and risk allocation reduction.

Motion was made by Kay Cashion, and seconded by James Upchurch to adopt the attached Resolution approving the supplement to the MOA, called the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation, ("SAFF") between the State of North Carolina and various local governments, including Guilford County, relating to the settlement of the national opioid litigation, and authorize and direct staff to take such measures as are required to implement the terms of the SAFF and receive the settlement funds, including that any additional documents needing signatures as a result of allocation of opioid settlement funds coming to North Carolina local governments may be authorized and executed by Guilford County Manager and Attorney, without requiring additional Board approval.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Carly Cooke and Alan Perdue

VIII. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

A. 2023-215 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION PROGRAM UPDATE: INTEGRATED TARGETED TESTING SERVICES

Receive an update on the Integrated Targeted Testing Services Program.

[Legislation Text](#)

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B. 2023-223 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION PROGRAM UPDATE: EVERY BABY GUILFORD

Receive an update on Every Baby Guilford.

[Legislation Text](#)

[March 16 Board of Commissioners Meeting - EBG Update.pdf](#)

Dr. Vann noted that they will be providing two presentations regarding integrated targeted testing and an update on activities of the infant mortality work that is occurring.

Public Health Education Division Director Dennis Jenkins spoke to the non-traditional testing programs that began in 1995, taking services outside of the clinics. The Sexual Health Action Group (SHAG) program offers screenings and testing at night clubs, homeless shelters, and in general mobile locations throughout the community.

Jenkins noted that they collaborate with the Triad Health Project, noting their partnership since 1986. He recognized their work in HIV case management, fixed-site clinics in Greensboro and High Point as well as food pantry services for their clients.

Jenkins spoke to the County's partnership with Piedmont Health Services and Sickle Cell Agency since 1995 that provide Street Community Outreach Prevention Education (SCOPE), expanded testing services at detention centers, and Triad Baby Love Plus to promote positive pregnancy outcomes.

Jenkins shared a NIA Community Action Center (NCAC) partnership since 2003, a community action center that specializes in social network strategies where clients are referred to screening clinics.

Every Baby Guilford (EBG) Program Manager Jean Workman provided a programming update and extended an invitation to an upcoming Crucial Conversations event. She shared that EBG is a community action network focused on racial equity in infant and child mortality rates as well as health disparities.

Workman reviewed four strategies: 1) Advancing health equity by addressing systemic racism and implicit bias within the continuum of care for maternal and infant health; 2) Centering community with radically inclusive community engagement to collectively create equitable solutions; 3) Strengthening the continuum of care of reproductive health for equitable access to quality care; and 4) Promoting infant wellness and positive child development.

Commissioner Jones highlighted the EBG's racial equity work, community outreach, and recommended interest alignment and engagement with the Greensboro Medical Society.

Commissioner Murphy inquired into the doula program and being intention on hiring African American providers.

Workman acknowledged modeling peer-city programs to incorporate Latino and African American staff.

Commissioner Foster commended Ms. Workman and her staff for compiling a wide array of programs and partners to improve outcomes for black and brown children.

The Board expressed their appreciation for EBG and Ms. Workman's contributions.

IX. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2023-205 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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

Guilford County Board of Equalization & Review

Appoint Jasmine Quick-Miller to 1st term in Alternate position (March 16, 2023 - March 15, 2026)

Legislation Text

JQuick Miller App 11.02.22 Redacted.pdf

JQuick Miller Resume 11.02.22 Redacted.pdf

Motion was made by Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Kay Cashion to adopt and approve the following appointments and reappointments to various boards & commissions:

Guilford County Board of Equalization & Review

Appoint Jasmine Quick-Miller to 1st term in Alternate position (March 16, 2023 - March 15, 2026)

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Carly Cooke and Alan Perdue

X. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

There were no Commissioner Liaison Reports for this meeting.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY

There were no comments from the County Manager or County Attorney.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Upchurch thanked Jim Albright for instructing a CPR and AED clinic in High Point at the Oakview Recreation Center.

Commissioner Murphy noted that we had our second NACO quarterly meeting. She shared that they were joined by Haywood Burns Institute staff that led a great conversation on institutional racism in our judicial systems.

Commissioner Cashion shared her appreciation of the community budget meetings. She shared positive feedback and noted that under the Chairman's leadership and the mantra of "One Guilford" we are looking holistically at Guilford County and its programs.

Commissioner Foster shared that the next budget town hall is in High Point at the Carl Chavis YMCA. She recognized the Greensboro Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated who attended the Board meeting tonight.

Commissioner Jones noted that Governor Cooper was in town today recognizing the Teacher of the Year for the State of North Carolina. He congratulated the Greensboro Sports Foundation who hosted the Men's and Women's ACC tournament last weekend and the NCAA tournament this weekend. Commissioner Jones recognized a Warnersville Recreation Center event, Pantry for a Purpose, from 2-4 p.m. with a mobile fresh market and mobile play unit to kick off a series of pantries to move through the city's recreation department in the next few months. He recognized an event hosted by Mother's Standing Against Gun Violence, Establishing Safe Cultures, and Families Against Senseless Killings to raise awareness against gun violence.

Commissioner Jones recognized Superior Court Judge Lora Cabbage in attendance.

Commissioner Tillman noted that he is looking forward to his district town hall on Tuesday March 21st at the Bur-Mil Clubhouse from 6-8 p.m. He echoed Commissioner Jones' recognition of Northern Guilford High School North Carolina Teacher of the Year Leah Carper. He noted seeking NC General Assembly funding for a sixth Signature Academy at Southeast Guilford High School; being the second advanced manufacturing and engineering academy in preparation for certifications and the Megasite workforce.

Greensboro Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated's Social Action Committee Chair Felita Donnell gave remarks.

Commissioner Cashion thanked Ms. Donnell, acknowledged the Dolly Madison Women's Club, commended Commissioner Tillman for his service, and highlighted personal familial military connections.

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

There was no closed session.

XIV. ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion was made by Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by James Upchurch to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:26 p.m.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 – 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Carly Cooke and Alan Perdue

Melvin "Skip" Alston, Chairman
Guilford County Board of Commissioners

Robin Keller
Clerk to Board