

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
December 7, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on December 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Jeffrey M. Phillips, Vice Chairman Alan Branson, Commissioners Carolyn Q. Coleman, Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Perdue, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Katie "Kay" Cashion, Hank Henning.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Marty Lawing, County Attorney Mark Payne, Deputy County Manager Clarence Grier, Clerk to the Board Robin Keller, Deputy Clerk to the Board Scott Baillargeon, and members of the media

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplain Ben Chavis provided the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Phillips asked those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

Chairman Phillips noted the addendum to remove from the Consent Agenda, Item A. 3. 2017-392, APPROPRIATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED SUBSTANCE TAX.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Ken Orms, Greensboro resident, stated his opposes the E-notify legal website notices. He shared his concerns about Sen. Trudy Wade. He spoke to politicians and corruption, and the increase of taxes. And, stated the importance of community engagement. He spoke to low voter turnout

because of the website; cost implementations; and spoke to how the revenues would be allocated. Transparency. He commended the Board to their actions regarding the Multi-use stadium in High Point.

Claire Stone, Stoneville resident, asked the Board to vote no to the legal notice ordinance, and spoke to the reasons for why this policy is being implemented. She expressed her concern with the transparency of the legal notice changes, and referenced several cities and counties around the nation that have experienced trouble regarding the notices.

Sarah Carter, Reidsville resident, stated her disappointment with the County, and the removal of her children.

Kathy Haines, Greensboro resident, spoke to the GRRA and the real estate course. She stated the details of the course, and provided statistics from October 2017. She shared that home values increased in the County and delineated the difference of homes that were consider in the study.

Lynn Allison, Greensboro resident, shared her concerns regarding the County publishing of legal notices. She shared that she had lived in the county for several years, and she emphasized that she receives information through the newspaper.

Carol Simpson, Greensboro resident, expressed concerns for the legal notices. She asked the board to vote no on the implementation of the policy. She spoke to the hiring of a new employee to facilitate the policy change.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2017-391 T. COOPER JAMES AWARD PRESENTATION

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County Manager Marty Lawing introduced the item and provided additional background regarding the application process, and outlined eligible staff to be considered as finalists for the competition. He stated the Budget Staff had made recommendations.

Budget Director Michael Halford spoke to the 2017 T. Cooper James Award. He recognized the hard work of County employees, and thanked those employees that had applied and submitted innovative ideas. He thanked the Board for allowing the innovations project, and encouraged all staff to step out of their comfort zones for the betterment of the County. He introduced the awardees.

Donna Bailey, Tax Department, thanked the T. Cooper James family for creating the award, and she spoke to the project and identified the goals of the project. She spoke to the transparency of the project. She spoke to the suite of online tools that could be implemented to facilitate sales.

She emphasized the appeal forms, and to the means of communication, and thanked the management team for their input.

Halford provided additional details that would provide further savings over the next five years, and introduced the subsequent award recipients from Children's Services.

Sharon Barlow spoke to the recruitment and retention program that has been fully implemented as of 2017. She outlined the details of the process, and emphasized the cost impacts associated to the change of process. She reviewed the retention and recruitment portion of the program to hire quality staff to protect the communities most vulnerable citizens. Thanks.

Halford provided additional comments associated to cost effectiveness, and investments. Halford introduced the next group of employees.

Commissioner Conrad thanked the T. Cooper Family and spoke to the progress achieved already. Asked audience for applause.

Mr. James expressed his pleasure to promote this program.

Commissioner Conrad asked for a round of applause. He also mentioned Ben Chavis and his leader ship, Heather Skenes.

VI. CLERK TO THE BOARD, ROBIN KELLER, WILL CONDUCT ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Chairman Phillips turned the meeting over to Clerk, Robin Keller.

Keller opened the floor for nominations for the chairman position.

Motion Was Made by Commissioner Henning, and Seconded by Commissioner Alston to nominate Alan Branson for Chairman for the ensuing year.

VOTE:	Motion carried 8 - 0
AYES:	Melvin "Skip" Alston, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Alan Perdue, Hank Henning, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Jeff Phillips, Kay Cashion
ABSTAIN:	Alan Branson
NOES:	None

VII. NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN WILL CONDUCT ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Newly elected Chairman, Alan Branson opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to appoint Commissioner Justin Conrad as Vice Chairman of the Board.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Alan Perdue, Hank Henning, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Jeff Phillips, Kay Cashion
NOES: None

Chairman Branson called a recess at 7:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Branson introduced the Consent Agenda and noted the addendum.

Motion was made by Melvin "Skip" Alston, and seconded by Alan Perdue to adopt item VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Alan Perdue, Hank Henning, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Jeff Phillips, Kay Cashion
NOES: None

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2017-388 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION- HEALTHY COMMUNITIES GRANT \$3,810

Approve an increase of \$3,810 in Federal/State Revenues and increase the FY 2017-18 Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health division by the same amount to align Healthy Communities budget to the amount awarded from Chronic Disease & Injury Section.

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2. 2017-389 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION - TOBACCO PREVENTION GRANT \$12,666

Approve an increase of \$12,666 in Federal/State Revenues and increase the FY 2017-18 Health and Human Services - Public Health division budget by the same amount to align Tobacco Prevention budget to the amount awarded from Chronic Disease & Injury, Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch.

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ADDENDUM TO REMOVE ITEM FROM AGENDA

3. **2017-392 APPROPRIATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED SUBSTANCE TAX**

Approve an increase in State Revenues of \$20,000 and increase the FY 2017 Law Enforcement budget by \$20,000 to reflect receipt Unauthorized Substance Tax funds for the purchase of a laboratory fuming hood at the Special Operations Facility. Instruct staff to enter into any agreements or contracts in order to secure the procurement and installation of this equipment per County Purchasing Policies

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4. 2017-376 APPROPRIATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OF RECEIPT OF INSURANCE FUNDS

Approve an increase in Other Revenues of \$24,302 and increase the FY 2017 Law Enforcement budget by \$24,302, to reflect receipt of funds from an insurance claim for a vehicle accident/loss.

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B. CONTRACTS

1. 2017-383 APPROVE PURCHASE OF THIRTY (30) FLEET VEHICLES TOTALING \$710,153

Approve FY 2018 planned vehicle purchases

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[2018 Vehicle Purchase Plan.pdf](#)

2. 2017-386 RENEWAL OF GUILFORD COUNTY SOLID WASTE COLLECTION LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022.

Approve solid waste collections licenses in Guilford County for Republic Services, Waste Industries, Handy's Garbage Service, Inc., and Joe's Sanitation Service for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022.

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[SW Hauler Apps&Licenses 2017](#)

3. 2017-296 COMMUNITY GARDEN COORDINATOR POSITION

Approve interlocal agreement, in substantial form, with the City of Greensboro and the City of High Point and Guilford County to establish a Community Garden Coordinator position housed within the North Carolina Cooperative Extension in Guilford County. This is not a county position, but a state position assigned to Cooperative Extension in Guilford County with costs shared by the parties to the interlocal agreement. Funds were included in the adopted budget for this purpose.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Community Garden Coop Interlocal Agreement 11-3-17.pdf](#)

4. 2017-390 APPROVE MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FARRAGUT SYSTEMS INC FOR INSTALLATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NORTH CAROLINA PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM (NCPTS) DENALI UPGRADE

Approve in substantial form the Master Services Agreement with Farragut Systems, Inc. for installation and implementation of the North Carolina Property Tax System (NCPTS) Denali Upgrade in the amount of \$240,000 to be effective December 7, 2017, through project completion, which is expected to be on or before June 30, 2018.

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[FARRAGUT SYSTEMS INC - Master Services Agreement - Denali Implementation - FINAL](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2017-380 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2017

Accept and approve the tax collection and beverage licensing reports for month ending October 31, 2017. Full report on file with the Clerk's Office.

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[Bev 10-31-17 Detail](#)

[401C All Guilford 10-31-17](#)

2. 2017-381 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2017

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending October 31, 2017.

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[October 2017 NCVTS Pending Refund report](#)

[October 2017 Rebates & Releases](#)

3. 2017-384 BUDGET AMENDMENT REPORT FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS PROCESSED UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE COUNTY MANAGER IN THE FY 2017-18 BUDGET ORDINANCE

Receive Budget Amendment report for budget amendments processed under the authority granted to the County Manager in the FY 2017-18 Budget Ordinance.

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[Budget Amends Report - 2017-12-07.pdf](#)

4. 2017-340 RECEIVE AND APPROVE ANNUAL BOND REPORT AS REQUIRED BY N.C.G.S 162-9

Receive and approve annual bond report as required by N.C.G.S. 162-9

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[Bond Report .pdf](#)

5. 2017-375 ADOPTION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2018

Adopt Board of County Commissioners Annual Meeting Calendar for 2018

[Legislation Text](#)

[Agenda Prep Calendar 2018.pdf](#)

6. 2017-385 MINUTES APPROVAL

Approve the Following sets of minutes:

Regular Meeting 11/2/2017

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[dm11.02.17.pdf](#)

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 2017-286 HOLD PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING OF HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WITH THE PROCEEDS OF NOT TO EXCEED \$175,000,000 IN HOSPITAL REVENUE BONDS (CONE HEALTH) TO BE ISSUED BY THE PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY OF WISCONSIN

Adopt resolution approving the issuance of, but not to exceed, \$175,000,000 in hospital revenue bonds (Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital) to be issued by the Public Finance Authority of Wisconsin.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Guilford TEFRA Minutes and Resolution for Cone Health \(003\).doc](#)

Chairman Branson introduced the first public hearing and read the rules.

Jeff Pooley spoke to the first item, and provided additional background on the item. He spoke to the issuance of bonds to meet the improvement demands of Cone facilities. Pooley requested the Board to approve the resolution before them.

There being no proponents, the chairman closed the Public Hearing. The floor was opened to proponents. There being no opponents, the chairman closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Melvin "Skip" Alston, and seconded by Alan Perdue to adopt resolution approving the issuance of, but not to exceed, \$175,000,000 in hospital revenue bonds (Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital) to be issued by the Public Finance Authority of Wisconsin.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Alan Perdue, Hank Henning, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Jeff Phillips, Kay Cashion

NOES: None

2. 2017-382 HOLD PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER REPEAL OF BOARD OF HEALTH CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION REGULATION

Approve to rescind the Guilford County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Regulation effective December 7, 2017

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[Childhood Lead Prevention For Rescission.pdf](#)

[Sate Childhood Lead Poison Prevention Program Expansion Implementation Plan](#)

Chairman Branson introduced the second item, and opened the floor to public hearing.

Ken Carter provided background on the local lead poisoning statute, and stated that the NC General Assembly voted to rescind the previous regulation to adopt new, more stringent regulation. Carter introduced Paula Cox, Environmental Health Staff, to address any questions.

Chairman Branson opened the floor to Proponents.

Terri Burelson, nurse practitioner and public health attorney, spoke to the benefits of the new regulation and outlined the detriments of lead poisoning in pregnant mothers and children.

Chairman Branson closed the floor to proponents, and opened it to opponents. There being none, the Chairman closed the Public Hearing portion of the item.

Commissioner Coleman inquired about the protections extended to children residing in homes that contain lead paint, and the types of prevention provided to children living in rented homes that are older than 75 years.

Cox shared that when the County becomes aware of a child who blood-tested positive for lead poisoning, the County then visits the home and an assessment of the residence is conducted. Cox reviewed the details of the County's process to assess homes. She shared, that in order to identify lead poisoning in children, the County encourages all pediatricians to test for lead poisoning in their patients. She noted the County's process of arbitrarily auditing pediatricians for conducting blood tests to identify lead poisoning.

Vice Chairman Conrad spoke to the enforcement of the regulations as they are written as stringent regulations.

Carter provided further details that ensure the efficacy that investigations are completed.

Motion was made by J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Justin Conrad to rescind the Guilford County Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Regulation effective December 7, 2017

VOTE:	Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES:	Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Alan Perdue, Hank Henning, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Jeff Phillips, Kay Cashion
NOES:	None

3. 2017-297 HOLD PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF E-FILING NOTICE

Hold public hearing and consider adoption of Ordinance authorizing the e-filing of public legal notices to be effective January 8 2018.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Chapter 17 Electronic Notice Ordinance](#)

[Legal Notices Presentation \(004\)](#)

[SENATE BILL 181](#)

[County Advertisement Expenses](#)

Chairman Branson introduced the item for Public Hearing.

County Attorney Mark Payne introduced and provided background on the item. He spoke to the NC General Assembly to publish electronically on the website in lieu of publication in the newspaper, and to the staff-prepared draft for the Board's consideration. He reviewed the three-phase implementation, and elaborated on each: the first phase of implementation would be the sole publishing of County notices; Phase two would be the posting the notices of municipalities who expressed a desire for publishing the County website; Phase three would consist of allowing all public notices be published to the website for fee.

Chairman Branson opened the floor for technical questions.

Commissioner Coleman spoke to an email the Board had received regarding a meeting between the opponent's, those who represent the Guilford County media, attorneys, and wanted to know if the County had met with them.

Payne discussed the details of that meeting and forwarded their request to delay the decision.

Commissioner Coleman asked if we would be voting to delay the implementation.

Chairman Branson clarified that that we would be voting as the public hearing items states. And, he asserted that if a unanimous decision was not received, the item would return for future consideration in January 2018. He spoke to the email in question and the potential lawsuit against the State and not the County.

Payne discussed the ramifications of the second vote in January, and what the attorneys could do to appeal. He affirmed Chairman Branson's statement concerning legal action against the State.

Commissioner Coleman suggested granting the attorney's their request to postpone the item.

Chairman Branson stated the Public Hearing had been placed on the agenda last week, and the memo was received today, and had not heard any objections from the Board.

Commissioner Coleman moved to postpone the voting of the Public Hearing, Commissioner Alston seconded.

Commissioner Henning stated that he had a technical question, and expressed concerns with postponing the item, and stated that citizens were in attendance to speak about the item. He assured that there would be further conversations about the item, and was not sure what would be gained by delaying the Public Hearing.

Chairman Branson asked Payne how to proceed.

Payne shared that it was the Board decision, and provided further information concerning the legalities for how to proceed.

Commissioner Cashion asked Payne about the timeline and the adoption of the statute. She asked Payne what the correct procedure was to move forward with the motion on the floor. She

inquired that should the item be approved tonight, and the group files a lawsuit, who would they be filing against.

Payne spoke to the process of adopting the ordinance. They would have to challenge the statute, and not the ordinance, and have to include the State and the County. The County would be included in a lawsuit.

Commissioner Coleman stated that there was no way for it to be implemented in the County unless the County agreed upon tonight. She suggested to wait until a decision can be made, and suggested that nothing be done tonight.

Commissioner Phillips inquired about the public hearing, should it be held and considered adoption of the ordinance would only mean that it is a consideration. The next meeting would, should there be a need for one, could modify the language between now and January. He asked if Commissioner Coleman would like to withdraw her motion in favor of holding the public hearing and return in January with modifications for consideration.

Commissioner Coleman replied in the negative, as she stated that since she made a motion, it should be considered.

Vice Chairman Conrad stated that the public hearing should go on as scheduled and the amendments can be made in the meantime.

Commissioner Coleman asked if there was a requirement to have 2/3 vote in order to overturn the second public hearing vote.

Payne stated no, that a simple majority in January would adopt the ordinance.

Commissioner Alston asked for clarification without majority vote, and would require a second vote, and made some changes, and we would require a second supermajority vote in January, which would require a second vote in the future.

Payne affirmed, and if changes were made on the ordinance, the next public hearing would be a considered a first vote that would require a supermajority vote.

Commissioner Coleman reiterated her point, and shared that the Board should delay the vote to provide further time for the opponents to consider the item.

Chairman Branson stated that it was unlikely that a unanimous vote could be obtained tonight, and suggested postponing the public hearing.

Commissioner Phillips sought clarification concerning Commissioner Alston's inquiry. He asked if an additional public hearing would be required.

Motion was made by Carolyn Q. Coleman, and seconded by Melvin "Skip" Alston to postpone the Public Hearing until January 2018.

VOTE: Motion to table the public hearing carried 5 - 4
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Carolyn Q. Coleman, J. Carlvena Foster, Kay Cashion
NOES: Alan Perdue, Hank Henning, Justin Conrad, Jeff Phillips

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2017-387 STOP LOSS COVERAGE FOR 2018 PLAN YEAR

Authorize County Manager to enter into a contract with Beacon/Companion for the 2018 average stop loss premium of \$20.85 per employee/retiree per month, all of which will be paid by the County. The deductible will be \$375,000, with the exception of one participant whose deductible will be \$500,000.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Stop loss additional spreadsheet for 2018.pdf](#)

[2018 Guilford County Stop Loss Market Analysis for Commissioner meeting.xlsx.pdf](#)

Chairman Branson introduced the next item on the agenda. He invited Human Resources Director John Dean to provide further information.

Dean spoke to the item and the bid process. He stated that they had a recommendation as the best choice, and introduced Carol Campbell to explain the details.

Campbell clarified the details of the bid process and their recommendations for County insurance. She spoke to the costs of the plan and the benefits of changing to the new plan.

Commissioner Coleman asked if the new bidder would be providing the same service.

Commissioner Alston inquired about the number of 2,614 employees, which includes 365 retirees, what the stop gap would be at that point. He asked about the reasons that contributed to the increase. Alston asked the number of years included in the contract.

Campbell spoke to the details and statistics of the item. She stated that it was the policy of the company.

Dean elaborated and spoke to the change from Semetra to Beacon Companion.

Commissioner Foster inquired about Semetra's anticipated rate increase in claims and the coverage differences. She inquired about the \$500 deductible, and what the premium would be staying with Semetra.

Campbell provided additional data to expand and clarify the changes. She spoke to lasering individuals to maintain premiums, and provide a \$375 deductible.

Commissioner Alston asked about the length of the contract, and if the price could increase by fifty percent.

Campbell shared that the contract was for a year, and the cost could rise in the subsequent years.

Motion was made by Melvin "Skip" Alston, and seconded by J. Carlvena Foster to Authorize County Manager to enter into a contract with Beacon/Companion for the 2018 average stop loss premium of \$20.85 per employee/retiree per month, all of which will be paid by the County. The deductible will be \$375,000, with the exception of one participant whose deductible will be \$500,000.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Alan Perdue, Hank Henning, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Jeff Phillips, Kay Cashion

NOES: None

2. 2017-343 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO SR 3056 ROCK CREEK DAIRY ROAD AND SR 3232 FRANZ WARNER PARKWAY

Adopt the resolution in support of the NCDOT safety improvements to SR 3056 (Rock Creek Dairy Road) and SR 3232 (Franz Warner Parkway).

[Legislation Text](#)

[NCDOT Approval Request](#)

Chairman Branson introduced the next item, and asked County Manager Marty Lawing to speak to the item.

Lawing discussed the resolution for the safety improvement, and emphasized the improvement would not require County funds, and would be conducted through the appropriation of state funding.

Commissioner Perdue spoke to the necessity of the improvements noted a Guilford County Fire Department and EMS site that will benefit from the improvements.

Chairman Branson echoed Perdue's sentiments and spoke to the overall safety improvements of the Rock Creek Dairy Road intersection.

Motion was made by Alan Perdue, and seconded by Justin Conrad to adopt the resolution in support of the NCDOT safety improvements to SR 3056 (Rock Creek Dairy Road) and SR 3232 (Franz Warner Parkway).

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Alan Perdue, Hank Henning, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Jeff Phillips, Kay Cashion
NOES: None

3. 2017-328 GREENSBORO AREA CVB: ANNUAL TRACK MEET FUNDING REQUEST

Approve request from the Greensboro Area CVB to fund \$40,000 a year for Annual Track Meet held at A&T University for FY 2019 with options to renew sponsorship commitment for years Fiscal Years 2020-2023, contingent on the event occurring at the NC A&T State University Irwin Belk Track and Field Complex each year.

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[Greensboro CVB Request](#)

[Greensboro CVB Letter](#)

Chairman Branson introduced the next item, and asked Marty Lawing to speak to the item.

Lawing spoke to the Greensboro Convention and Visitor Bureau's request, and reviewed the request for the A&T Track Meet. Lawing outlined the commitment and the public hearing associated with next year's budget.

Commissioner Alston stated that the City of Greensboro had approved this project back in October 2017 for \$40K.

Greensboro CVB Sports Market Manager, Ron Ambule, spoke to the item and provided an overview of the project, and what to expect from the request. He spoke to the increased economic impacts of the event that accrue to 5.4M annually.

Motion was made by Kay Cashion, and seconded by J. Carlvena Foster to Approve request from the Greensboro Area CVB to fund \$40,000 a year for Annual Track Meet held at A&T University for FY 2019 with options to renew sponsorship commitment for years Fiscal Years 2020-2023, contingent on the event occurring at the NC A&T State University Irwin Belk Track and Field Complex each year.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Alan Perdue, Hank Henning, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Jeff Phillips, Kay Cashion
NOES: None

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

None.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Henning congratulated the new chairmen.

Commissioner Perdue echoed Henning's sentiments.

Commissioner Coleman echoed the previous sentiments.

Vice Chairman Conrad thanked all those who served to locate an Animal Shelter director. He spoke to the newly hired director and emphasized his achievements.

Commissioner Alston provided updates on precincts and echoed the previous sentiments.

Commissioner Phillips expressed his honor to serve as Board Chairman and thanked everyone, and congratulated the new board chairmen. He noted the first ever Family Justice Center conference hosted at the Civil Rights' Museum, and emphasized those lives that have been effected by domestic violence.

Commissioner Foster shared her condolences to Dr. Contreras's father who passed away. She shared her opportunity to participate in the Jamestown Christmas Parade. She shared her attendance of the High Point Realtors meeting. She thanked Deputy County Manager Grier for his speech. She extended her congratulations to the City of High Point for having the stadium approved by the LGC, and to the High Point City Mayor, and new chairs. She echoed the previous sentiments.

Commissioner Cashion congratulated the newly elected board chairmen. She shared that she had attended the meeting last week, and her attendance of the state association meeting where they discuss economic development and transportation issues. She spoke to the preliminary discussions concerning the County President Howerton, who is finding ways to help children thrive. She encouraged the commissioners to attend. She shared her attendance of the Christmas Parade in Greensboro. She shared her Saturday night with the American Legion and Carol Barker's becoming the Commander. She extended condolences to family, and congratulated

Catherine Johnson director of the Family Justice Center. Cashion thanked Commissioner Phillips for serving as chairman.

Chairman Branson extended special thanks to family. he extended thanks to all the Board members, and stated that it was an honor to serve the citizens of Guilford County. Echoed the sentiments of the Board.

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

Motion Was Made by Jeff Phillips, And Seconded by Melvin "Skip" Alston to Hold Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 For the Purpose of Consulting with the County Attorney and to Discuss Certain Personnel Matters

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Alan Perdue, Hank Henning, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Jeff Phillips, Kay Cashion
NOES: None

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 7:43 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURN

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 8:40 p.m.

Motion was made by Alan Perdue, and seconded by Melvin "Skip" Alston to ADJOURN

The Board adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:42 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk