

Guilford County

301 West Market Street Greensboro, NC 27402

Meeting Agenda - Final

Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

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. 2025-277 PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING JUNE 19, 2025 AS JUNETEENTH IN

GUILFORD COUNTY

Requested Action: Adopt proclamation celebrating June 19, 2025 as Juneteenth in

Guilford County.

Sponsors: Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster

B. 2025-259 PROCLAIM JUNE 2025 AS MEN'S HEALTH MONTH IN GUILFORD

COUNTY

Requested Action: Proclaim June 2025 as Men's Health Month in Guilford County.

Sponsors: Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

BUDGET AMENDMENT: GASB 96 YEAR END ADJUSTMENTS

Background:

Over the past few years, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) created new standards for how governments account for subscription-based information technology arrangements (GASB 96).

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 96, Subscription Based Information Technology Agreements (SBITA), in May 2020 and for most NC local governments and public authorities in North Carolina, this statement became effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022. Before GASB 96, SBITAs were budgeted and expended annually based on the schedule of payments in the agreement. The new standard now requires the County to report an expenditure and an offsetting revenue (other financing source) in the period the agreement is initiated for the total amount of all future payments. Future payments are then budgeted and accounted for as debt service principal and interest expenditures like long-term debt rather than as an annual operating expenditure.

To account for these items, a debit and credit are posted in our accounting systems as a reporting item. These are non-cash entries and do not impact the County's overall financial position.

This entry is specific to The Microsoft Enterprise Agreement approved by the Board on September 5, 2024 (agenda item #2024-376) which includes the Windows desktop Operating System, Windows Server, Microsoft Office 365, Power BI Pro, Visio Pro and other enterprise server and individual licenses. The Microsoft Enterprise Agreement was approved for three years beginning October 1, 2024 and ending on September 30, 2027. This entry represents the full three year contract impact.

Requested Action:

Approve a budget amendment increasing the appropriation to Information Technology by \$4,067,550 and increase Other Revenue by \$4,067,550.

Budget Impact:

General Fund

\$4,067,550 increase in appropriation to Information Technology

\$4,067,550 increase in Other Revenue

Sponsors: Don Warn

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 YEAR-END BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Background:

The North Carolina Fiscal Control Act requires a County to adopt a budget ordinance and remain within funding levels outlined within the ordinance. At the end of each fiscal year, Section 9-B of the budget ordinance authorizes the County Manager to transfer personnel funds to account for lapsed salaries, which are pre-budgeted savings from staff vacancies. Some departments, however, may not fully achieve their lapsed salary targets due to lower-than-expected vacancies. These transfers help manage overall salary spending across departments and maintain compliance with the Fiscal Control Act. This occurs every year and is a routine part of overall budget monitoring at the end of the fiscal year.

This year, to avoid separate notifications which may be confusing, the County is presenting these Manager transfers to the Board as part of broader year-end adjustments, including funding the mid-year law enforcement pay increase approved by the Board at the September 5, 2024 Work Session and address additional operating needs within the Sheriff's Office budget for jail medical services.

In September, the Board approved adjustments to move Deputy Sheriff and Detention Officer pay to the 60th percentile of the respective market rates. The estimated FY2024-25 cost was \$4.6 million, of which \$2 million was supported by the County's annual compensation maintenance allocation. The remaining \$2.6 million was expected to be offset by:

- \$1 million in reduced overtime from filling 50 vacant positions, and
- \$1.6 million in salary savings from across the organization. Since implementation, vacancies have remained largely unchanged (decreasing from 111 to 109), and overtime savings have not materialized. In fact, due to higher pay rates, overtime costs have increased. As a result, the Sheriff's Office is projected to exceed its personnel budget by \$3.9 million.

Operating savings in the Sheriff's Office are typically used to support year-end needs, but this year those savings are offset by the need for additional funds in the operating budget to address medical services for inmates requiring third-party medical visits/hospitalizations. Each year, the County works to manage those expenses; however, the expenses continue to rise.

To address both the personnel and operating needs:

- Emergency Services has generated \$1 million in unanticipated special event and ambulance fee revenue. These funds will be used to cover Emergency Services' overtime costs, freeing up other salary savings to redirect to the Sheriff's Office.
- Additional funding capacity is available from economic development incentive payments that were budgeted but are not yet needed.

This action supports the implementation of the Board's compensation adjustments, while maintaining overall fiscal balance through strategic use of salary savings, revenue adjustments, and available operating savings.

Requested Action:

Approve necessary budget amendments and transfers, including increasing appropriation to Emergency Services by \$1,000,000 and increase User Charges by \$1,000,000; increase appropriation to Law Enforcement by \$1,500,000 and decrease appropriation to Economic Development & Assistance by \$1,500,000.

Budget Impact:

General Fund

\$1,000,000 increase in User Charges \$1,000,000 increase in appropriation to Emergency Services

\$1,500,000 decrease to Economic Development & Assistance \$1,500,000 increase to Law Enforcement

Decrease Appropriation to (Personnel Transfers Outlined in Section 9B):

HHS: Public Health by \$2,300,000
Planning and Development by \$450,000
Juvenile Detention by \$275,000
Animal Services by \$250,000
Budget and Management Services by \$200,000
Child Support Enforcement by \$200,000
Information Technology by \$200,000

Inspections by \$175,000 Behavioral Health by \$125,000 Transportation by \$75,000 County Attorney by \$75,000 Elections by \$50,000 Solid Waste by \$50,000

Increase Appropriation to (Personnel Transfers Outlined in Section 9B):

Law Enforcement by \$3,975,000 HHS Administration by \$115,000 Internal Audit by \$95,000 Finance by \$75,000 Human Resources by \$70,000 Family Justice Center by \$50,000 Court Services by \$40,000 Fleet by \$5,000

Sponsors:

Michael Halford, County Manager

Toy Beeninga, Budget and Management Services

3. 2025-301 FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 YEAR-END BUDGET AMENDMENTS: RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS

Background: For rural fire districts, revenues can be generated in either the Fire

Protection District (FPD) or the Fire Protection Service District Overlay (FPSD).

- · Fire Protection District (FPD) NC Chapter § 69-25 establishes Rural Fire Protection Districts
- · Fire Protection Service District (FPSD) Overlay NC Chapter 153A establishes County Service District

This action adjusts revenues and expenses between a district's FPD and FPSD accounts. In accordance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, a district's account can not be paid out without associated budget authority. Each year, the County monitors cash flows into each account and determines if adjustments are necessary. This action will release \$40,325 to the Rural Fire Districts.

Requested Action: Approve the requested budget amendments for rural fire districts.

Budget Impact: See attached memo for budget amendments

Sponsors: Toy Beeninga, Budget and Management Services

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>FY25 RFD YE Amendments</u>

B. CONTRACTS

HHS-PUBLIC HEALTH INTERLOCAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS, GC-HHS-PUBLIC HEALTH AND CONE HEALTH FOR TELEHEALTH

Background:

The School Health Program is an existing component of the Guilford County Public School System and plays a vital role in promoting a healthy and safe school environment. It has historically been provided jointly by Guilford County Health & Human Services - Public Health and Guilford County Schools via nurses located in schools. Cone Health began providing services in additional schools via telehealth beginning in 2024.

The telehealth MOU was initiated to expand and collaborate on overlap of services between GCS staff, telepresenters from Cone Health, and School Nurses in the schools. The MOU identifies specific communication pathways and service coordination between all three (3) agencies and it was determined this needed to go before the Board of Education, to identify how each agency would operate independently, as well as collaboratively. This is a separate MOU from the School Health MOU between GCDPH and GCS, as that identifies that partnership as part of the Agreement Addendum with NCDHHS.

The terms of the MOU define the primary roles and responsibilities of each party in the provision of integrated school health services:

- · Cone Health will administer the Telehealth Program.
- · Public Health will administer the School Health Program.

While these programs remain independent under the terms of the MOU, the agreement also outlines collaborative practices and protocols that enable both programs to coordinate efforts and support one another in delivering comprehensive health services to students. Provisions are also included for the sharing of health information between the programs, when necessary, to support student well-being, consistent with applicable laws and regulations. Cone Health is in the midst of a 3-year contract utilizing \$2.2 million in APRA funding that ends June 2026. All funding will be expended by the end of the calendar year 2025. Cone Health is securing additional funding through Generation Ed to sustain fiscal responsibility. The goal was to operate telehealth in twenty (20) sites by June 2026, that goal was exceeded to providing telehealth services in 26 schools by spring 2025:

Bessemer Elementary

Washington Montessori Elementary

Union Hill Elementary

Cone Elementary

Bluford Elementary

Rankin Elementary

Gillespie Park Elementary

Kirkman Park Elementary

Parkview Village Elementary

Vandalia Elementary

Falkener Elementary

Peck Elementary

Oak Hill Elementary

Fairview Elementary

Sedgefield Elementary

Frazier Elementary

Brightwood Elementary

Northwood Elementary

Hunter Elementary

Alderman Elementary

Montileu Academy

Sumner Elementary

Oak View Elementary

Joyner Elementary

McNair Elementary

Simkins Elementary

There are an additional ten (10) proposed sites to open in Fall 2025:

Foust Elementary

Guilford Elementary

Jamestown Elementary

Triangle Lake Elementary

Irving Park Elementary

Pilot Elementary

Reedy Fork Elementary

Jefferson Elementary

Jones Elementary

This contract renewal will take effect on July 1, 2025, for a term of one (1) year, with the option for annual renewal upon mutual agreement by all parties.

Requested Action: Approve interlocal Memorandum of Understanding, in substantial

form, between Guilford County Board of Education, Guilford County, by and through its Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Public Health and Cone Health focused on coordinated health services in the Guilford County Schools, effective

July 1, 2025.

Budget Impact: NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED

Sponsors: Anita Ramachandran

Attachments: PE FINAL CONTRACT - 90007283 GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS 6.18.25

DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION: WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANT GONORRHEA CONTRACT (\$327,834)

Background:

The Guilford County Department of Health & Human Services -Public Health Division (PH) has established a health trends research contract with Wake Forest University (WFU) Health Sciences with funding support from the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services - Epidemiology/Communicable Disease Branch. WFU and the PH team are working together on surveillance and research of drug-resistant gonorrhea with WFU helping to: enhance the PH lab's capacity, jointly pilot new methods for gonorrhea resistance testing, and collaboratively develop novel strategies for rapid response to antimicrobial-resistant gonorrhea. Guilford County has been participating in the SURRG (Strengthening the U.S. Response to Resistant Gonorrhea) program since its inception in 2017. Recently CDC ended the SURRG project and replaced it with CARGOS (Combating Antimicrobial Resistant Gonorrhea and Other STIs) program. In doing so, CDC expanded the program from seven sites to 20 sites across the U.S. The scope of work was modified across all the sites to focus on specific specimen types.

Key components of the CARGOS project include:

- 1. Strengthen epidemiology capacity to detect, monitor, and respond to antibiotic resistance (AR) in STI's.
- 2. Improve coordination of antimicrobial resistance in STI preparedness and outbreak response activities.
- 3. Enhance local laboratory testing for surveillance, reporting and response.
- 4. Enhance coordination between epi-lab-health information technology.

The CARGOS program is just one project of a much larger project that CDC awards to NC DDHS Public Health. NC DHHS contracts with Guilford County to ensure that locally a core team of staff is available to meet all the CARGOS strategies, as outlined by CDC. The County does this by sub-contracting Wake Forest School of Medicine. Wake Forest provides subject matter experts, data analysis experts, on-site clinical guidance, on-site laboratory personnel, and if needed, advanced molecular testing. The monies

also are used to support an hourly Guilford County employee who is responsible for coordinating all Guilford County CARGOS related activities, ensuring monthly data extraction from the lab system, and monthly submission of lab samples to the Antibiotic Resistance Laboratory Network. The remaining monies are used by Guilford County to purchase laboratory supplies to perform antimicrobial susceptibility testing and other CARGOS related lab testing.

When the scope of work was modified, CDC reduced the overall funding for the CARGOS project. Guilford adjusted the CARGOS budget by reducing the effort and support of Wake Forest and by removing the cost of lab supplies for the testing that was no longer required. Dollars received from CARGOS are sufficient to support all required CDC activities without any additional funding from Guilford County.

From June 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025, CARGOS or SURRG tested 4,561 specimens for gonorrhea, with 128 undergoing sensitivity testing. This number is lower than the reported SURRG numbers in the preceding year due to a revision in the project's scope of work. Overall, efforts to identify and treat resistant gonorrhea have been successful, as the resistant strains were promptly identified and treated immediately.

The new contract, totaling \$327,834, will be in effect from June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026. This marks the ninth year this funding has been received by Guilford County.

Requested Action:

Approve contract with Wake Forest University Health Sciences, in substantial form, in the amount of \$327,834, to be effective for the period June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026, for a health trends research contract. Funding will be awarded to Guilford County through the NCDHHS Communicable Disease Branch.

Budget Impact:

NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH ADOPTION OF FY2025-26 BUDGET

Sponsors: Anita Ramachandran

<u>Attachments:</u> PE FINAL CONTRACT - 90006455 WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY HEALTH SC

Wake Health Services Bid Waiver Request # 05820898 6.18.25

JOINT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR GREENSBORO/GUILFORD COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM

Recommendation:

Approve resolution and renew, in substantial form, the Joint Cooperative Agreement for the City of Greensboro/Guilford County Home Consortium for the administration and disbursement of HUD granted HOME funds; authorize staff to take any and all necessary actions to finalize the agreements by the submission deadline.

Background:

The City of Greensboro, as Lead Entity of the Greensboro/Guilford County Housing Consortium, seeks to renew the existing Joint Cooperative Agreement between the City of Greensboro and Guilford County (resolution attached). The last amended agreement was approved by the Board of Commissioners on Sep. 28, 2022. The Greensboro/Guilford HOME Consortium, with BCC approval, would be renewing for the three-year consortium qualification period 2025-2027 beginning July 1, 2025 ending June 30, 2028. The City of Greensboro set the resolution and agreement for the June 3, 2025 City Council meeting with the City indicating that it will route the resolution and agreement (draft agreement attached) upon approval by the City Council. The signed agreement will need to be sent to HUD by June 30, 2025.

Approval of this resolution also approves Guilford County's right to participate (renewal letter attached) and authorizes approval of the consortium agreement, in substantial form, for a three year period effective July 1, 2025. As the Housing Consortium Lead Entity, the City of Greensboro is responsible for Consortium compliance with HUD requirements and has the authority to disperse HUD-granted HOME funds among HOME consortium member(s). HOME funds vary from cycle to cycle and can be used to finance a wide variety of affordable housing activities that generally fall into the following six (6) categories:

- 1) New construction of owner-occupied housing;
- 2) Rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing;
- 3) Assistance to home buyers;
- 4) New construction of rental housing;
- 5) Rehabilitation of rental housing; and,
- 6) Tenant-based rental assistance.

While HUD funding varies from funding cycle to funding cycle, from FY16/17 - FY21/22, Guilford County's annual allocated budget has averaged \$120,098 per year.

HOME-assisted housing units must benefit households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median income (see 2025 HUD Income Limits for Guilford County attached). Additionally, 90% of occupants of HOME-assisted rental units and households that receive tenant-based rental assistance must have incomes at or below 60% of area median income. In recent years, Guilford County has utilized it's Housing Consortium allotment for scattered site home rehabilitation and since FY2019/20 for a Down Payment Assistance (DPA) Program to assist low-to-moderate-income home-buyers with down payment and closing costs. To date, a total of \$20,000 in down payment assistance has been awarded to two qualifying home-buyers consisting of \$10,000 in funds dispersed to each during FY20/21.

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, Director, Planning and Development

Attachments:

HOMEConsortiumrenewalResolution2025

2025 HOME Consortium Agreement_DRAFT

GuilfordCoConsortiumrenewalletter52025 Right to Participate

2025 GC HUD INCOME LIMITS

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2025-293 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH

ENDING MAY 31, 2025

<u>Background:</u> Attached is a tax collection report for the month ending May 31,

2025 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 May 31, 2025 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 May 31, 2025.

Budget Impact: NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED

Sponsors: Ben Chavis

Attachments: 401C All Guilford 5-31-2025.pdf

Bev 5-31-2025 Detail.pdf

2. 2025-294 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING

MAY 31, 2025

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 May 31, 2025.

Budget Impact: NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED

Sponsors: Ben Chavis

Attachments: May 2025 NCVTS Pending Refund Report.pdf

May 2025 Rebates and Releases.pdf

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

Proponents shall be heard first and shall be provided a total of twenty (20) minutes notwithstanding the number of persons desiring to be heard. Opponents shall be heard after the proponents and shall be provided a total of twenty (20) minutes notwithstanding the number of persons desiring to be heard. Each side will be allowed three (3) minutes in rebuttal.

A. 2025-309 PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT FOR PROJECT GAMBLE

Background:

Pursuant to N.C.G.S 158-7.1, the Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to receive public input on the proposed allocation funds for an Economic Development Incentive Grant to:

Project Gamble, in the amount of approximately \$57,284. The County would fund incentive payments with available revenues in the County's General Fund. The company is considering an expansion at 1800 Albertson Road, in addition to other options within the United States, for a projected investment of \$8,120,000 in personal property and the creation of forty-three (43) new jobs by December 31, 2029.

The Board of County Commissioners intends to consider entering into a contract; if approved the County will make cash incentive grants pursuant to the County's Economic Development Investment Guidelines. The company is also requesting state and other local incentives before making a location decision. The local approval of incentives does not commit the company to locate in North Carolina; however, the cash grants are contingent upon, among other things, the company's entry into a local economic development agreement with Guilford County containing the obligations and agreements of the company and Guilford County.

Requested Action: Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 158-7.1, hold a public hearing and consider approval of an economic development incentive grant to Project Gamble in an amount not to exceed \$57,824; and upon approval, authorize staff to execute grant agreements, in accordance with terms and conditions of the proposal, consistent with the County's economic development incentive policy and North Carolina law.

Sponsors:

Brantley Craft, High Point Economic Development Corporation

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2025-284 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH ARCHDALE: ADDRESS RESPONSIBILITIES

Background: Due to increased and expected future development in Guilford

County, the City of Archdale staff worked with Guilford County staff to develop the attached Interlocal Street Addressing Agreement. The City of Archdale would have the authority to name streets within their city limits and help provide addresses when executing zoning permits, while Guilford County staff would review and enter the information into our E-911 system.

In March 2025, the City of Archdale adopted the attached Archdale Resolution and approved the Interlocal Addressing Agreement.

Staff are requesting authorization, in substantial form, of the attached Guilford County Resolution and the Interlocal Addressing Agreement.

Requested Action: Authorize, in substantial form, the attached Guilford County

Resolution and Interlocal Addressing Agreement.

Budget Impact: NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED

<u>Sponsors:</u> Peter Purcell (Marlena Isley)

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Achedale Agenda Item Reccommendation or Comment</u>

Guilford County Resolution for Addressing Services

Interlocal Addressing Agreement Final

Resolution Adopting Interlocal Street Addressing Agreement with Guilford Coun

APPROVE MOU WITH GUILFORD COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR GUILFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO SERVE AS NC-504 COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT AND COC LEAD AGENCY

Background:

Since 2022, Guilford County Government (the County) has, and continues to, serve as the Collaborative Applicant for the Greensboro, High Point/Guilford County NC 504 Continuum of Care (CoC). A Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations formalizes this relationship. The current MOU expires on June 30, 2025. For the last 12-18 months, the County has, in collaboration, engaged in a systematic review of the service delivery system for unhoused individuals across the County. One outcome of this work has been the identification of the need for more staffing support in the area of strategy and coordination, in additional to the administrative and monitoring duties identified in the previous agreement.

To achieve the referenced outcomes, the NC-504 CoC and County staff have revised the MOU to designate the County as the CoC Lead Agency. As the CoC Lead Agency, under the direction of the NC-504 CoC, the County will be responsible for providing additional administrative support to include policy and procedure development, monitoring for regulatory compliance, and supporting the implementation of the CoC's strategic plan and coordination with other agencies. This MOU will run for a five (5) year term from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030. The extended term will benefit both parties by providing longer-term stability and operational continuity. At this time, the NC 504 CoC Board and the entire Membership have approved the proposed MOU earlier this month. The County is the only remaining party that needs to approve the MOU.

To accomplish the work of the CoC Lead Agency in addition to the existing Collaborative Applicant work, and to support the County's desire for more coordination around housing and homeless services, County staff have also developed a proposal for expanding the County's CoC program from four (4) positions - one (1) CoC Program Manager and three (3) CoC Specialists - to seven (7) positions through the addition of three (3) additional positions included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget, funded with ARPA Investment Earnings.

Requested Action: Approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with

Guilford County NC 504 Continuum of Care (CoC) for the County to serve as the NC-504 Collaborative Applicant and CoC Lead Agency for a term of five (5) years starting July 1, 2025 and ending

June 30, 2030.

Budget Impact: NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED

Sponsors: Victor Isler, Assistant County Manager for Successful People /

Health & Human Services Director

Attachments: CA-LEAD MOU Final 06-13-25.pdf

C. 2025-304 ARPA RE-OBLIGATION FOR FOOD SECURITY

Background: In August of 2022, the Guilford County Board of County

Commissioners allocated a total of \$885,133 in ARPA funds to the Guilford County Food Security program. The funds are currently split between ARPA Enabled funds and federal funds. In December of 2024, staff brought an item to the Board to obligate the remainder of the federal funds by the December 31 deadline set by the

Treasury. After the obligation deadline was met by the County, a \$4,669 refund was received in the Food Security budget within professional services due to the fellowship associated with the

contract ending earlier than initially projected.

The \$4,669 must be re-obligated in order for the County to remain compliant with federal guidelines. Staff is recommending that the funds be re-obligated from professional services to personnel in order to continue to support Food Security positions which are eligible to use federal funds through December 2026. Currently, funds for Food Security personnel are expected to be fully expended

by June 30, 2026.

Requested Action: Approve the reallocation of ARPA funds in the amount of \$4,669

within the Food Security budget from professional services to

personnel.

Budget Impact: NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED

Sponsors: Abby Gostling, Manager of Special Projects

GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS (GCS) CAPITAL PROJECT AMENDMENTS

Background:

Guilford County voters have approved a total of \$2.0 billion in school bond referendums to address school capital needs identified through a comprehensive facilities master plan jointly developed by the Guilford County Board of Education and Guilford County Board of Commissioners. The initial funding plan for the school capital program called for the \$2 billion to divided into five separate sales of \$120 million to \$570 million, based on the progression of construction and when funds were needed to pay expenses. Splitting the \$2 billion into several sales allows the county to closely align when it borrows funds with when the school system spends the funds, which means the public avoids paying interest on borrowed funds that are not needed in the short-term to pay expenses. This is important because it keeps the funding plan in balance with the model approved by the Board of Commissioners and provides budgetary predictability and stability for school capital needs.

Since approval of the bond referendum, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners approved \$630,487,181 in project ordinances.

- April 2021 \$300,000,000 (2021-191)
- January 2023 \$174,646,154 (2023-151)
- April 2023 \$48,233,232 (2023-238 & 2023-274)
- February 2024 \$35,870,365 (2024-172)
- June 2024 \$10,000,000 (2024-172)
- July 2024 \$8,500,000 (2024-346)
- August 2024 \$3,237,430 (2024-378)
- November 2024 \$50,000,000 (2024-463)

On May 13, 2025, the Guilford County Schools Board of Education (BOE) approved the realignment of three projects totaling \$48 million

and previously adopted January 5, 2023: Safety and Security Enhancements \$20 million, Deferred Maintenance \$20 million, Technology Upgrades \$8 million. The realignment of these projects is needed to correspond with the change made at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year to increase awareness of improvements by school and an update the categorization of deferred capital replacement projects. The previous three broad categories-Safe Schools Upgrades, Building and Site Improvements, and Technology Modernizations-were replaced with a new classification system based on specific schools and project types. As part of this transition, the initial \$48 million funding request authorized must be realigned to reflect the updated categorization. The realignment amounts and project ordinance budgets requested by the Board of Education are included in the attached file provided by Guilford County Schools. This realignment does not change the \$48 million total.

In addition to the realignment of the above projects, the BOA approved an increase to the below project ordinances at their June 10, 2025 meeting. The original project ordinances included funding through the end of the design phase for each project. The increases to the project ordinances are requested to fund early release work guaranteed maximum prices (GMPs), which include hazard materials abatement, demolition, sitework and utility infrastructure, pre-purchase of long lead materials, and equipment for each project.

- 1) Allen Jay Elementary: current project ordinance: \$7,207,070; ordinance increase \$2,210,543; revised project ordinance \$9,417,613
- 2) Erwin Montessori: current project ordinance: \$8,372,058; ordinance increase \$3,183,556; revised project ordinance \$11,555,614
- 3) Lindley Elementary: current project ordinance: \$7,500,000; ordinance increase \$3,138,255; revised project ordinance \$10,638,255
- 4) Sternberger Elementary: current project ordinance: \$6,318,849; ordinance increase \$4,168,914; revised project ordinance \$10,487,763
- 5) Sumner Elementary: current project ordinance: \$6,500,000; ordinance increase \$3,570,298; revised project ordinance \$10,070,298

6) Swann 6-12 Visual and Performing Arts: current project ordinance: \$7,000,000; ordinance increase \$2,723,330; revised project ordinance \$9,723,330

Requested Action: Authorize staff to take any and all necessary actions to amend

project ordinances associated with the \$48 million readjustment or adopt necessary project ordinances; and approve associated budget amendments for the six (6) identified projects with guaranteed

maximum prices.

Budget Impact: Amend and/or adopt the projects in the attached memo.

<u>Sponsors:</u> Dr. Whitley Oakley, GCS Superintendent

<u>Attachments:</u> BOCC Ordinance Request BOE 06102025 Comprehensive Projects

GCS \$48 M Realignment Request 5132025 Final

25.06.18 - GCS Bond Projects Summary

E. 2025-303 ADOPTION OF FY 2025-2026 ANNUAL BUDGET AND BUDGET

ORDINANCE

Requested Action: Consider and Adopt FY 2025-2026 Annual Budget and Budget

Ordinance.

F. 2025-316 RESOLUTION TO CONDUCT AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM ON THE

NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ELECTION BALLOT- ONE-QUARTER PERCENT (0.25% of 1 cent) COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 46 OF CHAPTER 105 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL

STATUTES

Requested Action: Consider adoption of a resolution directing the Guilford County

Board of Elections to conduct an advisory referendum on the

November 3. 2026 election ballot on the question of whether to level a One-Quarter Percent (0.25% of 1 cent) County Sales and Use Tax, pursuant to Article 46 of Chapter 105 of the North Carolina General

Statutes.

Sponsors: Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston

IX. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2025-315 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS &

COMMISSIONS

Requested Action: Consider and approve the following appointments and

reappointments to various boards & commissions:

Guilford County Board of Adjustment

Appoint Ronasia Dougherty to 1st term in Alternate position (June

18, 2025 - June 17, 2028)

Sponsors: Robin Keller

Attachments: 05.21.25 App RDougherty Redacted

05.21.25 Resume RDougherty Redacted

B. 2025-302 EXCEPTION REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS &

COMMISSIONS

Requested Action: Consider and approve the exception reappointments to various

boards & commissions:

Guilford County Board of Adjustment

Reappoint Franklin M. Havens to 4th term in Regular position

(October 21, 2023 - October 20, 2026)

Reappoint Larry G. Standley to 5th term in Alternate position (June

3, 2024 - June 2, 2027)

High Point Planning & Zoning Commission

Reappoint Joan Swift to 3rd term in BOCC ETJ position (July 2,

2025 - July 1, 2028)

Sponsors: Robin Keller

Attachments: 02.20.25 Reapp FHavens

Term Exemption - F Havens 2025
05.28.25 Reapp JSwift Redacted
05.28.25 Resume JSwift Redacted
Joan Swift Term Limit Exemption Letter

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 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

XIV. ADJOURN

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF
THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WILL BE HELD JULY 17, 2025 AT 5:30PM IN THE
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM,
OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE
301 W. MARKET STREET, GREENSBORO NC 27401.