

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
February 15, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on February 15, 2024 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 (via virtual communication), Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman, and Alan Perdue.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michael Halford; County Attorney Andrea Leslie-Fite; 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 Victor Isler; Assistant County Manager Jason Jones; Toy Benninga, Budget & Management Director; Don Warn, Finance Director; members of staff, media, and the public. Virtual participation was made available to members of the public and media partners.

Chairman Alston introduced Dwight Sloan, United States Army Reserve Veteran, who would lead the Pledge of Allegiance following the invocation.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplin Ben Chavis offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Sloan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alston welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Lia Miller, Executive Director of Creative Aging Network NC, shared that they opened in 2004 and have expanded its innovative arts programming. She spoke of the need to improve the community for our aging population and to support aging programs.

Gail Dunham shared her interest in protecting her property and well system. She voiced concern regarding a Summerfield public records request. She shared that the fire department water needs are adequate and are doing well.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2024-155 RESOLUTIONS HONORING THE LIVES AND MEMORY OF THE LATE DR. THOMAS EUGENE TERRELL AND THE LATE DR. ELDORA HAWORTH TERRELL

Receive resolutions honoring the lives and accomplishments of Dr. Thomas Eugene Terrell and Dr. Eldora Haworth Terrell.

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Commissioner Jones invited the Terrell family to receive the resolutions. He read the resolutions honoring the lives of Drs. Terrell into the record.

Commissioner Jones shared that these two individuals were simply remarkable and together accomplished great things in our community.

Chairman Alston requested a moment of silence.

Attorney Tom Terrell thanked the County for the recognition. He shared on behalf of his late parents and thanked the Board for allowing them to expand healthcare for those with the greatest need.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to adopt the consent agenda and addendum agenda.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman, Alan Perdue
NOES: None

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2024-144 CHANDLER DENTAL CLINIC DONATION (\$3,000)

Approve the increase of \$3,000 in Other Revenue and increase the FY 2023-24 appropriation to Health and Human Services by the same amount to allocate the funds received by Jeffrey and Paige Chandler. The budget adjustment will support the transformation of an existing exam room into a treatment discussion room at the Chandler Dental Clinic.

[Legislation Text](#)

2. 2024-145 BRIDGE ACCESS PROGRAM FOR COVID-19 VACCINES (\$265,306)

Amend the FY24 Adopted Budget to increase State and Federal Revenue by \$265,306 and increase appropriation to the FY2023-24 Health and Human Services Budget by the same amount in support of the Covid Bridge Access Program.

[Legislation Text](#)

[719 FY24 Guilford - Bridge Access Program for Covid-19 Vaccines - Signed](#)

3. 2024-146 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH: APPLICATION NC-DHHS RFA411R SUPPORTING WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES (\$150,000)

Approve the application for NCDHHS RFA411R Supporting Women's Health Services, enabling Public Health to continue to support one (1) Community Health Worker; and, if needed, authorize any necessary budget amendments up \$150,000 annually for three (3) years, should the County be awarded the grant.

[Legislation Text](#)

[OpenWindowBudgetFormWorksheet -SWHS Guilford County Budget](#)

[RFA A411R Supporting Women's Health Services -Guilford County Application](#)

B. CONTRACTS

1. 2024-140 CHANDLER ASSET MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

Approve Chandler Asset Management Contract, in substantial form, in the amount not to exceed \$300,000 to be effective March 1, 2024 for a term of three (3) years with option to extend for an additional two (2) years; approve budget amendment totaling \$42,000.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Chandler Asset Management Services](#)

[MWBE Review Letter 20143 Investment Advisor Services](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2024-142 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2024

Accept and approve the tax collection report and beverage licenses issued for month ending January 31, 2024.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Bev 1-31-2024 Detail.pdf](#)

[401C All Guilford 1-31-2024.pdf](#)

[Prior Year January 2023 401C Net Collection Report.pdf](#)

2. 2024-143 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2024

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending January 31, 2024.

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[January 2024 NCVTS Pending Refund Report.pdf](#)

[January 2024 Rebates and Releases.pdf](#)

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. 2024-138 PUBLIC HEARING TO REZONE PROPERTY OF 413 NC HWY 150 W (SPENCER DIXON AND HWY 150): CASE #23-11-PLBD-00069

Conduct required legislative hearing to approve/deny the rezoning of approximately 4.063 acres, located at 413 NC Highway 150 W (a portion of Guilford County Tax Parcel #139158 in Center Grove Township) from Conditional Zoning-General Business, CZ-GB, (Ref. Case #22-05-GCPL-03277) to CZ-GB Amended as presented herein with the following use and development conditions:

Use Condition: (1) Only the following uses shall be permitted: a) Medical or Professional Office; b) Personal Service; c) Bank or Finance with Drive-Through; d) Insurance Agency; e) Laundromat or Dry Cleaner; f) Pest or Termite Control Services; g) Studio/Artist/Recording; h) Retail (General); i) Auto Supply Sales; j) Auto Rental or Leasing; k) Car Wash; l) Convenience Store (with Gasoline Pumps); m) Garden Center or Retail Nursery; n) Used Merchandise Store; o) Bakery; p) Restaurant with Drive-

Through; q) Restaurant without Drive-Through; r) Wireless Communications Tower-Stealth Camouflage Design or Non-Stealth Design; s) Small Cell Wireless Tower. Development Conditions: (1) Required street yard plantings for the single, northeastern most out parcel located at the corner of Spencer Dixon Road and NC Highway 150 W shall be doubled; (2) Any drive-through component located on this future single, northeastern most out parcel located at the corner of Spencer Dixon Rd. and NC Hwy 150 W shall be oriented away from Spencer Dixon Road; (3) All building façade materials shall consist of masonry, EIFS or similar construction, with no exposed metal; (4) The single, northeastern most out parcel at the corner of Spencer Dixon Road and NC Hwy 150 W shall have one, singular ground sign to be located on the NC Hwy 150 W frontage; (5) The applicant shall include an easement for sidewalk along its frontage of Spencer Dixon Road and shall pursue the possibility of a sidewalk with NCDOT on NC Hwy 150 W.

If the decision to deny the rezoning request is overturned, the rezoning will be deemed approved, and a Northern Lakes Area Plan amendment from AG Rural Residential (AGRR) to Moderate Commercial will be required.

[Legislation Text](#)

[1a- BOCC Appeal Application](#)

[2 - PB Application and Recommendation](#)

[3 - Staff Report, Decision Matrix, and Maps](#)

[4 - UDO Sec 3.5.M Voting and Special Legislation](#)

[5 - GC PLAN 12-13-23 Minutes Approved](#)

[UDO Street Planting Reqs](#)

[Facing east on 150](#)

[Facing north across 150 away from subject](#)

[Facing south across 150 looking at Subject](#)

[Facing west on 150](#)

[Facing east on 150](#)

[Facing north across 150 away from subject](#)

[Facing south across 150 looking at Subject](#)

[Facing west on 150](#)

Leslie Bell, Planning Director, introduced the agenda item and reviewed the proposed site map. He noted the parcel that was previously approved in August of 2022. He noted that the intersection along the thoroughfare is designated as a light commercial node. He noted that in August 2022, the Board approved the proposed land use designation change from light commercial node to a moderate commercial node. He reviewed the use conditions that were a part of the approval in August 2022. This requested rezoning from CZ-GB to CZ-GB Amended also would amend the Northern Lakes land use designation for the parcel from an Agricultural Rural Residential (AGRR) to a Moderate Commercial land use designation.

Bell noted that the applicant would like to add a Use Condition to include a *(1) Convenience Store (with Gasoline Pumps)*, and a few Development Conditions to include *(1) Required street yard plantings for the single, northeastern most outparcel located at the corner of Spencer Dixon Road and NC Highway 150W shall be doubled; (2) Any drive-through component located on this future single, northeastern most outparcel located at the corner of Spencer Dixon Road and NC Highway 150W shall be oriented away from Spencer Dixon Road; (4) The single, northeastern most outparcel at the corner of Spencer Dixon Road and NC Highway 150W shall have one, singular ground sign to be located on the NC Highway 150W frontage.*

Bell reviewed the watershed critical area maps noting that this parcel is not included in the watershed critical area. He highlighted the developer's updated concept plan. He shared the planting area descriptions per the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). He spoke to lighting and provisions to mitigate light pollution that is identified in our existing ordinance.

Bell shared the adjacent property owners to the thirty (30) acre tract and the Northern Lakes Area Plan. He reiterated the transition from light to moderate commercial node (in 2022).

He reviewed the rezoning request before the Board.

County Attorney Leslie-Fite reviewed the legal considerations. She noted that the determinations are based on the land uses of the district before the application as well as conditions proposed by the applicant. She noted that the Board is not able to consider the development itself. If the development were to impact traffic, then the Board may request a traffic impact study.

Chairman Alston introduced the public hearing and opened the floor for the proponents.

Attorney Amanda Hodierne, of the Isaacson Sheridan Law Firm, identified herself as representing the applicant and property owner T. Cooper James and Associates.

Attorney Hodierne presented a synopsis of the original zoning request, coupled with the conditions of the development.. She spoke to a site tenant mix for the four (4) acre corner parcel, to mitigating intended use, and to a community meeting prior to refileing their request.

Attorney Hodierne noted that adding fuel pumps attracts more users to the sites and supports all the tenants in the shopping center. She shared that it is her client's opinion that this is a reasonable use of the parcel and furthers the county's framework of adopted regulatory and Comprehensive Plan guidance through zoning designations.

Attorney Hodiernie noted that a convenience store with fuel pumps is consistent with the county's general business zoning. She reviewed the definition of a moderate commercial node and its goals and objectives. She spoke to the steady growth in the community and the development is consistent to support residential housing.

Attorney Hodiernie reviewed the 2022 concept plan, and the updated concept plan. She shared that the traffic study was completed and updated with the inclusion of the additional use condition of the fuel pumps. She displayed a conceptual illustrative diagram for the outparcel. She shared that they did receive the traffic study from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) with no comments.

Chairman Alston, hearing no further proponents, opened the floor for opponents.

Leslie Gunter shared that she is a neighbor and owns *Gunter's Crossing* business up the road. She shared that the developer has not contacted them. She voiced concern that she reached out to her community and noted that the point-of-entry is also a daycare drop off. She noted that as a developer herself she is not opposed to development. She noted that as a community they do not have sidewalks, but desperately need a pharmacy, a dry cleaner, and a restaurant. She shared that her station has been in existence since 1967. She shared that the developer did not offer a site plan or communicate with the community. She expressed concerns with public safety fire access. She noted just last Thursday they had an accident involving an overturned vehicle.

Ross Rich spoke to promotional marketing of gas stations with things such as vaping and alcohol. He shared that the developer went on the record to say they would not come back for five (5) years. He shared that the developers were not forthcoming in 2022 and expressed concerns that the gasoline tanks will sit just above the water tables. He spoke to concerns that 800 residents voted in opposition yet, the Board voted unanimously to approve it.

Harriett Shelton shared that the community presented a petition in opposition in 2022, and the amendment for a convenience store is now before the Board. She noted that this community has moved away from commercial development intentionally. She highlighted frequent traffic accidents and issues with waste management pick-ups and postal service mailbox relocations.

James Morris spoke in opposition to a shopping center development. He voiced concerns regarding traffic, adjacent schoolchildren's safety, and increased infrastructure jeopardizing the environment and watershed quality.

Chairman Alston, hearing no further opponents, opened the floor for rebuttal.

Proponent Attorney Hodiernie noted that the goal of development is to adhere to the County's development planning which provides guidance. She shared that we appreciate ongoing community dialogue. She noted that the growth and development of Guilford County is not going to stop, rather we need to focus on our planning and development goals and objectives. She spoke of the value of conditional zoning that allows these requests to be transparent and requires engagement with the Board and the public.

Opponent Ross Rich shared that this item was originally passed as a result of the conditions, and we are back now with a request to modify the conditions. He stated that a gas station is not needed by the community and not wanted. He spoke in opposition to peeling back those conditions for the sake of profit.

Opponent Leslie Gunter noted that the issue is the lack of community engagement and transparency. She shared the Board directed the developer to meet with the community and the developer did not.

Chairman Alston, hearing no further rebuttals, closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., to adopt the zoning map amendment located on Guilford County Parcel #139158 from CZ-GB to CZ-GB Amended because:

1. This approval also amends the Northern Lakes Area Plan recommendation of AG Rural Residential to Moderate Commercial.

2. The zoning map amendment and associated Northern Lakes Area Plan amendment are based on the following change(s) in condition(s) in the Northern Lakes Area Plan:

The proposed conditional zoning is not consistent with the Plan's recommendation of AG Rural Residential, but it is consistent with the moderate commercial node; therefore, if the request is approved, a Plan amendment would be required to replace the Rural Residential land use classification with a Moderate Commercial land use classification for Guilford County Tax Parcel #139158.

3. The amendment is reasonable and in the public interest because:

The addition of convenience store with gas pumps, as a permitted use, would fulfill the intended accommodations of retail distributive service, which serves the area beyond the immediate surroundings, as denoted by the moderate commercial node. Furthermore, the uses noted would be appropriate, as this site is located at an intersection of a major highway and a thoroughfare. The proposed development conditions improve the original conditions by requiring additional street yard plantings, which are doubled, and by orienting any drive-throughs towards NC Highway 150. Therefore, this conditional zoning would ensure development standards greater than those required by the Unified Development Ordinance.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman, Alan Perdue
NOES: None

Chairman Alston opened the floor for Commissioner comments.

Commissioner Cooke questioned the current list of allowable uses for the parcel.

Bell reviewed the approved zoning uses.

Commissioner Cooke questioned processes in place to protect the ground water.

Bell noted that underground tanks are not allowed in a watershed area and our Technical Review Committee (TRC) reviews those restrictions. He noted that the County's soil erosion unit also gets involved.

Commissioner Cooke noted that there is a process to ensure that groundwater is safe from underground gasoline tanks. She questioned the need to amend the plan to modify to moderate commercial zone.

Bell noted that in August of 2022 the designation was light commercial and was also listed as a Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD). At that time, we did not have a site plan and the conditional uses aligned more with light commercial. With the proposed amendment the development would better align with the moderate commercial node.

Commissioner Cooke questioned if there was a community meeting.

Attorney Hoderne noted that a community meeting was held August 2023 with about twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) attendees.

Commissioner Jones invited Ron Shelton to come forward to voice his opposition.

Shelton shared that Attorney Hoderne did hold a meeting, but it was twenty (20) or less in attendance, and when polled, nineteen (19) attendees said 'no'. They were told that it was just an investigation. He challenged that it was not a well-attended community meeting.

Commissioner Jones shared that the Commissioners must review the application based on what was already approved. He noted in this case they are considering a requested condition change. He spoke to the lighting piece that is handled by our Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to mitigate off-site impact through the TRC process. He spoke to concerns expressed regarding the drive-thru and community engagement. He shared that while important, it is not the sole determinate of the outcome.

Commissioner Jones encouraged residents to voice concerns but noted that we cannot use that to base our decisions. He noted that we did hear things that are out of the Board's purview. He shared that they cannot base their decision on speculation, or unidentified numbers of car accidents. He shared that it would be unlawful to consider opposition based on potential business competition. He noted that there is a process in our TRC to address development. He shared that it is incumbent on the developer to engage with the community to help ensure tenants have a viable opportunity to succeed.

Commissioner Perdue clarified the need to have fire access roadways.

Bell noted that the Fire Marshalls' Office is a part of the TRC.

Commissioner Perdue clarified that underground tanks are also included in the review process.

Commissioner Murphy spoke to her comments at the last rezoning meeting and noted that while rezoning changes can be challenging for a community, they also bring opportunity.

Commissioner Cooke echoed Commissioner Jones' comments on what we as a Board can consider during this process. She shared that as the Commissioner who represents this district, she is available to help answer questions and help to ensure that we are having good collaborative conversations with the developer. She spoke to the NCDOT safety concerns. She shared that she personally gathered a group of leaders to provide upgrades regarding Spencer Dixon Road to add some lights and improve the school entrances.

Commissioner Cooke shared that these decisions are some of the most difficult that she makes, and there are specific considerations that the Board can consider. At the end of the day, it is about the reasonable use of the property, but it remains open to supporting and assisting in information sharing.

Commissioner Cashion shared that she recognizes that this is very personal to the community. She noted that most of the issues that were raised by the community are beyond the purview of the Board. She shared that she would be in support of the motion but thanked the community for attending and sharing their opinions.

Vice Chairwoman Foster amended her motion to clarify **Section 3. The amendment is reasonable and in the public interest.**

Commissioner Tillman noted that he does support the item and finds it reasonable and in the public's best interest. He spoke to balancing future land use in rural areas, considering competing values and determining fairness.

Taking the prerogative of the Chair, Chairman Alston recognized Vice Chairwoman Foster to introduce the Resolution Commemorating the 64th Anniversary of the High Point Sit-In Movement.

B. 2024-160 RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 64TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HIGH POINT SIT-IN MOVEMENT

Receive resolution commemorating the 64th anniversary of the High Point Sit-In Movement.

[Legislation Text](#)

Vice Chairwoman Foster welcomed civil rights pioneer Mary Lou Andrews Blakeney and Mr. Joe Barnes, Resource Development Vice-President of the United Way of Greater High Point's African American Initiative to the meeting.

Vice Chairwoman Foster read the resolution into the record.

Blakney, former Ward 1 High Point City Councilwoman, shared that she was the one to lead the Woolworth sit in and marches in High Point. She shared that twenty-six (26) participated in the first civil rights march, and since then their children have carried forward their history. She shared that it is important to include our children and share the history as they will lead our future. She thanked the Board for recognizing the High Point sit-ins.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2024-139 MWBE DEPARTMENT OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT AT THE NUSSBAUM CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Approve, in substantial form, the attached occupancy agreement with The Nussbaum Center for Entrepreneurship located at 1451 South Elm-Eugene Street in the amount of \$141,804 for a three (3) year term effective June 1, 2024.

Legislation Text

[PRE-AUDIT CONTRACT 90005236 The Nussbaum Cntr for Entrepreneurship_2.2.2024_v4.pdf](#)

Shaunne Thomas, Minority and Women's Business Enterprise (MWBE) Director, introduced the agenda item. She highlighted better parking accommodations for large construction vehicles and increased area foot traffic.

Vice Chairwoman Foster questioned if we are moving closer to securing a High Point location.

Thomas confirmed site visits and future community outreach events.

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to adopt, in substantial form, the attached occupancy agreement with The Nussbaum Center for Entrepreneurship located at 1451 South Elm-Eugene Street in the amount of \$141,804 for a three (3) year term effective June 1, 2024.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman, Alan Perdue
NOES: None

The Board recessed the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

B. 2024-149 RECEIVE FY2024 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT THROUGH QUARTER 2

Receive FY2024 Budget Performance Report.

[Legislation Text](#)

[FY2024 - Q2 Performance Report - Final](#)

Toy Benninga, Budget & Management Director, shared that overall, they continue to monitor property tax receipts. He noted that we have seen some sales tax refunds from non-profits which are higher than normal.

Benninga shared that they continue to monitor our personnel budget with historically low vacancies and noted that the economy continues to show signs of strength.

C. 2024-153 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA GEODETIC SURVEY TO SURVEY, MARK, AND MAP THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN GUILFORD AND FORSYTH COUNTIES

Adopt resolution authorizing the North Carolina Geodetic Survey to survey, mark and map the boundary between Guilford and Forsyth Counties.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Map of Guilford and Forsyth County Line](#)

[Supporting Documentation-Feb 15 2024.pdf](#)

Ben Chavis, Tax Director, reviewed the agenda item. He noted continued development along the boundary, and that the Forsyth County Commissioners authorized its geodetic survey resolution at its February 1, 2024 meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., and seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to adopt a resolution authorizing the North Carolina Geodetic Survey to survey, mark and map the boundary between Guilford and Forsyth Counties.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

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

NOES: None

D. 2024-156 COUNTY SUPPORT OF THE SERVANT CENTER EXPANSION

Approve an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to The Servant Center to support the purchase of the Holden Heights property, contingent upon the Center raising the rest of the funds

to purchase the building and authorize staff to execute all necessary agreements and contracts. The \$1,000,000 for The Servant Center will be funded from the \$2 million of Homelessness Task Force funds set aside by the Board of Commissioners for the Center for Hope and Healing Project.

Incorporate The Servant Center's \$500,000 request for renovation funds into the FY 2024-25 Community Based Organizations funding process for consideration by the Board of Commissioners during the FY 2024-25 budget process.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Servant Center - Guilford County Letter and Attachments re Holden Heights.pdf](#)

[Updated Budget for County Request.xlsx](#)

County Manager Halford introduced the agenda item. He noted that the Servant Center has been in our community for over thirty (30) years to help our veterans and restore services. He shared the proposal is to bring a respite center that currently does not exist. He noted an additional request with the budget process will be an additional \$500,000 to renovate the building, which will come later in the calendar year. Tonight's recommendation is to use \$1 million from the Homelessness Taskforce allocations.

Commissioner Tillman shared that we discuss collaborations and how we combat homelessness. He noted that 94% of the individuals that left the Servant Center moved into permanent housing to recover their dignity and move to a place where they can now live on their own.

Shanna Reece, Executive Director, shared that The Servant Center is celebrating thirty (30) years of service to Guilford County. It was established in 1993 and served over 400 veterans and families. We are able to help veterans into permanent housing. She noted that the number of homeless over the age of sixty-two (62) has doubled. She asked for the County's support for its first medical respite center for veterans experiencing homelessness. They are proposing twenty-two (22) medical respite beds for men or women, and to support their efforts to permanent housing. She highlighted the Holden Heights property located on the corner of Holden Road and Gate City Boulevard. They are seeking funds to rehabilitate an unused nursing home.

Vice Chairwoman Foster clarified that the request tonight is for \$1 million.

Reece confirmed.

Chairman Alston noted the initial request is for \$1 million to secure the building and another \$500,000 is for renovation in December.

Commissioner Cashion commended the public-private partnership efforts in support of The Servant Center.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pat Tillman, and seconded by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr. to adopt an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to The Servant Center to support the purchase of the Holden Heights property, contingent upon the Center raising the rest of the

funds to purchase the building and authorize staff to execute all necessary agreements and contracts. The \$1,000,000 for The Servant Center will be funded from the \$2 million of Homelessness Task Force funds set aside by the Board of Commissioners for the Center for Hope and Healing Project.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman, Alan Perdue
NOES: None

IX. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

There was no update presented.

X. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2024-151 APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Consider and approve the following appointments:

Trillium Regional Advisory Board
Appoint Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston
Appoint Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster

Legislation Text

Motion was made by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to adopt the following appointments:

**Trillium Regional Advisory Board
Appoint Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston
Appoint Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster**

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman, Alan Perdue
NOES: None

XI. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Cooke reported her attendance of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) executive committee meeting and review of the Guilford County Impact report for return on investment (ROI). She noted ROI in aging services in an amount of \$3.7 million and \$1 million

in housing programs through grant funding for weatherizing homes. She shared that this Monday she attended the Ready for School/Ready for Life meeting. She noted a presentation regarding 2023 updates to include 38,000 service interactions and distribution of 288,000 books for its early literacy program. She shared attendance at a Family Forward steering committee initiative.

Commissioner Cashion shared attendance at a Continuum of Care (CoC) meeting and commended the stakeholders. She provided an update of community interest and media coverage in support of the Women and Childrens' Recovery Center.

Commissioner Cooke recognized Assistant County Manager Jason Jones for his efforts in leading Guilford County through the Family Forward initiative.

Commissioner Murphy noted that the Parks and Recreation advisory board met with the Master Plan consultants last week. She shared attendance at a community input event at Northeast Park and commended staff leading these efforts.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY

A. 2024-148 BUDGET AMENDMENT REPORT FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS PROCESSED UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE COUNTY MANAGER IN THE FY2024 BUDGET ORDINANCE

Receive and record Budget Amendment report for budget amendments processed under the authority granted to the County Manager in the FY2024 Budget Ordinance.

Legislation Text

24.02.15 - Manager's Contingency Report

Halford noted transfers out of contingency, in addition to feedback from the courts and judges regarding security enhancements for the High Point Courthouse.

B. 2024-137 2ND QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT

Receive quarterly investment report.

Legislation Text

Quarterly Investment Report for 123123 - Final02152023 ADA

Halford shared the County's second quarter report in the Board's packet for review. He commended the County for a successful bond review. He provided a school bond sale update at a very good interest rate (under 3.25%), with ten (10) bidders, which is the highest number of bidders in recent memory.

There were no comments from the County Attorney.

XIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gray-Hill shared his first attendance of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference. He shared that it was very informative. He noted his attendance at the High Point Housing Authority meeting at High Point University. He encouraged exercising the right to vote in the primary election.

Commissioner Cashion shared her participation at the NACo meeting and her service on the Board of the Juvenile Crime Commission Council. She shared that she has been re-appointed to the NACo Board of Directors. She noted she has also been appointed as Chair of the NACo nominating committee for the 2024-2025 offices.

Commissioner Perdue shared his participation on the Saturday Technology and Telecommunications steering committee. He shared that a key topic was the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). Guilford County has over 40,000 families participating in Guilford County. The ACP program expires this month, and we are seeking support from Congress to continue that program.

Commissioner Perdue noted that his name was submitted for a Federal Appointment to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Intergovernmental Advisory Committee and received notification that he was appointed to the position for a two (2) year term.

Commissioner Tillman shared his attendance at the NACo Conference and noted that as a new county commissioner the relationships developed and access to expertise is unparalleled. This access to information helps us to bring federal funding to Guilford County. He shared that he will be working on federal earmarks for workforce development funding.

Commissioner Tillman reported that he learned there are some very insidious predators preying on veterans and their disability benefits (i.e., *VAClaimsInsider.com* and *GIBill.com*). These fraudulent companies charge thousands of dollars in service fees. He spoke to the updates on federal bills that need support and spoke to the GUARD Act to impose criminal penalties and make it illegal for these predatory claim sharks.

Commissioner Jones shared that he was able to kick off Black History Month at True Salvation Christian Fellowship. He shared his participation on a panel on the Piedmont Triad Chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW). He recognized the passing of Dudley Products, Incorporated president, Joe Dudley, Sr.

Commissioner Foster shared she was able to kick off Black History month at Fairview Elementary. She commended Joe Barnes and the African American Initiative of the United Way of Greater High Point for facilitating the February 11th prayer vigil. She shared her attendance at the High Point Housing Authority annual meeting and luncheon. She congratulated the award recipients, who have helped to change the face of the housing authority. She shared her participation in a community roundtable hosted by the Sheriff's Office at the High Point Carl Chavis YMCA.

Chairman Alston reminded the community of the International Civil Rights Center and Museum (ICRCM) Speaker Series. He shared his attendance of NACo and spoke to the affordable housing steering committee.

XIV. 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.

XV. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:32 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Brandon Gray-Hill, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman, Alan Perdue
NOES: None

Melvin "Skip" Alston
Chairman

Robin Keller
Clerk