



Guilford County

301 West Market Street
Greensboro, NC 27402

Addendum Agenda - Final Board of Commissioners

Thursday, September 4, 2025

5:30 PM

Second Floor, Old County Courthouse

ADDENDUM

V. PRESENTATIONS - ADD

- G. [2025-387](#) RESOLUTION HONORING THE LEGACY OF EDWARD SAMUEL "JIM" MELVIN, FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO

Requested Action: Receive the resolution honoring the legacy of the Former City of Greensboro Mayor, Edward Samuel "Jim" Melvin.

Resolution:

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LEGACY OF EDWARD
SAMUEL "JIM" MELVIN, FORMER MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF GREENSBORO**

WHEREAS, Edward Samuel "Jim" Melvin passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2025, and is remembered as a stalwart in Greensboro's legacy; and

WHEREAS, Jim Melvin graduated from Greensboro Senior High School, now Grimsley High School, and matriculated to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he earned a business degree; and

WHEREAS, Jim Melvin worked in the banking industry, initially starting his first job at North Carolina National Bank (NCNB), then Wells Fargo, and later retiring from Central Carolina Bank after four decades of service; and

WHEREAS, he served with distinction as Mayor of the City of Greensboro from 1971 to 1981, becoming the longest-serving mayor in the city's history, and the first-ever mayor to enter office by popular election in Greensboro; and

WHEREAS, during his two decades of service, Jim Melvin was a steadfast champion for economic development, job creation, and civic innovation, guiding Greensboro through periods of transformative growth; and

WHEREAS, Jim Melvin's visionary leadership helped position Greensboro as a regional hub for business, culture, and higher education, forging strong partnerships between the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, his tenure was marked by an unwavering commitment to fostering opportunity, expanding infrastructure, and enhancing the

quality of life for all Greensboro residents; and

WHEREAS, Jim Melvin was known for his ability to bring people together, transcending political differences to focus on the common good of the community he loved; and

WHEREAS, following his time in elected office, Jim Melvin continued his lifelong dedication to service, notably through his leadership as chairman and CEO of the Joseph M. Bryan Foundation, and as chair of the Greensboro Sports Foundation. He championed philanthropic initiatives that strengthened Greensboro's cultural, educational, and economic vitality through the creation of the Bryan Park Golf Club and the development of the Bryan Park Soccer Complex; and

WHEREAS, his pivotal involvement with the Greater Greensboro Open, now the Wyndham Championship, along with expanding athletes' footprints and supporting Greensboro's sports landscape, helped strengthen the city's recognition as "Tournament Town"; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong member of West Market Street United Methodist Church, his civic activities also included serving as president of the Greensboro Jaycees in 1965, creating Action Greensboro in 2001, establishing First Horizon Park in 2004, forming the Piedmont Triad Partnership, and transforming regional economic development through the Greensboro-Randolph Megasite project; and

WHEREAS, his legacy endures as we fondly remember him as "Mr. Greensboro" through the countless lives he touched, the institutions he strengthened, and the enduring spirit of collaboration and progress he instilled in Greensboro; and

WHEREAS, Jim Melvin's dedication to the city of Greensboro did not outweigh his love for his wife, Susan, their sons Jimbo and Taylor, and close family and friends, to whom he shared his spirit of integrity and passion for community building in education, sports, and the arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Guilford County Board of Commissioners hereby honors and celebrates the

extraordinary legacy of Edward Samuel “Jim” Melvin, recognizing him as a historic figure whose transformative efforts reshaped Greensboro, along with his enduring contributions to the life of the city, and extends its sincere condolences to his family in his passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official records as a permanent tribute to Edward Samuel “Jim” Melvin’s remarkable leadership, service, and devotion to Greensboro and its people.

PRESENTED this 4th day of September, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the County of Guilford to be affixed, this the 4th day of September 2025.

Melvin “Skip” Alston, Chairman
Guilford County Board of Commissioners

Sponsors: Chairman Skip Alston

- H. [2025-388](#) PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 AS PATRIOT'S DAY AND NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Requested Action: Adopt Proclamation recognizing September 11, 2025 as Patriot's Day and National Day of Service in Guilford County.

Resolution:

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001 nearly 3,000 men, women and children lost their lives during one of the worst acts of terrorism in US history; and

WHEREAS, in its aftermath, the families and loved ones of those lost felt, and continue to feel, the lasting impact of this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, our military, law enforcement officers, firefighters, first responders and other emergency personnel displayed true heroism and courage as they responded to the attacks and aided victims; and

WHEREAS, this tragedy will always serve as a reminder of the strength, resilience and compassion our citizens possess in the face of devastating loss; and

WHEREAS, Congress designated September 11 of each year as "Patriot's Day" and an annually recognized "National Day of Service and Remembrance"; and

WHEREAS, Guilford County pays tribute to the lives of those lost with service and charity towards others to preserve democracy and ensure the safety of our community, state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Guilford County Board of Commissioners that it hereby proclaims September 11, 2025 as **PATRIOT'S DAY** and a **NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE** and encourages Guilford County citizens to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46AM on this date in honor of the heroic service and actions of the first responders and countless others who bravely risked their lives and made the ultimate sacrifice during rescue efforts. The Board offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends and

loved ones of the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and encourages residents to participate in acts of community service and appropriate ceremonies and activities, including remembrance services, in commemoration of lives lost and those who risked all to preserve, protect and defend democracy.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of September 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the County of Guilford to be affixed, this the 4th day of September, 2025.

Melvin “Skip” Alston, Chairman

Guilford County Board of Commissioners

Sponsors:

Commissioner Patrick Tillman

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - AMEND

B. [2025-376](#) HHS - DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES ADOPTION PROMOTION PROGRAM FUND

Background: The Adoption Promotion Program Fund is designed to: enhance and expand adoption programs; secure permanent homes for hard-to-place children; and encourage partnerships between public and private agencies to achieve permanence for children in a timely manner. Participating agencies are compensated for adoption services that culminate in the finalization of an adoption. Some of these services include: recruitment of adoptive families; pre-adoption training; post-placement support; and the facilitation of legal procedures resulting in the finalization of an adoption. Each county may apply for reimbursement of adoption services after exceeding a pre-determined baseline and sending, or encumbering previously received funds. Guilford County's baseline for FY 25 was 34 adoptions; we completed 55 adoptions. The County submitted requests and received a \$312,083 (\$112,083 above anticipated budget) in funding as result of exceeding adoption estimates.

The received funding must be tracked and used in accordance with NCGS 108A-50. At the end of Fiscal Year 2025, \$282,695 will fall to the General Fund's Fund Balance in addition to the \$73,538 already within fund balance from previous year adoption promotion allocations; therefore, staff are requesting the FY26 budget be amended from \$200,000 of anticipated revenues to \$356,233 in fund balance, to properly track revenues.

Requested Action: Decrease appropriation of Federal/State revenue by \$200,000, increase appropriation of Fund Balance by \$356,233, and increase the appropriation to Health & Human Services - Social Services Division by \$156,233.

Budget Impact: **Budget Ordinance Amendment**

General Fund

\$200,000 Decrease in Federal/State Revenue

\$356,233 Increase in Appropriated Fund Balance

\$156,233 Increase in Appropriation to Health & Human Services - Social Services

NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED

Sponsors: Sharon Barlow, HHS-DSS Director

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - ADD

D. [2025-367](#) LEES CHAPEL FACILITY NAMING**Background:**

Requesting Board consideration to dedicate the Lees Chapel Residential Treatment Center in honor of the late Reverend Prince Edward Graves, a Greensboro native, clergyman, and civil rights advocate.

Reverend Graves, born in Greensboro on November 29, 1921, was a graduate of James B. Dudley High School and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After returning home, he worked as a brick mason and later established his own company. In 1953, he became Pastor of St. James Baptist Church, where he led efforts to establish one of Greensboro's first meal kitchens (later evolving into Greensboro Urban Ministries), launched a citywide program providing breakfast and coats for children in need, and opened the church basement to house the homeless, starting Greensboro's first homeless shelter.

During the civil rights era, Reverend Graves was called upon to assist during times of racial unrest and provided St. James as a meeting place for civil rights advocacy. His own advocacy for affordable housing culminated in the development of the Prince Edward Graves Homes in 1980. He also served as chairman of the Greensboro Human Relations Commission, briefly on the Greensboro City Council, and received numerous state and community awards, including the NAACP Economic Development Award and recognition from Governor Jim Hunt. Reverend Graves retired from pastoring after 45 years of service and passed away on January 15, 2005.

Dedicating the Lees Chapel Residential Treatment Center in Reverend Graves' name would honor his lifelong mission of serving those in need-particularly individuals and families experiencing homelessness, poverty, substance abuse, or mental health challenges. His example of service and stewardship aligns with the mission of the Center to provide recovery care and stability for vulnerable populations.

Requested Action:

Approve dedication and naming for the Guilford County facility at 1411 Lees Chapel Rd. to be: The Reverend Prince Edward Graves Recovery and Treatment Center as the name to be used on building

signage and County communications regarding the facility.

Sponsors:

Chairman Skip Alston