

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
April 7, 2016

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on April 7, 2016 at 5:30PM, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Jeff Phillips, presiding; Vice Chairman Alan Branson; Commissioners Kay Cashion, Carolyn Q. Coleman (in at 5:47PM), J. Carlvena Foster, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue, Ray Trapp and Hank Henning.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Marty Lawing; County Attorney Mark Payne; Deputy County Manager Clarence Grier; Robin Keller, Clerk to Board; Ariane Webb, Deputy Clerk to Board; Reid Baker, Finance Director; Mike Halford, Budget Director; Ben Chavis, Tax Director; J. Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director; Merle Green, DHHS-Public Health Division Director; Bonnie Stellfox, Purchasing Director; Jim Albright, Emergency Services; Captain Ken Whitesell, Sheriff's Office; Jeff Fowler, Security Director; members of the community and media.

I. INVOCATION

Chaplin Ben Chavis led those present in the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Phillips led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:41PM.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Shelby Moore, transportation driver with Guilford County Schools (GCS), requested the Board consider wage increases for bus drivers as priority during this budget season.

Mary Donaldson, transportation driver with GCS, shared her experiences as a driver of special needs children and expressed concerns that the State budget did not include wage increases for bus drivers, school nutrition and other schools support staff.

Commissioner Coleman arrived to the meeting at 5:47PM.

Rachel Eitner, Teamsters Union representative, spoke in support of wage increases for the lowest paid GCS employees, and noted this campaign is being shared with the Guilford County Board of Education. She referenced County poverty rates and shared approximately 94,000 County residents receive Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) benefits. Eitner noted many of these residents are GCS employees, and that Wake County and Durham County Commissioners provided 3% wage increases to the employees in their school systems within the prior fiscal year. She stated a petition was submitted to the Board requesting the BOE adopt a locally funded pay increase for the lowest paid school system personnel.

Commissioner Henning clarified for those present that the Board of Commissioners does not fund GCS salaries and has no authority to direct the Guilford County Board of Education (BOE) to how to allocate their operations funding. He shared they would be happy to help advocate the request to the BOE, but wanted to identify the limits of their authority regarding school salaries.

Commissioner Coleman stated the Board could suggest GCS utilize funding to increase bus driver's wages when they allocate operational funds.

Commissioner Trapp questioned Wake County's ability to fund school salary increases.

County Attorney Mark Payne discussed the agreement reached between Wake County government and the Wake County BOE to increase salaries.

Commissioner Trapp thanked the GCS bus drivers for presenting and sharing an alternate perspective.

Commissioner Foster noted the impact of the County budget upon the GCS budget.

Chairman Phillips encouraged the speakers to present during GCS BOE meetings, and reiterated final allocation decisions do not rest with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Henning discussed the Board's history of providing \$1.5 million to GCS for raises in teacher assistant salaries, and noted GCS was unable to uphold the agreement due to budgetary constraints.

Byron Gladden, Greensboro resident and District 7 GCS BOE candidate, requested the Board deny the Sheriff Department's request to purchase a Firearms Training Simulator (FATS) system. He expressed concerns with the prevalence of certain genders and races in simulations and lack of policy to limit access to police personnel.

Lissa Harris, co-founder of Parents Supporting Parents and educational advocate, spoke to the need to improve law enforcement training related to interactions with mentally ill and disabled students. She discussed Guilford Say Yes and the need to use this funding for improvements in wrap around services and requested staff re-direct monitoring of school resource officers (SRO) in Guilford County Schools. Ms. Harris noted the need to improve data collection related to dispatch of SRO's to ensure their interactions with students are properly recorded.

James Welch, Greensboro resident and Black Lives Matter representative, expressed concerns with increased funding of the Sheriff's department and spoke against acquisition of the FATS system. He discussed his recent experience with a County deputy, and expressed concerns regarding racial profiling. Mr. Welch noted the need to re-invest funding allocated to the Sheriff's Department into the local community.

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. 2016-136 PROCLAIM APRIL 2016 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Legislation Text

PROCLAIM APRIL 2016 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Whereas, incidences of sexual violence and child abuse are widespread and impact every community member of Guilford County; and,

Whereas, sexual violence and child abuse are a public responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of Guilford County; and,

Whereas, rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment adversely impact our community. Nationally, one in six women and one in 33 men will be victims of rape, or attempted rape, at some point in their lives; and

Whereas; child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that one in six boys and one in four girls will experience a sexual assault before age 18; and

Whereas, the Guilford County Family Justice Center works with community partners specializing in providing crisis response, advocacy and support to child and adult victims of abuse and sexual violence, which includes the Department of Health and Human Services, local law enforcement, Family Service of the Piedmont, Kellin Foundation's Child Response Initiative, Children's Law Center of Central North Carolina, District Attorney's Office, and Cone Health's Sexual Assault Forensic Nursing Program; and

Whereas, many organizations provide critical support to children and families and local statistics for 2015 include over 5,600 reports to DHHS for suspected child abuse and neglect, involving 10,600 children, 235 forensic interviews of children suspected of having been sexually or physically abused, and over 300 sexual assault exams initiated at Cone Health; and

Whereas, effective sexual assault and child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

Whereas, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing sexual violence and child abuse in Guilford County through increased education, awareness, and community involvement; and

Whereas, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent both child abuse and sexual violence. Guilford County is committed to starting conversations, taking appropriate action and supporting one another to create a safe, stable and nurturing community for all.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Guilford County Board of Commissioners join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent child abuse and sexual violence and hereby proclaim April as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and “Child Abuse Prevention Month.”

Commissioner Cashion recognized several community providers who address domestic violence, sexual and child abuse, and read the proclamation declaring April 2016 as Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Shea Harger thanked the Board for bringing awareness to sexual assault and child abuse victims.

Commissioner Cashion noted Guilford County Family Justice Center Director Catherine Johnson was recently spotlighted in the UNC-Greensboro Alumni Magazine.

Chairman Phillips thanked local providers for their work and efforts to protect our community.

[2. 2016-119 PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2016 NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH](#)

[Legislation Text](#)

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2016
NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH**

Whereas, the nation's 3,069 counties serve more than 300 million Americans by providing essential services to create healthy, safe, vibrant and economically resilient communities; and

Whereas, counties move America forward by providing health care, administration of justice, keeping communities safe, running elections, managing solid waste, keeping records and much more; and

Whereas, Guilford County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and responsible ways; and

Whereas, each year since 1991, the National Association of Counties has encouraged across the Country to actively promote their own programs and services to the public that they serve; and

Whereas, Guilford County plans to host community forums during the month of April to spotlight the ways in which Guilford makes safety and security a priority in our community, provide lunch and learn opportunities for employees, and promote awareness of the County's roles and resources. Information and a detailed calendar of events will be posted on the County's website: <http://www.myguilford.com/>.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Guilford County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2016 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to take this opportunity to participate in county government celebration activities.

Vice Chairman Branson read the proclamation declaring April 2016 as National County Government month.

Chairman Phillips shared his appreciation of County employees, as well as, all employees of local government.

[3. 2016-120 PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2016 AS PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH](#)

[Legislation Text](#)

[2016 Public Health Month Proclamation BOCC](#)

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2016
AS PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH**

WHEREAS, we hereby recognize and acknowledge 105 years of public health service to the residents of Guilford County by the Guilford County Department of Public Health, and the immeasurable contribution of their services and programs to the quality of life in our County; and

WHEREAS, the County's public health measures to control and eliminate infectious diseases, improve environmental sanitation, and promote healthy lifestyle practices have been the greatest cause of improved health status and increased life expectancy for Guilford County's residents, such that Guilford County residents have an average life expectancy of 79 years; and

WHEREAS, the County's public health department plays a critical role in eliminating health inequities and preventing chronic diseases and injuries, resulting in improved productivity and decreased health care costs for all residents of Guilford County; and

WHEREAS, a continued focus on promoting health programs that provide accessible, high-quality medical care and that promote healthy lifestyles for North Carolina women of childbearing years has resulted in a 17 percent decline in infant mortality since 2000; and

WHEREAS, a continued focus on prevention has resulted in a 40 percent decline in age-adjusted heart disease death rates since 2000, a 45 percent decline in age-adjusted stroke death rates since 2000 and a 56 percent decline in birth rates for teens (ages 15 - 19) since 2000 in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, our health department is committed to a continued emphasis on prevention in public health and on helping Guilford County reach a better state of health through actions outlined in the Health North Carolina 2020 Objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Health North Carolina 2020 health objectives represent a 10-year plan to improve the health of all North Carolinians by working to promote access to preventive and need health services; foster positive and supportive living and working conditions in our communities; and support individuals in developing capacities and skills to achieve health living; and

WHEREAS, communities, employers, hospitals and health care providers, individuals and families, insurers, legislators and policy makers, schools and child care facilities must work together to identify and develop innovative solutions to health problems facing the people of Guilford County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Guilford County Board of Health does hereby
proclaim
April, 2016 as

PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH

This Board encourages all Guilford County residents to take steps to protect and promote the health and wellbeing of their families by making healthy personal lifestyle choices, seeking regular preventative health care and logging onto <http://www.myguilford.com/> for information and suggestions for maintaining and improving health.

Commissioner Conrad read the proclamation declaring April 2016 as Public Health Month.

DHHS-Public Health Division Director Merle Green accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Public Health Department. She spoke to the importance of the policies established by the Board of Commissioners in an effort to improve the health and quality of life in Guilford County.

Chairman Phillips thanked Green for her hard work and leadership.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2016-118 DHHS - SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION ENERGY PROGRAMS UPDATED FUNDING AUTHORIZATION

Approve an amendment to the FY15-16 Budget Ordinance increasing the appropriation to Health and Human Services - Division of Social Services by \$263,100 and accordingly increasing the Federal/State Revenue appropriation by \$263,100.

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[CIP Funding Authorization 040716](#)

2. 2016-130 SOLE SOURCE EXCEPTION FOR PURCHASE OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND JAIL VIDEO VISITATION SYSTEMS INTERFACE FROM NORMENT SECURITY GROUP

Approve an increase of \$28,771 in appropriated Fund Balance (Unauthorized Substance Fund) and increase the appropriation to Law Enforcement. Direct staff to take such actions necessary to secure the purchase of the equipment and enter into any necessary agreements.

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B. CONTRACTS

1. 2016-121 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION: NIA COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER, INC. CONTRACT AMENDMENT #5

Approve NIA Community Action Center, Inc. contract amendment # 5, in substantial form, in the amount of \$130,725 to be effective for the period June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017.

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[NIA COMMUNITY ACTION CENTER INC - Contract Amend 5 Scan - 6-1-2016](#)

2. 2016-124 PURCHASE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES

Approve the purchase of (33) Law Enforcement vehicles to include to include: sixteen (16) Police Pursuit Dodge Chargers, ten (10) Ford PI Utility AWD vehicles, one (1) Ford F-250 XL Super Cab 4X4, one (1) Ford F-150 Crew Cab 4X4, one (1) Ford Transit Connect Cargo Van, three (3) Ford Transit T-350 Vans, and one (1) undercover vehicle. All vehicles, with exception of the undercover vehicle, will be purchased from North Carolina Sheriff Association Contracts 15-01-0611 and 16-02-0929, and the undercover vehicle will be purchased from a local automobile dealership, per County and State guidelines.

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[2016 Law Enforcement Vehicle Purchase List](#)

[Sheriff-Assoc-Vehicle-Group-Purchasing-SOG-opinion-Aug2015.pdf](#)

3. 2016-129 POOL MANAGEMENT AND LIFEGUARD SERVICES CONTRACT RENEWAL - POOL PROFESSIONALS OF THE TRIAD, INC.

Approve a one (1) year contract with Pool Professionals of the Triad, Inc. for pool management and lifeguard services at Northeast Park, Bur-Mil Park and Hagan Stone Aquatic Center in the amount of \$189,930. The contract is effective April 1, 2016 and will end March 31, 2017.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Pool Professionals of the Triad Inc.Contract.Scan.3.28.2016.pdf](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2016-135 MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT FOR TOWN OF GIBSONVILLE - WILLIAM F. MORICLE RECREATIONAL COMPLEX AND EDWARD G. MURRELL PARK

Review and adopt the Master Plan Amendment for the Town of Gibsonville - William F. Moricle Recreational Complex and Edward G. Murrell Park.

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[Gibsonville Master Plan Amendment.docx](#)

[GUILFORD COUNTY MASTER PARKS and RECREATION PLAN 2015-2025 v4 11.22.14.docx](#)

2. 2016-138 PARKING SPACE LEASE AGREEMENT

Approve Amendment, attached hereto, in substantial form to parking space lease agreement with Park Lot, LLC, which allows Landlord the ability to lease out Guilford County-designated spaces to the Greensboro Grasshoppers for parking on Game Day nights, after 6 pm and on weekends during the remaining term of the County's lease agreement.

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[PARK LOT LLC - Lease.docx](#)

[Initial Purchase Agreement.pdf](#)

[PARK LOT LLC - Lease Attachment.pdf](#)

[2016 Hoppers Schedule.pdf](#)

[Copy of Copy of Grasshopper Events.Parking.20161.pdf](#)

3. 2016-122 MINUTES APPROVAL

Review and approve the following sets of draft meeting minutes:

03/03/2016 Regular Meeting

03/17/2016 Work Session

03/17/2016 Regular Meeting

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[dmws031716](#)

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4. 2016-133 BUDGET AMENDMENT REPORT FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS
PROCESSED UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE COUNTY
MANAGER IN THE FY2015-2016 BUDGET ORDINANCE

Receive Budget Amendment report for budget amendments processed under the
authority granted to the County Manager in the FY2015-2016 Budget Ordinance.

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[Budget Amends Report Apr 7 2016.pdf](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Justin Conrad, seconded by Vice Chairman Alan Branson, to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

**AYES: J. Phillips, A. Branson, K. Cashion, C. Coleman, C. Foster, J. Conrad,
A. Perdue, R. Trapp, H. Henning**

NOES: None

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2016-092 GUILFORD COUNTY DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #15-12-GCPL-06404)

Approve Text Amendment Case #15-12-GCPL-06404 to the Guilford County Development Ordinance to amend Articles ii, II, III, IV and IX, and all corresponding Table of Contents changing all references of Conditional Use Districts to read Conditional Zoning, and all Conditional Use (CU) acronyms to Conditional Zoning (CZ) acronyms, effective January 13, 2016. Additionally, add new Section 4-2.3 (B) and (C) to read as follows: (B) Existing Zoning Designations of "CU-" on the Official Zoning Map of Guilford County have been approved historically via a legislative process and thus will be considered and administered consistent with parcels designated as Conditional Zoning (CZ) as of January 13, 2016. Application: The Conditional Zoning classification will be considered only upon request of the property owner for rezoning. (C) Application: The Conditional Zoning classification will be considered only upon request of the property owner for rezoning.

Legislation Text

A Conditional What Clarifying Some Confusing Zoning Terminology

GC-Planning corrected2-10-16

Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director, introduced the item and stated staff requests the Board approve a text amendment to the Small Building ordinance, which changes all references to Conditional Use districts to read Conditional Zoning and all Conditional Use (CU) acronyms to Conditional Zoning (CZ) acronyms effective January 13, 2016. He stated the amendment allows the rezoning process to remain consistent with North Carolina General Statutes. Bell stated Conditional Zoning appeals will remain quasi-judicial, and stressed the amendment only modifies terminology, and does not change the process.

Chairman Phillips opened the hearing for proponents of text amendments to the Guilford County Development Ordinance. There being no proponents, the floor was opened to opponents of the request. There being no opponents, Chairman Phillips closed the public hearing and opened the floor to Commissioners for questions.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Alan Branson, seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to approve Text Amendment Case #15-12-GCPL-06404 to the Guilford County Development Ordinance to amend Articles ii, II, III, IV and IX, and all corresponding Table of Contents changing all references of Conditional Use Districts to read Conditional Zoning, and all Conditional Use (CU) acronyms to Conditional Zoning (CZ) acronyms, effective January 13, 2016. Additionally, add new Section 4-2.3 (B) and (C) to read as follows:

(B) Existing Zoning Designations of “CU-“on the Official Zoning Map of Guilford County have been approved historically via a legislative process and thus will be considered and administered consistent with parcels designated as Conditional Zoning (CZ) as of [Insert the effective date of amendment.] ~~Application: The Conditional Zoning classification will be considered only upon request of the property owner for rezoning.~~

(C) Application: The Conditional Zoning classification will be considered only upon request of the property owner for rezoning.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: J. Phillips, A. Branson, K. Cashion, C. Coleman, C. Foster, J. Conrad,
A. Perdue, R. Trapp, H. Henning
NOES: None

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2016-110 PURCHASE OF FIREARMS TRAINING SIMULATOR (FATS) SYSTEM - \$51,850

Approve an increase of \$51,850 in appropriated Fund Balance (Federal Forfeiture Funds) and increase the appropriation to Law Enforcement. Direct staff to take such actions necessary to secure the purchase of the equipment and enter into any necessary agreements.

Legislation Text

Captain Ken Whitesell, Sheriff's Office, reviewed the previously tabled item. He discussed research conducted regarding simulator scenarios and noted law enforcement and detention officers will utilize the system. Whitesell stated there is no option to change the ethnicity or gender of the suspect in the 700 pre-recorded scenarios, and noted a breakdown of racial composition within the recordings was provided to the Board.

Whitesell noted officers will train using weapons they carry daily by modifying the firing mechanism. He reiterated the value of the system for law enforcement and detention officers, and noted its ability to train officers 24/7. Whitesell spoke to state guidelines that define reasonable force and deadly force, and noted the simulator allows deputies to apply these procedures properly.

Chairman Phillips requested a breakdown by race of simulation scenario suspects.

Whitesell provided the breakdown: 60% Caucasian, 15% African-American, 15% Hispanic, 5% Arabic and 5% Asian. He noted citizens can be limited to performing marksmanship drills only within the simulator, and noted training will include how to properly handle the gun, cleaning the weapon and shoot/no-shoot laws. He discussed examples of scenarios that would be appropriate for citizen training.

Chairman Phillips spoke to the system as a valuable resource which could benefit staff, as well as, provide opportunities for firearms safety for citizens.

Commissioner Trapp questioned the utilization of the firing range.

Captain Whitesell stated the range is primarily used for firearms qualifications, and noted use is limited for staff due to the number of citizens who utilize the range for practice, and its closing time of 10:00PM. He noted the range is used for summer-time clinics to aid law enforcement in marksmanship.

Commissioner Trapp questioned if anyone has been injured or shot at the firing range.

Whitesell stated no one has been shot, but stated there have been incidences of injury resulting from falls.

Commissioner Trapp expressed concerns with identifying ethnicity in simulations and questioned why the recordings do not feature suspects wearing face masks.

Whitesell noted he has not viewed all the scenarios and spoke to the possibility of some simulation suspects wearing face masks. He discussed his law enforcement experiences in identifying the threat and available weapons versus focusing on the race of the suspect.

Commissioner Trapp expressed his concerns with the racial component of the scenarios and shared he would not be able to support the agenda item.

Commissioner Conrad spoke in support of request, and noted the benefit of the request outweighs the cost if one life is saved through these trainings.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, seconded by Vice Chairman Alan Branson, to approve an increase of \$51,850 in appropriated Fund Balance (Federal Forfeiture Funds) and increase the appropriation to Law Enforcement. Direct staff to take such actions necessary to secure the purchase of the equipment and enter into any necessary agreements.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 2

AYES: J. Phillips, A. Branson, K. Cashion, C. Coleman, J. Conrad, A. Perdue, H. Henning

NOES: C. Foster and R. Trapp

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2016-126 CONSTRUCTION OF CANINE (K9) KENNEL AND TRAINING FACILITY - \$135,850

Approve the increase of \$135,850 in appropriated Fund Balance (Federal Forfeiture Funds) and increase the appropriation to Law Enforcement. Direct staff to take such actions necessary to secure the purchase of the equipment and enter into any necessary agreements.

Legislation Text

Budget Cost of Items and Services To Complete K-9 Building

Whitesell introduced the agenda item and spoke to the need for a new K-9 facility. He stated the department averages \$18,000-\$20,000 in kenneling costs annually, and noted a proper kennel would provide security and training for K-9's. Whitesell spoke to the K-9 team's role in accomplishing departmental goals, and stated the initial eight to nine weeks of training require kenneling the K-9's prior to developing a bond with their trainer. He discussed the basic needs of the facility and opportunities for potential savings, and noted federal forfeiture funds would be used to construct the facility.

Vice Chairman Branson questioned the cost of the animals and the service provided to the public.

Whitesell stated there is always a K-9 officer working 24/7 who could check on and provide security for kenneled K-9's.

Chairman Phillips stated his initial concerns with the expanded scope of the kennel. He spoke to the benefits of adding more training opportunities and addressing security needs for the dogs. Phillips noted the need for the County to provide oversight, care and training for the K-9's, and expressed his support of the request.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Alan Branson, seconded by Commissioner Hank Henning, to approve the increase of \$135,850 in appropriated Fund Balance (Federal Forfeiture Funds) and increase the appropriation to Law Enforcement. Direct staff to take such actions necessary to secure the purchase of the equipment and enter into any necessary agreements.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 2

AYES: J. Phillips, A. Branson, K. Cashion, C. Foster, J. Conrad, A. Perdue, H. Henning

NOES: C. Coleman and R. Trapp

B. 2016-134 INCREASE THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MANDATES (MEDICAL ASSISTANCE) BUDGET - \$1,300,000

Approve an amendment to the FY15-16 Budget Ordinance increasing the Public Assistance Mandates budget by \$1,300,000; increasing Federal/State revenues by \$1,300,000; and making the noted internal adjustments to the Transportation budget to provide for mandated Medicaid-related transportation services through June 30, 2016.

[Legislation Text](#)

Myra Thompson, DHHS-DSS Administration Division Director, introduced the item. She noted the department has experienced an increase in request for Medicaid transportation services as a result of a local provider closing its doors, increased requests from citizens for transportation, and an increase in the number of citizens eligible for this service.

Commissioner Coleman questioned if the amount would be adequate for the number of citizens served.

Thompson confirmed this amount was sufficient for the remainder of the year.

Commissioner Coleman noted the department has experienced a shortage in adequate drivers and questioned if there was sufficient funding for drivers.

Thompson stated they currently have three (3) vendors who provide the majority of these trips, and noted that an RFP was submitted in February and they are currently evaluating bids for a fourth vendor to conduct non-emergency Medicaid transportation. She noted the state will move billing for Medicaid transportation into NCFast within the next year, resulting in vendors billing directly to the state and the County no longer needing to allocate funding for the program.

Chairman Phillips questioned if the service is reimbursable.

Thompson clarified the service is 100% reimbursable through federal funds.

Chairman Phillips questioned if the amount requested is up to \$1,300,000 or if this amount is definitive.

Thompson clarified the requested amount is definitive and noted she is currently working with the Budget department to locate funding to pay invoices until the additional allocation is approved.

Chairman Phillips questioned if there is a delay in the reimbursement relative to the provision of service.

Thompson confirmed the department always receives the revenue one month behind service provision, as a result of the billing process.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, seconded by Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster, to approve an amendment to the FY 15-16 Budget Ordinance increasing the Public Assistance Mandates budget by \$1,300,000; increasing Federal/State revenues by \$1,300,000; and making the noted internal adjustments to the Transportation budget to provide for mandated Medicaid-related transportation services through June 30, 2016.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

AYES: J. Phillips, A. Branson, K. Cashion, C. Coleman, C. Foster, J. Conrad, A. Perdue, R. Trapp, H. Henning

NOES: None

C. 2016-127 GUILFORD COUNTY MINORITY & WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REPORT (MWBE)

Receive the Guilford County Minority & Women's Business Enterprise Report for FY2015-2016.

[Legislation Text](#)

[MWBE Semi-Report FY15-16.doc](#)

Bonnie Stellfox, Purchasing Director, introduced Shayla Parker, MWBE Coordinator.

Parker introduced the item and noted the report shows data from July 2015 through March 30, 2016. She shared the state's recommended target for MWBE participation is 10%, and Guilford County currently has a MWBE participation rate of 8%. She discussed the breakdown of MWBE expenditures and noted white females are the top MWBE contractors with the County. Parker stated MWBE expenditures totaled over \$4,000,000 thus far in FY2016. She discussed MWBE outreach events the County has, or will, participate in and noted dates of events scheduled in the upcoming months.

Commissioner Trapp questioned if the County has the MWBE figures for surrounding municipalities.

Parker stated she has requested, but did not receive, MWBE participation figures for City of Greensboro. She noted the majority of neighboring counties either do not track these figures, or only track MWBE participation in construction.

Commissioner Trapp questioned the potential impact of recent state legislation upon minority contracting within the County.

Payne stated the legislation will have no impact upon current practices, but could affect plans to expand the program.

Commissioner Coleman commended staff on higher than expected participation rates and requested a breakdown of where the money is spent, with whom and for what purposes. She expressed disappointment with MWBE participation rates for black males, and requested quarterly reports and achievement of 10% MWBE participation. Coleman suggested staff consult with the County Attorney regarding the impact of House Bill 2 upon the MWBE program.

Parker stated she is working with Information Services to develop a report that shows a breakdown of commodity codes versus company title, however noted the current software does not allow this type of report. She stated they will continue to work to develop a program that fulfills the request.

Commissioner Coleman confirmed the majority of contracts are janitorial, and spoke to concerns expressed by County staff regarding infrequent trash pick-up.

Parker noted the janitorial contracts have been a source of concern and stated these contracts are managed by the Facilities Department.

Commissioner Coleman spoke to additional concerns expressed by staff regarding janitorial services.

Stellfox offered to research the contract further and provide additional details.

Chairman Phillips questioned if the numbers provided were cumulative for FY2016. He questioned if the County might approach 10% by the end of the fiscal year.

Parker stated the County may reach this goal, and noted there was an increase in contracts awarded to black females.

Chairman Phillips requested Parker return in August 2016 to provide a report on FY2016. He thanked Commissioner Trapp for his outreach efforts to increase MWBE participation.

X. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2016-123 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS GUILFORD COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Approve the recommended appointments and reappointments to the listed Guilford County Boards & Commissions.

[Legislation Text](#)

[NH CAC Roster](#)

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[Jamestown ETJ Board Roster](#)

Commissioner Phillips read the proposed appointments and reappointments.

Motion was made by Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster, seconded by Commissioner Justin Conrad, to approve the recommended appointments and reappointments to the listed Guilford County Boards & Commissions.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0

AYES: J. Phillips, A. Branson, K. Cashion, C. Coleman, C. Foster, J. Conrad, A. Perdue, R. Trapp, H. Henning

NOES: None

XI. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Foster shared she participated in a panel discussion at the High Point Food Alliance panel with Congressman Mark Walker.

Commissioner Cashion shared her recent attendance at a City of Greensboro Library board meeting and invited the Board to its Annual Breakfast meeting on April 12, 2016. She announced the Dudley High School Advanced Vehicle Technology team will compete in an EcoMarathon held in Detroit, Michigan, where they will submit two (2) vehicles made of recycled and repurposed parts and materials. Cashion commended the students on the innovative project.

Commissioner Phillips reminded the Board of the first budget work session scheduled on April 21, 2016 from 2:00PM-5:00PM. He shared his visit at the GTCC Culinary Institute located on the Jamestown Campus, and encouraged the Board to patronize the department.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

Reid Baker, Finance Director, stated he initially presented figures with net potential cost savings of \$9,900,000 and noted since February 12, 2016, the market took a down turn and estimations were closer to \$6,900,000. He shared that the County's pricing was held on yesterday, which resulted in a net savings of \$8,700,000 with a cash flow savings of \$9,700,000 over thirteen years. He noted the true interest cost of the refinancing was 1.7% as of April 6, 2016.

Commissioner Coleman left the meeting at 7:18PM.

Chairman Phillips thanked Baker and noted this was great news for the citizens of Guilford County.

XIII. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Hank Henning, seconded by Commissioner Justin Conrad, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE:	Motion carried 8 - 0
AYES:	J. Phillips, A. Branson, K. Cashion, C. Foster, J. Conrad, A. Perdue, R. Trapp, H. Henning
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	C. Coleman

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:20PM.

Jeffrey M. Phillips
Chairman

Robin B. Keller
Clerk to Board