

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
January 9, 2025

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on January 9, 2025 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, 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; Chief Financial Officer Donald Warn; members of staff, media, and the public. Virtual participation was made available to members of the public and media partners.

Chairman Alston introduced Sharon Clark, United States Army and Air Force Veteran, who would lead the Pledge of Allegiance following the invocation.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplin Ben Chavis offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Clark led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alston called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Lisa McMillian, Turning Everything Around Executive Director, thanked the Board for supporting its ongoing community work. She recognized public-private partnerships.

Dr. Deborah Foster, owner of His Glory Child Development Center, founder of Child Connect, Inc., and HG Transportation Services, shared her thanks to the Board for supporting the nonprofit Turning Everything Around. She recognized the nonprofit for their community work and meaningful collaborations.

Tarra Jenkins Medley, realtor, spoke in support of Turning Everything Around and the work they are doing. She spoke to the mammogram awareness and blood pressure screening events held in the community to support women's health and its recent beneficial impacts.

Shayna McKellar, esthetician, expressed appreciation to the Board for grant funding support for Turning Everything Around. She shared a community outreach event that provided resources and networking opportunities.

Lily Otis, journalist and Not Just Headlines founder, spoke in support of Turning Everything Around's entrepreneurial workshops.

Valerie Scales spoke to Guilford County's gas lines, electrical grids, and water supplies needing security to protect from being compromised. She highlighted a need for local security to help protect water and utilities.

Patricia Malcolm, Five Star Design Build owner, spoke to her construction and interior design experience with Turning Everything Around connecting minority business owners to economic development opportunities.

Amos Green, AGM Group President and member of the faith leadership in High Point, shared his participation as a presenter at Turning Everything Around. He thanked the Board for supporting this local organization that connects successful business leaders to budding entrepreneurs.

Scott Jones, Tiny House Community Development Executive Director, shared that the organization celebrated its ten (10) year anniversary supporting individuals experiencing homelessness. He noted they are currently located at The Hope Center facility on Gate City Boulevard. He noted that they have served over 20,000 meals in the past two (2) years to those experiencing poverty. He highlighted that Guilford County residents have contributed 192,000 pounds of recycled Styrofoam which provides jobs for those experiencing homelessness. He spoke in support of utilizing the vacant High Point Life Span building to accommodate over twelve (12) nonprofit organizations to serve as a social service hub.

Darrell Harris, Jr., Eastern Guilford High School Principal, spoke in support of Turning Everything Around and the positive impact the nonprofit has had on its students.

Cory Barber, Page High School Alumni and parent, raised awareness of school closures as a result of improper HVAC and air conditioning. He requested additional oversight and accountability over the School Board to better allocate these funds. He noted that students continue to miss school due to mismanagement of the school's real estate. He noted that if we are not going to replace all the schools, then the Commissioners could help provide better oversight of the school system's capital projects.

Taking a point of personal privilege, Chairman Alston noted that today has been a day of mourning. He noted that today we said our final goodbyes to our 39th President Jimmy Carter and shared his attendance of one of our local police officers who died in the line of duty. He shared that Officer Michael Horan's legacy of courage, protection and integrity will not be forgotten. He shared condolences to Officer Horan's family, the Greensboro Police Department and all those mourning his loss.

Chairman Alston also highlighted the contributions and service of the late William McKinley Spencer, Jr.

Chairman Alston called for a moment of silent prayer.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2025-119 RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM MCKINLEY SPENCER JR.

Receive resolution honoring the memory of William McKinley Spencer, Jr.

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Chairman Alston invited family members to come forward. He read the resolution in honor of the life and memory of William McKinley Spencer Jr.

Dr. Spencer, widow, lifted up that her husband was a proud Marine who fought in the Vietnam War and was exposed to Agent Orange and the contaminated Camp Lejeune water, yet never complained because he was a Marine. She noted that her husband was drafted and served his country and returned home and continued to support his local community. She noted one of the projects he founded was Families Against Senseless Killings (FASK), and they will continue to combat violence.

Chairman Alston recognized Commissioner Carly Cooke who shared her attendance of Officer Horan's funeral today and spent a lot of time reflecting on those public servants committing their life to serving the community. She recognized two (2) schoolteachers that recently passed, Summer Hunter of Page High School and Matthew Bishop of Northern High School. She extended prayers for comfort and healing.

Commissioner Cooke called for a moment of silent prayer.

Commissioner Cashion shared that this has been a sad beginning to a new year and noted the loss of the Honorable Mary Long Jarrell, former Guilford County representative in the North Carolina General Assembly for seven (7) terms.

Commissioner Cashion called for a moment of silent prayer.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Alston introduced the consent agenda. He opened the floor for any items to be pulled for separate consideration. Hearing none, he entertained a motion.

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to adopt the consent agenda.

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

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2025-113 ANIMAL SERVICES DONATIONS - \$180,336

Authorize the acceptance of a \$100,000 donation to Animal Services and amend the General Fund budget to increase the appropriation to Animal Services by \$180,336 and increase Other Revenue by \$180,336, in line with state statutes.

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B. CONTRACTS

1. 2025-102 CONTRACT AMENDMENT: HHS-SOCIAL SERVICES NEUROAGILE LEADERSHIP & WORKFORCE ALLIES 4 OUTCOMES

Approve contract amendment, in substantial form (Option 1), with an extension to July 31, 2025 and an increase of \$194,821, for a total contract amount of \$394,099 with NeuroAgile Leadership & Workforce Consulting, LLC (dba Allies 4 Outcomes) and authorize staff to take all necessary actions to execute this amendment.

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[AFO Guilford County Budget Update 2024](#)

[Neuroagile Leadership Workforce Consulting LLC 90006149 preaudit amendment 2](#)

2. 2025-104 TYLER MUNIS ENTERPRISE RESOURCE SYSTEM CONTRACT EXTENSION RENEWAL

Approve a one-year automatic contract renewal in the amount of \$625,258 between Guilford County and Tyler Technologies Inc. upon expiration of the initial term ending on March 31, 2025, to provide certain products and services, as outlined in the contract documents. Authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute said renewal.

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[1301 14 FULLY EXECUTED CONTRACT - CM 1301 Tyler Tech \(2\)](#)

3. 2025-108 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TAX SYSTEM RENEWAL

Approve a one-year renewal, in substantial form, for Tax B&C support for \$109,763, LRC support for \$109,763, and Cloud support for \$225,225, for a total amount of \$444,751 upon expiration of the initial term ending on April 30, 2025, to provide certain products and services, as outlined in the contract documents and authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute said renewal.

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[Guilford NCPTS Support Quote 2025-26.pdf](#)

[Bid Justification Waiver Form Farragut-90003935-FY25-26 fc 450k.pdf](#)

[Farragut Inc 90003935 preaudit renewal.pdf](#)

4. 2025-111 APPROVE CONTRACT WITH MARK D. BARDILL PC DBA ZACCHAEUS LEGAL SERVICES FOR PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION SERVICES

Approve the contract with Mark D. Bardill P.C., dba Zacchaeus Legal Services, in substantial form, for the provision of property tax collection services, in an amount not expected to exceed \$500,000 per year, for a term of two (2) years and thirty (30) days beginning December 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, for a total amount not expected to exceed \$1,000,000, with two-year renewals thereafter, subject to either party's right to non-renew.

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[Mark D Bardill P.C. dba Zacchaeus Legal Services 90007021 preaudit](#)

5. 2025-105 THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Approve a contract amendment in the amount of \$9,800 with PMA Management Corporation bringing their contract total to \$200,300, to include PMACare24 services.

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C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2025-109 NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF MAINTENANCE FOR SR 3176 (AT&T DRIVE)

Adopt a resolution requesting abandonment of maintenance for SR 3176 (AT&T Drive being 0.59 miles).

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[Resolution AT&T](#)

[Resolution Package](#)

2. 2025-110 ADOPT FEMA LETTER OF MAP REVISION (LOMR) CASE NO.: 23-04-3460P FOR YOUNG'S MILL SANITARY SEWER OUTFALL

Adopt by reference the Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) FEMA Case No. 23-04-3460P as issued by FEMA on July 29, 2024 with an effective date of December 9, 2024.

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[Attachment-Affected Area Exhibit per LOMR 23-04-3460P - Screenshot of FEMA NFHL Viewer-flattened](#)

[Attachment-LOMR Cover Letter & Determination Document 23-04-3460P-370111](#)

3. 2025-115 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review and approve the following draft meeting minutes

12/02/2024 Organizational Meeting

12/19/2024 Work Session

12/19/2024 Regular Meeting

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2025-114 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$570,000,000 IN GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025

Adopt resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds to be designated as "General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025" in an amount up to \$570,000,000.

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Guilford GO School Bonds Series 2025 - Bond Resolution (00489026-6xBAC86) - Final

Donald Warn, Chief Financial Officer, requested approval for the issuance of the \$570M general obligation school bonds. He noted that to date we have reimbursed the school system for a total of \$325.7M. He noted that the total projected authorizations are \$630.5M.

Warn highlighted that this request is for \$570M to cover the Board of Education's remaining capital authorizations. He noted that last year's rates were timed well, and we were able to obtain a good rate for issuance costs. He spoke to the debt model and fluctuating interest rates. He shared fee structures and issuance expenditures. He noted that the current interest earnings are 4.57%. He noted that we conducted our ratings calls with Moody's and S&P, which maintain our AAA rating. He highlighted that this is great for our funding model.

Commissioner Tillman questioned the bond issuance fees and requested staff to speak to those expenditures.

Warn noted that it is the price of doing business as the S&P and Moody's prepare the rates based on the work that goes into transactions of this size. He noted during the last issue we had switched to new financial advisors which included additional capital planning fees.

Commissioner Tillman questioned flat fees per bond issuance.

County Manager Halford confirmed the fee structure based on the debt model and capital planning.

Commissioner Cooke questioned the 3.25% rate fees. She sought clarification regarding the interest income while we are holding the funds is 4.57%.

Warn clarified in the affirmative. He noted financial advisor market projections. He confirmed the daily investment rate pool of 4.57%.

Commissioner Cooke noted that we are currently looking at favorable funds while holding the bonds if they do not get issued immediately. She asked the Manager about the next steps as to how we issue bonds and how they are prioritized.

Halford noted that the Board of Education is responsible for prioritizing the order of issuance and how the funds are used. He shared that the County Commissioners are responsible for coming up with a financing plan to address the funding priority as established by the Board of Education which is a separate entity.

Chairman Alston noted to be clear that the Board is not responsible for fixing air conditioning and heating system in the schools. He acknowledged the receipt of emails addressing this concern. He reiterated that the Board of Commissioners allocated the funds. He stated that the priority to repair HVAC systems is the Board of Education's responsibility.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds to be designated as "General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025" in an amount up to \$570,000,000.

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

VIII. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2025-116 EXCEPTION REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS Robin Keller

Consider and approve the following exception reappointment:

Health & Human Services Advisory Committee
Reappoint Turkeshhia Moore to 3rd term in Education position (January 16, 2025 - January 15, 2028)

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[12.19.24 Term Exempt Ltr_TMoore](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to adopt the following exception reappointment:

**Health & Human Services Advisory Committee
Reappoint Turkeshhia Moore to 3rd term in Education position (January 16, 2025 - January 15, 2028)**

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

IX. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Jones noted that the Greensboro Sports Foundation will unveil the team and logo for the professional hockey team coming to the Greensboro Coliseum.

Commissioner Cooke shared her participation in the Guilford Works board meeting and the State of the County's employment data and income levels. She noted that they may be a partner for information to be shared at our Board Retreat.

X. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY

A. 2025-106 RECEIVE FY2025 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT THROUGH NOVEMBER 2024 Toy Beeninga

Receive FY2024-25 Budget Performance Report through November 2024.

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November 2024 Budget Performance Report

Both the County Manager and County Attorney expressed well wishes for the new year.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Murphy shared birthday wishes to Commissioners Gray-Hill and Cooke.

Commissioner Cooke shared upcoming birthday wishes to her son Anderson. She acknowledged all the emails received today from Page parents. She shared that this Board takes very seriously funding for the schools and working as partners with the schools.

Commissioner Cashion echoed comments that she has also not been able to respond to the many calls regarding Page students. She echoed the responsibilities of the County and the Board of Education. She spoke to the upcoming Point in Time Count that is coming up at the end of the month, noting that they are still seeking additional volunteers. She shared that the Continuum of Care (CoC) is still working to collect accurate data.

Commissioner Cashion shared recent discussions at the National Association of Counties' (NACO) Justice and Public Safety (JPS) committee community interrupters presentation from the Houston Gang Oversight Director. She spoke to gauging success metrics. She noted mechanisms to build trust. She shared a possible risk management resolution regarding noneconomic and punitive damages for JPS presentation. She requested a draft for the County Attorney to review.

Commissioner Perdue spoke to the late Officer Horan and to the role of our public safety responders. He noted that we often forget about what we do for our employees and losing two (2) officers in one (1) year is not acceptable. He shared a future grandchild's birth anticipated this July.

Commissioner Perdue noted a timeline regarding the NACO resolution which is due February 5th. He shared there is no requirement for 9-1-1 data decision drivers that impact communities and requested staff champion this research.

Commissioner Tillman congratulated Grimsley High School and the coaching staff on their recent win. He shared his attendance for an American Legion ribbon cutting for its new kitchen facility. He noted Peck Expeditionary will be having their ribbon cutting and it is very exciting to see a new school being built as well as Brooks Global.

Commissioner Tillman highlighted concern regarding the Page High School HVAC issues. He provided an update that maintenance workers are onsite today and will work until the equipment is fixed.

Commissioner Jones recognized that Greensboro Mayor Pro Tem Mary Kay Abuzuaite was here with us tonight supporting Dr. Spencer and her family in honor of her husband's passing. He shared his attendance of Officer Horan's funeral and echoed any loss of life of our first responders is unacceptable.

Commissioner Jones shared that next week we will be kicking off MLK week across the county. He also noted a sister nonprofit What's in Your Hands and congratulated the work of Behavioral Health Director Debra Mack on helping share information to dispel the stigmas surrounding mental health.

Vice Chairwoman Foster invited the Board regarding an equity and inclusion conversation to be hosted at My Sister's Circle in High Point and hosted by The Partnership Project. She shared Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated will be celebrating their 112th anniversary. She reviewed MLK celebration events scheduled in High Point in the next week including the parade to begin 2:00 p.m. on Main Street. She noted an upcoming breakfast, oratorical presentation and scholarship award event.

Chairman Alston thanked Commissioner Jones for recognizing Mayor Pro Tem Abuzuaite on her support in celebrating the life and legacy of the late William Spencer, Jr.

Chairman Alston shared that he would like to participate in the Point in Time count again this year. He shared that the Greensboro NAACP will be celebrating the 35th MLK Annual Parade. He shared that he began the parade in 1990 after securing the renaming of the street in 1989. He provided an overview of a Temple Emmanuel service along with additional MLK events scheduled in Greensboro.

XII. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to hold a closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 for the purpose of consulting with the County Attorney.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

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

NOES: None

The Board recessed the meeting and entered into closed session at 7:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened from closed into open session at 7:41 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:42 p.m.

Melvin "Skip" Alston
Chairman

Robin Keller
Clerk