

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
March 3, 2016

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on March 3, 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, J. Carlvena Foster (in at 5:51PM), Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue, Ray Trapp and Hank Henning (via simultaneous communication at 5:51PM).

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Marty Lawing; County Attorney Mark Payne; Deputy County Manager Clarence Grier; Donna Riner, Legal Services Administrator; Ariane Webb, Deputy Clerk to Board; Reid Baker, Finance Director; Heather Skeens, DHHS-Social Services Division Director; Michael Halford, Budget Director; Robert McNiece, Facilities/Parks/Property Management Director; J. Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director; Ben Chavis, Tax Director; Captain Ken Whitesell, Sheriff; Jeff Fowler, Security Director; members of the community and media.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplin Ben Chavis provided the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Phillips led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Phillips welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 5:38PM.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Luther Falls Jr., Greensboro resident, thanked the Board and Commissioner Trapp for the resolution honoring Vandalia Wood McAdoo. He shared his memories and spoke of her community service. Falls announced the recent passing of his mentor and local entrepreneur, Ralph Shelton, and shared the home going service was held at Providence Baptist Church in Greensboro. He shared his church, United Church of Christ, will celebrate the inaugural anniversary of its mentoring program, which assists boys ages 8-17 years. Falls offered his assistance to the Board, and announced a meeting which will be held with the CEO of the High Point Furniture Market on Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

Madison Carroll, Greensboro resident, spoke on behalf of Leadership Greensboro and invited the Board to participate in the “JA in a Day Blitz” on April 20, 2016; where Junior Achievement (JA) members, in collaboration with Leadership Greensboro and local volunteers, will visit local Title I to schools and teach students in curricula designed to foster skills in financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. 2016-063 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CROWN FORCES MONUMENT DAY AT THE GUILFORD COURTHOUSE NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

Approve resolution in support of Crown Forces Monument Day at the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park.

Legislation Text

Commissioner Justin Conrad invited Doyle Sapp, Superintendent of the Guilford Battleground National Park, Jim Flyer and Jim Kirkpatrick, members of the Board of Directors of the Guilford Battleground Company. He shared the story of his ancestor, Colonel Arthur Forbis, who was mortally wounded in the Battle of Guilford, and presented the resolution.

Jim Kirkpatrick accepted the resolution, and noted this week marks the anniversary of the Battle at Guilford Courthouse, and shared its history. He expressed his pride in the organization and shared the history of Tannenbaum Park. Kirkpatrick noted the reconciliatory spirit of the monument and stated this is the first monument in the park since 1930.

Doyle Sapp noted this is the centennial year of the National Park Service and encouraged citizens to attend events that will occur throughout the year. He shared the upcoming centennial of the establishment of the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park and confirmed March 13, 2016 as the date of the monument dedication.

Commissioner Foster arrived to the meeting at 5:51PM.

Commissioner Henning joined the meeting via simultaneous communication at 5:51PM.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Phillips noted the removal of item B.1. from the consent agenda via addendum and asked if the Commissioners wished to pull any additional items from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Coleman requested item C.4. pulled from the consent agenda for further consideration.

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2016-089 APPROPRIATION OF PRIOR YEAR LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER POST FUNDS - \$17,394

Approve the reappropriation of prior year Explorer Post funds through an appropriation of the General Fund's Fund Balance in the amount of \$17,394 and increase the FY 2016 Law Enforcement budget in the amount of \$17,394.

Legislation Text

2. 2016-087 DHHS - SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION ENERGY PROGRAMS UPDATED FUNDING AUTHORIZATIONS

Approve an amendment to the FY15-16 Budget Ordinance increasing the appropriation to Health and Human Services-Division of Social Services by \$239,912 and accordingly increasing the Federal/State Revenue appropriation to by \$239,912.

Legislation Text

NCDHHS Energy Programs Funding Authorizations

B. CONTRACTS

Removed from the Consent Agenda

1. 2016-090 SECURITY CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH LANKFORD PROTECTIVE SERVICES, INC.

Approve security contract amendment, in its substantial form, with Lankford Protective Services, Inc., in the amount of \$124,254, for the addition of Company Police services at 1203 Maple Street and 325 East Russell Street. The contract will be in effect for fifteen (15) months beginning April 1, 2016. Full contract amendment cost represents \$24,851 for the remainder of FY2016 and \$99,403 that will be budgeted for in FY2017. Authorize staff to take all necessary steps to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Lankford Protective Services, Inc.

Approve an amendment to the FY15-16 Budget Ordinance decreasing the appropriation to County Administration (Manager's Reserve for Contingency) by \$24,851 and accordingly increasing the appropriation to Security by \$24,851.

[Legislation Text](#)

[LANKFORD PROTECTIVE SERVICES INC - Contract Amend 1 - 4-1-2016](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2016-095 APPROVE THREE (3) VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (VAD) APPLICATIONS AND ONE (1) ENHANCED VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (EVAD) APPLICATION

Approve three (3) VAD and one (1) EVAD application.

[Legislation Text](#)

[2016-01](#)

[2016-02](#)

[2016-03](#)

[2016-04](#)

[Brochure](#)

2. 2016-099 FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR THE SALVATION ARMY OF HIGH POINT COLD WEATHER SHELTER OPERATIONS

Approve the expenditure of up to \$15,000 to fund an overnight cold weather shelter and weekly lodging of homeless in a local motel program operated by The Salvation Army of High Point.

[Legislation Text](#)

[SA-HP Request for Funding for the Unsheltered Homeless](#)

[Salvation Army 30 Day Expenditures for Unsheltered Homeless](#)

3. 2016-082 RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULES FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Approve the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule updates for County Departments of Social Services, issued January 1, 2016, and County Sheriff's Office, issued November 15, 2015, issued by the NC Department of Cultural Resources and authorize the Chairman to sign the schedules as presented.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Updates to County Social Services Schedule 01-2016](#)

[SocialServices_FinalSchedule_2016](#)

[Updates to Sheriff's Retention Schedule 11-2015](#)

[County_Sheriff_11-15-2015](#)

Removed from the Consent Agenda

4. 2016-088 MINUTES APPROVAL

Review and approve the following sets of draft meeting minutes:

11/20/2015 Special Joint Meeting

12/03/2015 Regular Meeting

12/17/2015 Regular Meeting

01/07/2016 Regular Meeting

[Legislation Text](#)

[Draft Special Joint Meeting 112015](#)

[dm120315](#)

[dm121715](#)

[dm010716](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, 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,
R. Trapp, A. Perdue, H. Henning**

NOES: None

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

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[Legislation Text](#)

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[dm121715](#)

[dm010716](#)

Commissioner Coleman expressed her concerns regarding the delay in submission of minutes, and noted the difficulty in remembering the language and events that occurred during the minutes. She requested minutes submitted in a timely manner.

Chairman Phillips noted recent discussions regarding submission of minutes and stated they will continue to work with the Clerk's office to ensure their timeliness.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to approve the submitted draft meeting minutes.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

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

NOES: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2016-084 REFUNDING 2009A AND 2010C SERIES GENERAL OBLIGATION (GO) BONDS
 - 1) Adopt the Resolution Relating to Refunding Bonds authorizing the issuance and sale of the bonds and;
 - 2) Adopt the Resolution Introducing and Adopting Bond Order and Taking Related Action to proceed with the authorized sale of General Obligation Bonds not to exceed one hundred and five million dollars (\$105,000,000) for refunding all or any portion of the 2009A series and the 2010C series General Obligation Bonds.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Summary of Refunding Analysis Results \(2 12 16\)](#)

[Guilford County - 2009A 2010C Refunding Numbers \(2 12 16\)](#)

[8341735 v2 bond order intro adopt 2016 Guilford GO refunding](#)

RESOLUTION RELATING TO REFUNDING BONDS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Guilford, North Carolina (the “County”), is considering authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds of the County in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$105,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with other available funds, for refunding all or a portion of certain outstanding general obligation bonds, including paying expenses related thereto, and it is necessary to take certain related action at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DETERMINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County, as follows:

Section 1. Said Board hereby finds and determines in connection with authorizing the issuance of such bonds that (i) the issuance of such bonds is necessary or expedient in order to realize debt service savings for the County, (ii) the principal amount of such bonds is adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose of such bonds because it is based upon the best estimate of the County of the funds needed for such purpose and takes into account other funds of the County available for such purpose, (iii) the County’s debt management procedures and policies are good and are managed in strict compliance with law, (iv) the increase in taxes, if any, necessary to service such bonds will not be excessive because it is expected that debt service savings will be realized in connection with the issuance of such bonds and (v) such bonds can be marketed at reasonable rates of interest.

Section 2. The County Manager, the Finance Director and the County Attorney of the County are each hereby authorized to take such actions as may be advisable in connection with authorizing the issuance of such bonds; and all actions heretofore taken by any of such officers

or any other officer of the County relating to such matter on behalf of the County are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed. The Finance Director is authorized to engage bond counsel and other necessary professionals in connection with the issuance of such bonds.

Section 3. The Local Government Commission is hereby requested to sell the bonds at private sale without advertisement to any purchaser or purchasers thereof, at such prices as the Local Government Commission determines to be in the best interest of the County, subject to the approval of the Finance Director.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING AND ADOPTING BOND ORDER AND TAKING
RELATED ACTION**

BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$105,000,000 REFUNDING

BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF GUILFORD

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") for the County of Guilford (the "County") deems it advisable to refund all or a portion of the County's outstanding (a) General Obligation Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2009A and (b) General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2010C (collectively referred to herein as the "Bonds to be Refunded") pursuant to and in accordance with The Local Government Finance Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Board as follows:

Section 1. The Board has ascertained and hereby determines that it is advisable to refund the Bonds to be Refunded.

Section 2. To raise all or a portion of the money required to refund the Bonds to be Refunded as set forth above and to pay expenses in connection therewith, bonds of the County are hereby authorized and shall be issued pursuant to The Local Government Finance Act. The maximum aggregate principal amount of bonds authorized by this bond order shall be \$105,000,000.

Section 3. Taxes sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on those bonds when due shall be annually levied and collected.

Section 4. A sworn statement of the County's debt has been filed with the Clerk to the Board and is open to public inspection.

Section 5. The bond order shall take effect upon its adoption.

Reid Baker, Finance Director, introduced the item and discussed the opportunity to refund existing General Obligation (GO) bonds. He explained the refunding amounts and favorable interest rates, and noted the issuance of new bonds to pay off old bonds in an amount not to exceed \$105,000,000. Baker noted estimated savings from refunding of approximately \$9 million over the life of the bond, as of February 12, 2016. He discussed the recent volatility of the market, but noted the environment remains favorable for refunding, and reviewed the actions before the Board.

Chairman Philips questioned the pricing date of April 6, 2016 and noted interest rates could increase or decrease. He requested Baker provide a brief summary of potential savings.

Baker explained the savings in terms of net present or “current day” value, which would be lower than “cash flow” or budgetary savings. He stated the net present value was over \$9 million, or over 9%, as of February 12, 2016. Baker stated the County begins considering refunding when the net value percentage approaches 3%. He reiterated the volatility of the market, but noted he expected it to remain robust enough to move forward with refunding. Baker spoke to potential budgetary savings of \$9.9 million over a thirteen (13) year period, and discussed the potential savings each year.

Chairman Phillips clarified the County will achieve variable savings of several hundred thousand dollars per year over a thirteen (13) year period through refunding.

Motion was made by Commissioner Justin Conrad, seconded by Vice Chairman Alan Branson, to 1) Adopt the Resolution Relating to Refunding Bonds authorizing the issuance and sale of the bonds and; 2) Adopt the Resolution Introducing and Adopting Bond Order and Taking Related Action to proceed with the authorized sale of General Obligation Bonds not to exceed one hundred and five million dollars (\$105,000,000) for refunding all or any portion of the 2009A series and the 2010C series General Obligation Bonds.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

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

NOES: None

2. 2016-060 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING FOR GREENSBORO PARTNERSHIP AND HIGH POINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Approve the allocation of \$100,000 to the High Point Economic Development Corporation (HPEDC) and \$100,000 to the Greensboro Partnership to continue economic development recruitment and retention efforts within Guilford County.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Greensboro Partnership and HPEDC Program of Work 2016](#)

County Manager Marty Lawing introduced the item and discussed previous processes for funding economic development initiatives through the County's Economic Grant Program, and discussed grants approved for Greensboro Partnership (GP) and High Point Economic Development Corporation (HPEDC). He noted \$300,000 was budgeted this fiscal year for general economic development purposes, with the intent to appropriate at a later date. Lawing reviewed the Board's approval of \$100,000 to the Guilford County Economic Development Alliance (GCEDA) agreement on February 18, 2016, which left \$200,000 in the budget remaining for additional economic development purposes.

Lawing stated GP and HPEDC have each requested \$200,000 to continue economic development pursuits. He reminded the Board of retreat discussions and referenced the Program of Work letters submitted by each organization.

Chairman Phillips invited Brent Christensen, CEO of Greensboro Partnership, to receive questions from the Board.

Commissioner Coleman questioned the criteria for appropriating funding for economic development.

Lawing noted \$300,000 is a comparable amount to what has been previously budgeted for economic development, and noted the equal distribution of funding will allow the agencies to carry out the economic development goals created by the Board.

Commissioner Coleman questioned the need to fund all agencies when they are part of the GCEDA.

Lawing noted the purpose of the Alliance is to present a unified effort towards economic development. He discussed the structure of the Alliance and explained the additional costs associated with consolidated marketing and recruitment efforts.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns with redundancy in funding.

Lawing noted each organization will have operational costs outside of those attributed to the GCEDA. He reiterated the Alliance will present a united effort regarding Guilford County economic development, and noted the County is using the grant funding to support three organizations.

Commissioner Coleman shared her additional concerns regarding funding.

Christensen explained the partnership as a cooperation and collaboration, not a consolidation. He stated the \$100,000 awarded by the County is matched by the City of High Point and City of Greensboro, and noted the funding is used for joint marketing and recruiting, however the GP and HPEDC have individual projects related to industry and retail. Christensen confirmed the \$300,000 line item for economic development is only being divided differently.

Commissioner Conrad shared his appreciation for the provided scope of work, and noted the emphasis placed on determining the needs of businesses. He stated a need for consistency in building inspections and shared ongoing concerns regarding effective customer service for “home-grown” businesses. He expressed his support of the item.

Christensen discussed GP staff dedicated solely to existing businesses within the County.

Commissioner Trapp questioned the portion of the allocation that will be dedicated to the minority incubator.

Christensen stated this decision will be considered by the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Trapp questioned if the County had explored reinstating an economic development department or position.

Lawing stated this option should be considered and noted J. Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director, undertakes economic development responsibilities related to preparing incentive agreements, payments and grant requests; however, there are no active recruiting efforts. He expressed his concern with stepping into roles currently filled by GP and HPEDC, but noted this option can be researched by staff, if it is the Board’s intent to develop this role. Commissioner Trapp expressed his concern that there is no one in the community working on behalf of the County’s interests. He stated his belief in the Alliance’s mission, but shared his concern with the funding amount and noted he will not be able to support the item.

Commissioner Cashion shared her discussions regarding economic development with commissioners in other counties during the recent NACo Conference in Washington, DC, and questioned if the NC Department of Commerce, or new Economic Development division, publishes a booklet advertising statistics and primary business interests for each County within the state.

Christensen noted the NC Economic Development Association was considering this option, but was not aware that a booklet had been published.

Commissioner Cashion stated this information should be available to anyone seeking to do business within the state.

Commissioner Trapp expressed concerns with the demographics and lack of diversity within the Alliance due to its structure, and questioned how will they involve more African-Americans and Hispanics to provide a community perspective. She questioned why the Alliance requires funding comparable to the amounts provided to GP and HPEDC, as the GCEDA is not fully-staffed, and questioned if the Board could have further discussions regarding funding for the Alliance.

Lawing noted Alliance funding was approved during the February 18, 2016 regular meeting.

Commissioner Coleman questioned if the Board could change the amount of funding previously allocated to the Alliance.

Lawing noted the funding for the Alliance will be used by HPEDC and GP to accomplish the work of the Alliance, and stressed these two (2) organizations will collaborate to perform the County's economic development functions.

Commissioner Coleman stated she was not present during the February 18, 2016 meeting, and expressed concerns with funding GP and HPEDC, and providing additional funding to GCEDA. She requested clarification regarding the structure and function of the Alliance, and reiterated her concerns with funding an organization that has no director or full-time staff.

Commissioner Perdue opined on the GCEDA, GP and HPEDC's role as an adversary for the County in promoting economic development opportunities. He stated the County allocates funding to buy its share in this role, and shared his experience at a recent event where he saw the benefits of the Alliance in action. He shared his support of the item.

Commissioner Trapp clarified GCEDA funding was approved during the last regular meeting, and questioned if the item pending approval allocated funding to GP and HPEDC.

Lawing confirmed the content of the agenda item.

Chairman Phillips shared the GCEDA is a work in progress, subject to ongoing scrutiny and evaluation, until improved results are observed. He noted concerns with minority representation and shared his belief that this will remain a priority and issue with leadership across the County. He spoke to the unprecedented levels of collaborative effort between distinct organizations, and thanked Christensen and Loren Hill, Executive Director of HPEDC, for their efforts.

Commissioner Foster thanked Chairman Phillips for making minority representation a priority within the GCEDA, and thanked Commissioner Perdue for his comments regarding HPEDC, and spoke to the Corporations successful track record in recruiting businesses to High Point.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, seconded by Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster, to approve the allocation of \$100,000 to the High Point Economic Development Corporation (HPEDC) and \$100,000 to the Greensboro Partnership to continue economic development recruitment and retention efforts within Guilford County.

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

VIII. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

1. 2016-083 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS GUILFORD COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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

[Legislation Text](#)

[City County Insurance Advisory Roster](#)

[MPittman Application](#)

[Nursing Home CAC Roster](#)

[JBass Application](#)

[JBass Resume](#)

[Reappointment Letter GAtkins](#)

[Reappointment Letter BLloyd](#)

[Reappointment Letter MIsiah](#)

[Reappointment Letter GEssa](#)

[Reappointment Letter MLeath](#)

[Reappointment Letter JRoane](#)

[Reappointment Letter HMurdock](#)

[Reappointment Letter GRobinson](#)

[Reappointment Letter TBrothers](#)

Chairman Phillips read the list of recommended appointments and reappointments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, seconded by Vice Chairman Alan Branson, 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, R. Trapp, A. Perdue, H. Henning

NOES: None

Commissioner Henning left the meeting at 6:36PM.

IX. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Conrad shared his attendance at the Guilford County Fire & Rescue Awards on Friday, February 26, 2016 and thanked these staff for their hard work. He announced the Stokesdale Fire Department will have their annual barbeque on March 19, 2016 beginning at 9:00AM. Conrad reminded those present of the Crown Forces Monument dedication on March 13, 2016 at 11:00AM, and thanked Robert McNiece, Facilities/Property Management/Parks Director, and the Town of Oak Ridge for a productive meeting regarding a potential partnership to utilize the Mountain to Seas trail.

Commissioner Foster shared her attendance at the Legislative Breakfast on Thursday, February 25, 2016 with Commissioners Henning and Perdue. She shared her attendance at a retirement celebration for High Point Police Chief, Marty Sumner and thanked him for his service. Foster shared she participated in a biometric screening at the DHHS-DSS building in High Point.

Commissioner Cashion shared her attendance on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at the City of Greensboro's Human Relations Commission series on Mental Health Awareness and navigating the mental health system, and noted she provided the opening address that offered an overview of mental health services within Guilford County. She noted the County provided 6,745 people per month with mental health services in 2015, which was 1,007 per month increase from 2014. Cashion spoke to the great need in this field, and noted Sandhills Center's ongoing efforts to increase awareness. She provided the information number to learn more about services (800) 256-2452, and noted Sandhills will update signage to indicate services available at the N. Eugene Street location. Cashion distributed a draft of the new Crisis Solutions pamphlet to the Commissioners, and requested their feedback. She shared her attendance at the NACo conference in Washington, DC and noted the Justice and Public Safety Committee held a session

related to justice reform and mental health on Capitol Hill. Cashion shared she and Vice Chairman Branson visited US Representative Mark Walker, and noted he was receptive to the items discussed during their meeting.

Commissioner Conrad wished his wife a happy 15th anniversary.

Commissioner Perdue shared his attendance at the Sheriff Department Awards ceremony and thanked them for their efforts. He noted the deaths of law enforcement officers are on the rise, and reiterated his appreciation for their service. Perdue encouraged citizens to vote early and thanked the Elections department for a pleasant voting experience. He extended anniversary well-wishes to Commissioner Conrad and his wife.

Commissioner Coleman shared she did not attend the last regular BOC meeting due to her attendance at the national NAACP meeting in New York. She noted she was re-elected to their Board of Directors, and re-elected to the position of Assistant Secretary. Coleman extended condolences to the family of the late Ralph Shelton and spoke to the contributions he made to this community.

Vice Chairman Branson shared his attendance at the NACo Legislative conference and noted his appointment to the national transportation advisory board. He discussed his activities related to transportation during the conference and noted the resolution passed to file an application to place Guilford County for consideration in implementing autonomous vehicles. Branson shared discussions regarding Federal Aviation Authority's rules and regulations related to drones, and topics addressing the aging population within the US. He shared his attendance at a recent biometric screening event, and at the Guilford County Fire & Rescue Banquet on Friday, February 26, 2016; and thanked them for their service. Branson shared his participation in a Read Across America event at Nathaniel Greene Elementary, and thanked Ms. Morris, counselor, and Principal McCain for their invitation to read to a class of fifth graders. He shared his attendance at the Area 3 Soil & Water Conservation Conference at Pleasant Union in Julian, NC and shared the Alamance Fire Department will hold their annual barbeque on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 4:00PM-8:00PM at Southeast Middle School. Branson encouraged citizens to participate in early voting, and noted the NCACC presented an eleven-point priority list to federal legislators, and spoke to Commissioners Cashion and Trapp's involvement during the conference.

Chairman Phillips confirmed Vice Chairman Branson and Commissioner Trapp and Cashion, attended the NACo conference.

Commissioner Coleman shared a photo ID is required to vote, but noted if a citizen is able to provide a legitimate reason for the inability to obtain a photo ID; a utility bill, bank statement or other piece of legitimate mail or other form of ID, can be presented to cast a provisional ballot. She emphasized citizens can vote without a photo ID and encouraged citizens to visit the polls and vote.

Chairman Phillips requested the Board and staff keep Robin Keller, Clerk to Board, and her family in its prayers due to the recent loss of her grandfather.

Chairman Phillips expressed pride in Guilford County law enforcement and first responders during the Sheriff's Department Awards and Fire & Rescue Banquet ceremonies held this past week. He thanked them for their sacrifice and willingness to lay down their lives for public safety. Phillips reminded the Board of the upcoming work session scheduled for March 17, 2016 at 3:00PM.

Commissioner Coleman questioned the subject of the work session.

Chairman Phillips shared the annual Board of Health accreditation training will be held during the work session.

X. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

Lawing reported over 2,000 employees either attended the on-site biometric screenings or provided physician verification, which exceeded staff expectations. He stated aggregate results should be received soon, which will determine the direction of the wellness program.

Lawing shared he has received public comments regarding the status of the High Point parking deck, and noted an agenda item will be presented during the next meeting regarding repairs for the deck.

Vice Chairman Branson extended congratulations to Chairman Phillips on the recent birth of his grandchild.

Chairman Phillips thanked him for the recognition.

XI. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, seconded by Commissioner Ray Trapp, to adjourn the meeting.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:56PM.

Ariane Webb
Deputy Clerk to Board

Jeffrey M. Phillips
Chairman