

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
October 19, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on October 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT:	Chairman Jeffrey M. Phillips, Vice Chairman Alan Branson (arrived 5:43 p.m.), Commissioners Alan Perdue, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Hank Henning, and Melvin "Skip" Alston
ABSENT:	J. Carlvena Foster, Carolyn Q. Coleman
ALSO PRESENT:	County Manager Marty Lawing, County Attorney Mark Payne, Clerk to the Board Robin Keller, Deputy County Manager Clarence Grier, Deputy Clerk to the Board Scott Baillargeon, Guilford County Staff, and members of the media

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplain 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 called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Melinda Coleman, Greensboro resident, spoke to a recent high speed chase, and addressed the need to change the policy on high speed chases through urban areas.

Jennifer Oakley, Pleasant Garden resident, urged the Board to reflect on their duty as public servants to address the needs of the community. She expressed concerns regarding the potential loss of water, and its impact to their community should a quarry be approved in their community.

Barry Dean Hackett, Pleasant Garden local contractor and general developer, spoke in opposition to the proposed rock quarry, and spoke to the low production of the other quarries in the community. He shared that the ideal development in Guilford County is residential and not high impact industrial usage.

Kim Rayle, Pleasant Garden resident, shared her opposition to the proposed quarry in the Pleasant Garden community. She stated that there are currently four active granite quarries in Guilford County, and that none were producing at full capacity.

Heather Davis, Pleasant Garden resident, shared that she and her family are fifth generation farmers, and spoke to the imperatives of clean water to sustain their farms. She expressed concerns to mining practices that often result in ground water contamination. She shared that heavy industry is not compatible with the neighboring property usage.

Robin Holder, Pleasant Garden resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed quarry, and expressed concerns about the additional noise, dust, and increased truck traffic during peak times that would be in conflict with school traffic.

Hailey Hackett, Pleasant Garden resident, expressed concern for the proposed quarry in the community. She spoke to the benefits of residential development contrary to heavy industrial development. She urged the Board to vote against the zoning request.

Rick Strickland, Pleasant Garden resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed quarry in Pleasant Garden, and stated that the City of Greensboro did not have plans to run water out to the Pleasant Garden Community. He expressed concerns with access to clean water with the additional blasting, and spoke to the trend of increased numbers of families moving from cities into rural communities, and the subsequent negative impacts a quarry would have on that trend should a quarry open in southeast Guilford County.

Dr. Cesar Marimon, Pleasant Garden resident, spoke to the aspects of the community being a family-oriented, and expressed concerns for real estate and market values of private properties in the community as result of a quarry. He stated that since the majority of the property is agricultural and residential, that the zoning of the quarry would be a detriment to the community. He asked the Board to vote no to the rezoning area.

Roger Pike, Pleasant Garden resident, reiterated the community's concerns, and voiced his opposition to the proposed quarry. He spoke to the additional nuisances that the proposed quarry would create.

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. 2017-303 PROCLAIM OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Proclaim October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Guilford County.

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Commissioner Perdue read the proclamation, and shared that his grandmother is a breast cancer survivor, and awareness of the disease is crucially important to his family to help encourage individuals to consult with their physicians.

Chairman Phillips spoke to his commitment as a Board and to keep this issue at the forefront.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Alston pulled Consent Agenda Items A. 1. and B. 1. For separate consideration

Motion was made by Alan Perdue, and seconded by Justin Conrad to adopt VI. CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE: **Motion carried 7 - 0**
AYES: **Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Jeff Phillips, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Hank Henning**
NOES: **None**

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

REMOVED FROM CONSENT FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

1. **2017-359 DHHS PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION GLAXO SMITH KLINE AWARD - \$5,000**

Approve an increase of \$5,000 in Other Revenues and increase the FY 2017-18 Human Services - Public Health Division budget by the same amount to reflect funds awarded from Glaxo Smith Kline for the Young Adult Clinic Initiative.

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Motion was made by Melvin "Skip" Alston, and seconded by Justin Conrad to Approve an increase of \$5,000 in Other Revenues and increase the FY 2017-18 Human Services - Public Health Division budget by the same amount to reflect funds awarded from Glaxo Smith Kline for the Young Adult Clinic Initiative.

VOTE: **Motion carried 7 - 0**

AYES: **Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Jeff Phillips, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Hank Henning**
NOES: **None**

2. 2017-354 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASE BY GUILFORD COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Approve an increase of \$2,500 in Other Revenues and increase the FY 2017-18 Soil & Water Conservation budget by the same amount towards an equipment purchase by the Guilford County Soil & Water District from its Foundation account.

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B. CONTRACTS

REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

1. 2017-366 AGREEMENT BETWEEN GUILFORD COUNTY AND SENIOR RESOURCES OF GUILFORD RELATED TO THE RURAL OUTREACH PROGRAM IN GUILFORD COUNTY.

Approve agreement, in substantial form, between Guilford County and Senior Resources of Guilford for the Rural Outreach Program for FY 2018.

[Legislation Text](#)

[SENIOR RESOURCES OF GUILFORD - Rural Outreach Contract.pdf](#)

Motion was made by Kay Cashion, and seconded by Justin Conrad to Approve agreement, in substantial form, between Guilford County and Senior Resources of Guilford for the Rural Outreach Program for FY 2018.

VOTE: **Motion carried 7 - 0**
AYES: **Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Jeff Phillips, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Hank Henning**
NOES: **None**

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2017-365 GUILFORD COUNTY POLICY ON OPEN DATA

Approve the attached Policy on Open Data for Guilford County which communicates our organization's commitment to open data principles and outlines steps the County will take to establish and maintain an open data program that responsibly advances transparency and accountability, connects with the community, and improves public services.

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[DRAFT Open Data Policy for Board.pdf](#)

2. 2017-361 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending September 30, 2017.

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3. 2017-360 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

Accept and approve the tax collection and beverage licensing reports for month ending September 30, 2017. Full report on file with the Clerk's Office.

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4. 2017-363 APPOINT MATTHEW TALBOTT, SENIOR PLANNER (PLANNER II), AS REVIEW OFFICER FOR MAPS AND PLATS FOR GUILFORD COUNTY, NC AND REMOVE DERVIN SPELL AS A REVIEW OFFICER FOR MAPS AND PLATS FOR GUILFORD COUNTY, NC

Appoint Matthew Talbott, Senior Planner (Planner II), as Review Officer for maps and plats for Guilford County, North Carolina, pursuant to G.S. 47-30.2 and approve corresponding Resolution.

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5. 2017-358 TAX EXEMPT LOAN FOR NORTHEAST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Approve a tax exempt loan for \$475,000 from Select Bank and Trust, 3158 South Church St., Burlington, NC 27215 for Northeast Fire Department for the purchase of a replacement fire engine.

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[Tax Exempt Loan Information NEFD 9-28-17.pdf](#)

6. 2017-238 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approve the following meeting minutes:
09.21.17 Regular Meeting
10.05.17 Regular Meeting

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ITEMS PULLED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

VI. CONSENT

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Commissioner Alston asked Ms. Judy Southerland to elaborate on the details of the Glaxo Smith Kline Company.

Judy Sutherland stated that it is a pharmaceutical company in Research Triangle Park in Raleigh. She stated since 1994 they have been recognizing those public agencies who are working to improve the health of children in our community.

Commissioner Alston shared his congratulations to the department and the program.

Motion was made by Melvin "Skip" Alston, and seconded by Justin Conrad to Approve an increase of \$5,000 in Other Revenues and increase the FY 2017-18 Human Services - Public Health Division budget by the same amount to reflect funds awarded from Glaxo Smith Kline for the Young Adult Clinic Initiative.

VOTE: **Motion carried 7 - 0**
AYES: **Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Jeff Phillips, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Hank Henning**
NOES: **None**

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Motion was made by Kay Cashion, and seconded by Justin Conrad to Approve agreement, in substantial form, between Guilford County and Senior Resources of Guilford for the Rural Outreach Program for FY 2018.

VOTE: **Motion carried 7 - 0**
AYES: **Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Jeff Phillips, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Hank Henning**
NOES: **None**

Commissioner Cashion inquired about the need for the medical social worker, and if the position would be implemented in other areas, and how the program would be funded.

County Manager Marty Lawing stated that some of those programs are being selected by the Piedmont Triad Regional Council Commission on Aging. Lawing reviewed the changes made over a year ago to move the in-home aid services under Social Services. Lawing stated that this change will cover congregate meals once a month in the rural communities. He stated that the

funds provide for part-time staff, and that the rest would be for meals. Lawing introduced Renee Griffin to speak to the query of how the program would be funded.

Director of Senior Resources of Guilford County, Renee Griffin, stated that the services in question would be assumed by Social Services, and noted that with the area agency made funding changes last year, they were no longer providing those services. She reiterated that although they will not be providing services, they will be provided through DSS.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2017-295 PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF TAX-EXEMPT BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY OF WISCONSIN FOR THE BENEFIT OF MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME OF NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED

The Borrower is requesting that the Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (1) hold a public hearing to consider the proposed Project and Bonds and (2) adopt the proposed approval resolution approving the Project and the issuance of the Bonds.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Notice \(Guilford\)-Whitestone 2017 Bonds](#)

[10035745_v3_TEFRA Resolution \(Guilford\)-WhiteStone 2017 Bonds](#)

Charlotte North Carolina Attorney with Robinson Bradshaw, Brandon Lofton, spoke to the agenda item. He shared that Masonic and Eastern Star Homes Inc. operates Whitestone, an assisted living center in Greensboro. He reviewed the refinancing request that would make improvements to the assisted living center. He noted that the bonds do not obligate the County financially, and that the public hearing simply fulfills the mandated requirements of the bond financing.

Chairman Phillips opened the floor for proponents, there being none, he closed that portion of the hearing. Phillips opened the floor for opponents, there being none, he closed the public input.

Motion was made by Melvin "Skip" Alston, and seconded by Alan Branson to adopt The Borrower is requesting that the Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (1) hold a public hearing to consider the proposed Project and Bonds and (2) adopt the proposed approval resolution approving the Project and the issuance of the Bonds.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0

AYES: **Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Jeff Phillips, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Hank Henning**
NOES: **None**

B. 2017-353 PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL OF TAX-EXEMPT BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY OF WISCONSIN FOR THE BENEFIT OF WESLEYAN EDUCATION CENTER

The Borrower is requesting that the Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (1) hold a public hearing to consider the proposed Project and Bond and (2) adopt the proposed approval resolution approving the Project and the issuance of the Bond.

[Legislation Text](#)

[10042983 v4 TEFRA Resolution \(Guilford\)-Wesleyan 2017 Bonds](#)

[10019627 v4 TEFRA Notice \(Guilford\)-Wesleyan 2017 Bonds](#)

Brandon Lofton introduced the item to the Board. Lofton shared that they are representing Wesleyan Education Center to refinance existing debt.

Chairman Phillips opened the floor for proponents, there being none, he closed that portion of the hearing. Phillips opened the floor for opponents, there being none, he closed the public input.

Motion was made by Hank Henning, and seconded by Justin Conrad to adopt The Borrower is requesting that the Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (1) hold a public hearing to consider the proposed Project and Bond and (2) adopt the proposed approval resolution approving the Project and the issuance of the Bond.

VOTE: **Motion carried 7 - 0**
AYES: **Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Jeff Phillips, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Hank Henning**
NOES: **None**

The Public Hearings portion of the Agenda was closed at 6:23 p.m.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2017-357 CONTRACT WITH UNC-G FOR PARTNERSHIP IN OPIOID RESPONSE

Approve contract, in substantial form, with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for partnership in combating opioid deaths in Guilford County. Contract to be effective November 1, 2017 until June 30, 2019, with the option of one year renewals.

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UNC-G -OPIOID RAPID RESPONSE - 9-28-17.docx

Emergency Services Director, Jim Albright, stated that Guilford County has not been immune to the opioid crisis. He stated that Guilford County is tasked with helping to address the issue. Albright reviewed a power point presentation and outlined the negative impact the drug has on the body causing the inability to breath. He noted that there have been over 600 overdoses in Guilford county since January 2017, and that it was the first time in history that the number of opioid deaths exceeded the number of deaths caused by traffic incidents. Albright stated that opioid deaths are a priority for the NCACC, and Guilford County was selected as one of two counties to pilot the program. Albright reviewed the focus areas of the program. He stated that the goal is to stop the rising rate of overdoses and deaths from opioids in Guilford county. He noted that the program is focused on harm reduction strategies to get residents into drug treatment programs. They will provide follow-up encounters with persons at highest risk of overdoses such as those who received post reversal from public safety and those who have received Emergency Department evaluation for overdose or opioid abuse. Albright reviewed the collaborative partners including UNC-G, Public Health and Moses Cone Hospital. Albright reviewed the first and second phases of the program, and noted that current funding provides for the program for 19 months; however, the accumulation of academic data will require the program to seek additional funders.

Commissioner Cashion noted that this will be a tremendous help to the community. She asked about the timeline of implementation.

Albright stated that they are moving aggressively, and hope to bring the program live in November. He noted that they are currently distributing naloxone to highest need areas, but there is a need for follow-up care.

Chairman Phillips questioned the navigator position, the selection process, and the measure of impact on the community regarding the type of monitoring, recording, and accountability measures that would be implemented.

Albright stated that he will be on the selection committee and will work collaboratively with the hiring committee. Albright stated that the primary referral will come from EMS, and they are currently working on HIPPA releases for the program, paying careful attention to the structure of who comes into the program. He noted that typically it takes 4-6 encounters to encourage participants to participate in full treatment programs.

Chairman Phillips thanked staff and noted that this is an excellent first step to address the crisis in Guilford county

Motion was made by Alan Perdue, and seconded by Alan Branson to Approve contract, in substantial form, with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for partnership in combating opioid deaths in Guilford County. Contract to be effective November 1, 2017 until June 30, 2019, with the option of one year renewals.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Jeff Phillips, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Hank Henning
NOES: None

C. 2017-362 RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF SERIES 2017C
REFUNDING BONDS AND TERMINATING INTEREST RATE SWAP
AGREEMENT ON 2005A AND 2005B SERIES BONDS

- 1) Adopt resolution authorizing issuance of the series 2017C Refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of the outstanding series 2005A, 2005B and 2007B Variable Rate Public Improvement General Obligation (GO) Bonds and the series 2012A GO Public Improvement Bonds; and
- 2) Adopt resolution authorizing the termination of interest rate swap agreements on the series 2005A and series 2005B Variable Rate General Obligation Bonds.

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[Bond Resolution 2017 GO refg 10-19 BOC mtg.docx](#)

Finance Director, Reid Baker, introduced the item to the Board.

Chairman Phillips asked for an update on the interest rate and potential savings.

Baker stated that they are still looking at 6.2M and believes improvement in the interest rates.

Motion was made by Melvin "Skip" Alston, and seconded by Justin Conrad to 1) Adopt resolution authorizing issuance of the series 2017C Refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of the outstanding series 2005A, 2005B and 2007B Variable Rate Public Improvement General Obligation (GO) Bonds and the series 2012A GO Public Improvement Bonds; and 2) Adopt resolution authorizing the termination of interest rate swap agreements on the series 2005A and series 2005B Variable Rate General Obligation Bonds.

VOTE: **Motion carried 7 - 0**
AYES: **Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Jeff Phillips, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Hank Henning**
NOES: **None**

IX. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2017-342 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

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[ADA Monica Burnette](#)

Chairman Phillips read the appointments and reappointments under consideration.

Motion was made by Alan Branson, and seconded by Melvin "Skip" Alston to Approve the listed appointments and reappointments to various Guilford County Boards & Commissions

VOTE: **Motion carried 7 - 0**
AYES: **Melvin "Skip" Alston, Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Jeff Phillips, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Hank Henning**
NOES: **None**

XI. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Alston took a moment to honor Ms. Francis Brown who served as a mother figure to many in the Greensboro Community. The Board provided a moment of silent prayer in her honor. Alston shared updates in precinct organizations in his district.

Commissioner Cashion shared her attendance of Family Service of the Piedmont's annual dinner where they recognized outstanding citizens. Cashion stated that for their work and leadership over the years, David S. Thompson from High Point, and Robert C. Catton from Greensboro were recognized. Cashion noted that Robert Catton worked to increase the endowment fund for Family Services. Cashion shared her thanks and appreciation for John Graham for all of his work in preserving Blandwood Manor. Cashion provided an update on the recent Sandhills meeting noting that Sandhills has the highest service provision funds in the state and continue to be

recognized as a leader in North Carolina. Cashion provided updates regarding the Library Board and all of the activities they offer.

Commissioner Branson shared information on voluntary agricultural district designations.

XII. ADJOURN

There being no further business the Board adjourned by general consensus at 6:52 p.m.

Jeffrey M. Phillips
Chairman

Robin B. Keller
Clerk