

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
March 2, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on March 2, 2023 at 5:30PM, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro, North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston, presiding; Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster; Commissioners Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman and Alan Perdue. Commissioner James Upchurch participated via virtual communication.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michael Halford; County Attorney Andrea Leslie-Fite; Deputy Clerk to Board Ariane Webb; Deputy Clerk to Board Jessica Wolf; Ben Chavis, Tax Director; Sharon Barlow, DHHS-DSS Division Director; Dr. Iulia Vann, DHHS-Public Health Division Director; J. Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director; Shaunne Thomas, MWBE Program Manager; members of the public, staff and media partners.

I. INVOCATION

Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston introduced the veteran who would offer the Pledge of Allegiance following the invocation.

Board Chaplain Ben Chavis offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Julian W. McLamroch II, Air Force veteran, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

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

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

1. William Napper discussed his veterans group called the Irreverent Warriors and shared this is a national non-profit organization to assist veterans with mental health needs. He stated an organizational hike will be held on July 15, and encouraged the Board and all citizens to join them. Mr. Napper spoke to the decrease of suicide incidents when veterans participate in these types of events and discussed the importance of awareness. He noted the need for awareness, promoted their website and thanked the Board for their time.
2. Damon Williams, Greensboro resident and NAACP first Vice President, and questioned if the MWBE study has been completed, and if it is accessible to the public.
3. Mac Sims, president of East GSO Now, expressed his support for the proposed MWBE policy and noted it will encourage economic growth and offer historical advantages to minority businesses.
4. Keith Bowman, Guilford County resident, thanked the Board for supporting the resolution and road naming project for Judge William Osteen, Sr. He thanked NC Department of Transportation engineer Wright Archer for his assistance.
5. Sam Bridges presented Commissioner Kay Cashion with a token of appreciation for supporting the road naming project and spoke to the impact it will have upon the family. He shared the location of the newly named portion of highway and thanked the Board for their assistance.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2023-175 RESOLUTIONS HONORING GUILFORD COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS HEROES

Recognize David Keith Jones, retired Guilford County Sheriff's Deputy, and Dustin Edmondson, Law Enforcement Athlete Ambassador, for their outstanding contributions and efforts to raise support for Special Olympics North Carolina.

Legislation Text

Chairman Alston invited Pleasant Garden Mayor Dean Maddox to offer a special resolution.

Maddox invited David Keith Jones and Dustin Edmondson to the dais and introduced the purpose for the recognition. He read resolutions on behalf of the Pleasant Garden Town Council recognizing their achievements.

Commissioner Cashion invited Pleasant Garden Town Council members and family and friends of the honorees. She read the resolution honoring Dustin Edmondson as a Special Olympics athlete. She presented him with a framed resolution and letters of commendation from State Representative Jon Hardister and US Representative Kathy Manning.

Commissioner Perdue read the resolution honoring David Keith Jones' volunteerism efforts and participation with Special Olympics North Carolina. He presented him with a framed resolution and letters of commendation from State Representative Jon Hardister and US Representative Kathy Manning.

B. 2023-201 PROCLAIM MARCH AS ANNUAL SOCIAL WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH

Proclaim March 2023 as Social Worker Appreciation Month in Guilford County.

[Legislation Text](#)

Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy spoke to the impact social workers have made in her career as an educator, and spoke to their servant leadership and other roles that they play within the community. She read the proclamation into the minutes.

Sharon Barlow, DHHS-DSS Division Director, introduced the staff present to receive the proclamation and noted this year's theme is "Social Work Breaks Barriers". She shared social workers can be found in many different settings and noted they share common principles that include seeking social justice and equality for all individuals. Barlow noted Guilford County DSS employs almost 200 social workers within Children's Protective Services (CPS) and Adult Protective Services (APS) who assist almost 600 families every month. She urged the Board to learn more about the profession and extended appreciation for its ongoing support.

Chairman Alston expressed his thanks to the social workers.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., and seconded by Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster to adopt the consent agenda.

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

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2023-207 BUDGET AMENDMENT REPORT FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS PROCESSED UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE COUNTY MANAGER IN THE FY2023 BUDGET ORDINANCE

Receive Budget Amendment report for budget amendments processed under the authority granted to the County Manager in the FY2023 Budget Ordinance.

[Legislation Text](#)

[23.02.13 - Manager's Contingency Report](#)

B. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2023-141 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Review and approve the following set of draft meeting minutes:
01/19/2023 Work Session

[Legislation Text](#)

[dmwsx01.19.23](#)

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. 2023-138 HOLD APPEALS HEARING ON PLANNING BOARD DECISION CASE #22-07-GPL-05652 (S. Bunker Hill Road)

Conduct required legislative hearing and either affirm or reverse the Planning Board's decision to approve the zoning of approximately 6.99 acres located at 407 S. Bunker Hill Road, Colfax, NC 27235 (Parcel #227941 in located in Morehead and Gilmer Townships) to Agricultural (AG). If affirmed, an amendment to the Airport Area Plan land use designation for this parcel to Mixed Use Residential also would be required.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Appeal App, Rezoning App, De-Annex Bill](#)

[Combined Maps](#)

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[Property Owner Concurrence](#)

[GC PLPAN 11-9-22 Minutes](#)

[GC PB 10-12-22 Minutes](#)

[GC PB 9-14-22 Minutes](#)

J. Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director, introduced the item and discussed the purpose of the legislative hearing. He spoke to the history of the request and noted in 2007 this property was subject to annexation by the City of Greensboro. Bell shared the property has been de-annexed and this is a county-requested rezoning. He discussed the zoning of surrounding properties that lie within the Town of Kernersville and provided the historical context of zoning prior to de-annexation.

Bell shared a video presentation of the property and surrounding areas to the Board for context.

Chairman Alston opened the public hearing and provided directions. He opened the floor for proponents to the item.

1. Mr. Brian Dooley spoke to the history of the de-annexation from the City of Greensboro. He shared the purpose for the rezoning request and spoke to his relationship with his neighbors. Mr. Dooley submitted items that include a statement regarding an incident with neighbors and a statement from the City of Greensboro.

There being no additional proponents, Chairman Alston opened the floor for opponents to the agenda item.

1. Amanda Hodiern, Attorney with Isaacson Sheridan representing the appellant, shared the de-annexation is not under discussion and is only for background reference. She spoke to her representation of a family trust that includes over thirteen (13) acres to the north of the subject property. Ms. Hodiern stated their goal is to protect future development expectations created by published planning documents, and protect their long-term goals regarding their property. She commended the professionalism of the Guilford County Planning Department staff and reiterated their appeal addresses the rezoning.

Ms. Hodiern discussed how the proposed rezoning deviates from comprehensive plan guidance and the planned scheme of development, which requires stricter scrutiny. She shared that the Agricultural (AG) zoning recommended by staff and the Planning Board creates incompatibility as it promotes agricultural obligations, not residential. Hodiern noted there has been no discussion of agricultural opportunity, as Mr. Dooley indicates he only wants to live on the property with his family. She referenced the use matrix related to the three (3) primary land uses under AG zoning and expressed the appellant's concerns with the proposed rezoning based upon these uses.

Hodiern noted certain physical constraints of the property would preclude certain AG operations, but not all options are precluded and could be addressed through variances and modifications. She shared the appellants' desire to maintain the opportunity to rely on the zoning scheme they have lived with for the past fifteen (15) years. Hodiern spoke to the option

of utilizing conditional zoning to customize the request and mitigate impacts. She noted the ability to include incidental residential options that could better align with Mr. Dooley's request and the needs of surrounding property owners.

2. Steve Diebenow, son-in-law of the appellant property owner and member of the family trust, spoke to the family's history in the area and the importance of preserving their homestead. He shared there are no plans to develop the property and their intent is to keep the property in the family. Mr. Diebenow requested the Board assist them in bridging the gap between their differences and spoke to the need to identify an accurate zoning for the property, as staff's recommendation to return to the historic zoning ignores current growth in the area. He stated their interest in exploring a deed restriction that would guarantee Mr. Dooley would not undertake commercial or agricultural-commodity interests.

3. Mr. Richard Idol, Winston-Salem resident, expressed his opposition to the zoning request.

There being no additional opponents, Chairman Alston opened the floor for rebuttal from the proponents.

1. Mr. Dooley reiterated his support for the rezoning request and spoke to the historical use of the property. He shared his interest in preserving their property.

There being no further comments from proponents, Chairman Alston invited rebuttals from opponents to the request.

1. Ms. Hodierne discussed opportunities for the City of Greensboro to install water and sewer in this growth tier 1 corridor and shared this would not be a preclusive factor to residential rezoning in the area.

There being no further rebuttals, Chairman Alston closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster, to conduct the required legislative hearing to reverse the Planning Board's decision to approve the zoning of approximately 6.99 acres located at 407 S. Bunker Hill Road, Colfax, NC 27235 (Parcel #227941 in located in Morehead and Gilmer Townships) to Agricultural (AG) because the amendment is not consistent with applicable plans as the proposed zoning to Agricultural (AG) is inconsistent with the recommendation of the Airport Area Plan as no Guilford County land use designation is assigned to the area in the Plan. The parcel is no longer in the municipal boundary of Greensboro due to de-annexation. The subject parcel is within the Greensboro Proposed Annexation boundary under the Airport Area Plan (revised in 2008). Additionally, the amendment is not reasonable and in the public interest because the subject property had a prior zoning of R-3 single-family after being annexed by the City of Greensboro in June 2008. Although the proposed AG zoning district allows single-family residential structures, the AG zoning district is a broader zoning district and allows for more uses that currently are not allowed

in Greensboro's R-3 zoning district. Thus, some uses in AG zoning may not be compatible with uses allowed in the City's R-3 zoning district.

Commissioner Alan Perdue expressed his support for the appellant's argument and shared he did not feel AG was the correct zoning for the property.

Commissioner Cashion clarified that, at the time of de-annexation, the property was zoned as R-3 and questioned staff's recommendation to zone the property AG although it is surrounded by properties zoned R3.

Bell explained that certain surrounding properties are zoned AG.

Commissioner Cashion clarified none of the properties contiguous to the current property are zoned AG. She expressed her concern with staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Murphy noted the AG zoning is not outside the scope of neighboring properties and requested why we do not have an R-3 zoning designation in the County.

Bell shared R-3 is the lowest density residential zoning designation available through the City of Greensboro. He noted that the RS-40 zoning district in the County's unincorporated area allows only one (1) housing unit per acre and discussed the differences between lots allowed through AG (minimum residential lot size also is approx. one housing unit per acre) versus residential zoning.

Commissioner Murphy spoke to the importance of noting AG also is considered a residential designation in County zoning. She invited Mr. Dooley to answer questions and asked if he could clarify his discussion with the City of Greensboro regarding the availability of water and sewer service.

Mr. Dooley shared that, in his discussions with the City, they stated they had no intention of providing water and sewer service to this area. He noted that if they chose to move the home closer to Gray Wilson Road, there may be an option for water service in the future, though there are certain physical constraints on the property that might not allow the move.

Commissioner Murphy questioned if he was interested in pursuing conditional zoning or another zoning option.

Mr. Dooley discussed the breakdown in communication with his neighbors that resulted in his unwillingness to pursue an alternate zoning option.

Commissioner Murphy questioned if the attorney representing the opponents did not share with certain residents that they were going to appeal the Planning Board's decision.

Mr. Dooley stated that a specific member of the appellant party indicated he was unaware of the appeal.

Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster requested to withdraw her second to the motion on the floor. Chairman Alston stated the motion now belongs to the Board and spoke to the option of making a substitute motion. He requested guidance from the County Attorney regarding the motion and zoning.

County Attorney Andrea Leslie-Fite stated if the Board reversed the decision, the property remains un-zoned. She noted applicant would have to return expeditiously to the Planning Board for a new decision.

Chairman Alston questioned if there was an opportunity for the Board to adopt an alternate zoning option. He questioned the value appreciation of zoning a property as R-40 versus AG. Bell shared they would need to contact the Tax department for that information.

Chairman Alston noted this would be of importance to the property owner and requested the appellant attorney present to discuss which appellants were not notified of the rezoning appeal. Ms. Hodierna stated she notified all property owners and filed a proper appeal. She discussed the alternative options which included deed restrictions, coronary rezoning and a RS-40 designation, and shared their interest in excluding larger operational opportunities.

Leslie-Fite clarified the Board only had the option to affirm or reverse the Planning Board's decision.

Bell reiterated the AG zoning is a residential zoning option.

Commissioner Carly Cooke questioned why the recommendation from staff was AG versus other types of residential zoning options.

Bell shared staff evaluated surrounding properties and considered the owner's input when recommending the AG zoning. He noted that just after leaving the subject property and turning to the left there is AG zoning property; turning to the right as you approach Gray Wilson Rd there is AG zoned property; and, three parcels behind the subject property, there is AG zoning. Additionally, Bell shared that the Planning Board members visited the property in order to weigh in further on the decision and ensure this was the right type of zoning.

Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr. questioned how the Planning Board settled on the AG zoning versus R-30 and R-40 designations.

Bell stated that, when the zoning application was originally filed, he discussed the AG and residential zonings with Mr. Dooley. He noted the Planning Board was aware this information had been shared with the property owner and Mr. Dooley did attend the second meeting of the Planning board on this topic.

Commissioner Jones questioned if, prior to the de-annexation, were any surrounding properties zoned as R-3 and Bell confirmed.

Commissioner Jones questioned what Mr. Dooley could not do with his property under the RS-40 designation.

Mr. Dooley stated a percolation test indicated there was only a small portion of the area where his home could sit on the property, and confirmed they are physically constrained to this area, based upon the quality of the soil. He shared AG zoning would be the most favorable designation due to these limitations and spoke to the density of the trees in the southern portion of the property.

Substitute motion was made by Commissioner James Upchurch, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to conduct a required legislative hearing and affirm the Planning Board's decision to approve the zoning of approximately 6.99 acres located at 407 S. Bunker Hill Road, Colfax, NC 27235 (Parcel #227941 in located in Morehead and Gilmer Townships) to Agricultural (AG). If affirmed, an amendment to the Airport Area Plan land use designation for this parcel to Mixed Use Residential would be needed because the proposed zoning to AG is inconsistent with the recommendation of the Airport Area Plan as no Guilford County land use designation was assigned to the area in the Plan. The parcel is no longer in the municipal boundary of Greensboro due to de-annexation. The subject parcel is within the Greensboro Proposed Annexation boundary under the Airport Area Plan (revised in 2008). The amendment is reasonable and in the public interest because it is consistent with development patterns in the immediate vicinity. Additionally, the parcel is no longer eligible for public water and sewer service to support high-density residential development as a result of de-annexation from the City of Greensboro..

Commissioner Murphy expressed her support for the AG zoning designation and shared rezoning to R-40 would likely cause an increase in the tax burden to the property owner. She noted these financial implications are worth considering.

Commissioner James Upchurch shared he spoke to all parties involved and believed it was in the Board's best decision to affirm the Planning Board's decision.

Leslie-Fite recommended the Board review the reasonableness factors and noted that taxable value of property is not a factor of consideration for the governing board's required statement of reasonableness and this does not have to be read into the record.

Commissioner Pat Tillman expressed his support for the substitute motion and noted that the current size of the property will not lend itself to commercial farming, specifically dairy farming.

Commissioner Cashion questioned why Mr. Dooley preferred an AG designation versus a residential zoning.

Mr. Dooley shared his intended uses for the property were determined prior to de-annexation. He shared he consulted with other professionals regarding the AG designation and they confirmed this was a proper zoning option. He stated he did not plan on farming and only wants to preserve his property.

Commissioner Cashion questioned if the zoning designation matters.

Mr. Dooley confirmed and shared he does not want the property split into separate lots. He stated AG designation will allow them to preserve their property and the trees planted. He stated that he had planted trees on the property and thought that planting trees was an agricultural use.

Leslie-Fite stated the following factors should be considered when analyzing the reasonableness of the decision regarding rezoning:

1. The size, physical condition and other attributes of the subject area proposed for rezoning;
2. The benefits and detriments to the landowner, neighbors and surrounding area;
3. The relationship between the current actual and permissible development on the tract and adjoining areas and the development that would be permissible under the proposed amendment;
4. Why the action taken is in the public interest; and
5. Any changed conditions warranting the amendment.

She confirmed these factors are based on Guilford County case law from 1988. She noted these are the five (5) permissible factors the Board could consider related to the rezoning.

Substitute motion was made by Commissioner James Upchurch, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to conduct a required legislative hearing and affirm the Planning Board's decision to approve the zoning of approximately 6.99 acres located at 407 S. Bunker Hill Road, Colfax, NC 27235 (Parcel #227941 in located in Morehead and Gilmer Townships) to Agricultural (AG). If affirmed, an amendment to the Airport Area Plan land use designation for this parcel to Mixed Use Residential would be needed because the proposed zoning to AG is inconsistent with the recommendation of the Airport Area Plan as no Guilford County land use designation was assigned to the area in the Plan. The parcel is no longer in the municipal boundary of Greensboro due to de-annexation. The subject parcel is within the Greensboro Proposed Annexation boundary under the Airport Area Plan (revised in 2008). The amendment is reasonable and in the public interest because it is consistent with development patterns in the immediate vicinity. Additionally, the parcel is no longer eligible for public water and sewer service to support high-density residential development as a result of de-annexation from the City of Greensboro.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 2
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman
NOES: Kay Cashion, Alan Perdue

Commissioner Cashion requested Ms. Hodierne share her comments regarding the decision.

Ms. Hodiernie expressed her objection to the tax value consideration and emphasized her concern that the entire deliberation has been tainted by this discussion.

The Board entered into a ten (10) minutes recess at 7:47PM.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 7:56PM.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2023-188 ADOPTION OF MWBE POLICY

Adopt the MWBE Policy and authorize the County Manager to implement the MWBE Administrative manual.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Issue Brief MWBE Policy and Admin Manual.pdf](#)

[DRAFT MWBE Policy Document.pdf](#)

[DRAFT MWBE Policy Procedure Manual.pdf](#)

Shaunne Thomas, MWBE Program Manager, introduced the item and noted this information had been shared with the Board previously.

Commissioner Perdue shared he was contacted by TREBIC who questioned if they would be involved in development of the policy.

Thomas confirmed they would have been contacted at the beginning of the process to offer recommendations anecdotally.

Commissioner Perdue recommended the county take advantage of their services.

Commissioner Jones expressed his support for Ms. Thomas' 100-day plan and noted the policy also includes opportunity for stakeholder work groups to offer additional input.

Commissioner Tillman thanked Thomas for all of her work and questioned why Mecklenburg County was not included in the geographical restriction portion of the policy.

Thomas stated that, because the County did not spend the required 75% of its construction funding over the past five (5) years in Mecklenburg County, this area was not included in the geographical restriction section.

Commissioner Tillman expressed his interest in reaching out to stakeholders, like TREBIC, to support this policy.

Thomas reiterated her intent to have a wide array of stakeholder participation.

Commissioner Cooke noted she has worked with Thomas in connecting with local partners and is quick to engage with the community.

Commissioner Upchurch expressed his support for community engagement and expressed his support for the motion.

Chairman Alston thanked Thomas for the work that has been conducted since she joined the County.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy to adopt the MWBE Policy and authorize the County Manager to implement the MWBE Administrative manual.

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

IX. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

A. 2023-202 DHHS-DSS UPDATE: SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMS

Receive update on DHHS-DSS Social Work Programs.

Legislation Text

Barlow noted social work program updates were offered during the Social Work Appreciation Month Proclamation.

B. 2023-218 GUN VIOLENCE AND PREVENTION UPDATE

Receive update related to Gun Violence and Prevention activities.

Legislation Text

Dr. Iulia Vann, DHHS-Public Health Division Director, introduced the update and noted they will discuss the framework used when Public Health (PH) approached this topic. She discussed the scope of gun violence framework, which includes addressing underlying factors, and spoke to the impacts of gun violence on society. Vann stated some of the consequences of gun

violence can include suicide, homicide, gun-related domestic violence, police-involved incidents and mass shootings.

Vann discussed Public Health's approach to address gun violence, which includes defining the violence problem with data collection to identify the spectrum of violence, conducting research to find out why it occurs and who it affects, design and implement interventions to see what works and scaling up effective interventions. She shared there are a number of evidence-based strategies available and they need to ensure they are implemented and enforced equitably.

Vann introduced the Health Impact Pyramid and noted PH can be involved by defining socioeconomic factors to offering counseling and education programs that will require increased individual efforts. She spoke to the levels of intervention that PH can be involved in, dependent upon the target audience and approach.

Vann shared PH conducted seventeen (17) listening sessions over the last four (4) months with a variety of organizations and noted they may fall within the spectrum of intervention. She shared they have three (3) sessions with agencies that must still be conducted and noted these are primarily one-on-one conversations with agency leaders utilizing a structured set of questions.

Vann shared common themes identified during these sessions include the need for collaboration, community ownership and investment, financial investment, mental health services, filling gaps in interventions, access to data and community resources and trust for people doing the work and the PH approach.

Vann recommended creating a local collaborative group that engages in collective impact activities, developing a plan for data collection and analysis to support funding opportunities and decision-making, engaging local community leaders and residents to earn trust and buy-in, offer opportunities for residents and the collaborative group to learn from peers in other locations who have implemented successful solutions, identify new evidence-based practices and interventions, and create a system of monitoring and evaluating activities around gun violence.

Commissioner Jones thanked Vann for the update and recommended including Establishing Safe Cultures, a grassroots organization and engaging clergy, such as the Pulpit Forum, in these collaborative groups. He noted landlords, TREBIC and Black Child Development would also be important to include.

Commissioner Tillman questioned the evidence-based research related to intact families. He spoke to data from the Brookings Institute which identified certain factors that would impact poverty.

Vann shared there is evidence confirming attaining a high school diploma and having a job are both social determinants of health and root causes, but noted she has no specific research to reference at this time. She shared the PH Infant Mortality Prevention Group also addresses these root causes.

Commissioner Cooke thanked Vann for the presentation and her efforts. She spoke to the importance of building trust and how it will require collaboration and community engagement. She expressed her interest in working with PH on this moving forward and referenced a conversation with Barlow during the retreat that spoke to the diversity of families and how to promote the services DSS can offer to them.

Vice Chair Foster thanked Vann for her efforts and questioned the composition of the team working on this project.

Vann noted she has primarily conducted this work, but noted they have a Health Educator who will also join the project when she returns from leave.

Vice Chair Foster questioned if Vann will look at the systems that continue to perpetuate these root causes. She spoke to the importance of education and housing, in addition to evaluating the systems and their impact upon gun violence.

Vann shared these recommendations can be tweaked to make sure they work for Guilford County and noted this will all be collaborative work with community stakeholders who will engage in these conversations and identify ways to address these issues.

Foster noted all of the community partners have their own approach and noted it will be a huge challenge for the PH department to get them on the same page.

Vann noted PH does a good job of convening agencies together and noted they can provide a space for all these organizations to come together.

Commissioner Murphy thanked Vann for initiating this work and expressed her interest in seeing how this work moves forward. She spoke to the importance of ensuring residents are always involved in this work, and the need to center the people who involved in and members of these communities.

Commissioner Cashion echoed her appreciation for Dr. Vann's work and noted these groups address interventions after the fact. She questioned how the community could reach young people before they become involved in gun violence and recommended working with JCPC organizations and youth detainees in Juvenile Detention in order to incorporate their voices in the process.

Commissioner Cashion expressed her interest in identifying preventative strategies.

Commissioner Cooke shared the DHHS Advisory Board is eager to support this process.

X. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2023-211 APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Consider and approve the following appointment:

Guilford County Parks & Recreation Commission

Appoint Raleta S. Dawkins to 1st term in BOCC Designee District 4 position (March 2, 2023 - March 1, 2025)

Legislation Text

01.26.23 App RDawkins D4.pdf

01.26.23 Resume RDawkins D4.pdf

Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., to consider and approve the following appointment:

Guilford County Parks & Recreation Commission

Appoint Raleta S. Dawkins to 1st term in BOCC Designee District 4 position (March 2, 2023 - March 1, 2025)

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

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

NOES: None

B. 2023-194 EXCEPTION REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Consider and approve the following exception reappointment to various boards & commissions:

Guilford County Parks & Recreation Commission

Reappoint Glenn Cashion to 3rd term as BOCC At-Large Designee (January 20, 2023 - January 19, 2026)

Legislation Text

02.20.23 GCashion Term Exempt.pdf

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to consider and approve the following exception reappointment to various boards & commissions:

Guilford County Parks & Recreation Commission

Reappoint Glenn Cashion to 3rd term as BOCC At-Large Designee (January 20, 2023 - January 19, 2026)

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

XI. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

Vice Chair Foster shared her attendance at the High Point Economic Development Corporation's event at the newly renovated City Lake Park and announced the Carolina Core Soccer League is coming to High Point.

Commissioner Cashion shared her attendance at the Southwest Renewal Foundation leadership meeting and noted they are working with two (2) business owners who expressed their appreciation for the County's support. She shared they were able to leverage County funding towards two (2) grants in support of economic development in High Point. Cashion shared her attendance at the BHUC Oversight Board Community Engagement meeting and discussed their planning efforts for a wellness event in May. She thanked Ben Chavis for his responsiveness with regards to a family getting ready to lose their home and shared he placed the family in contact with a state-funded program that the family qualified for, allowing them to remain in their home.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY

A. 2023-108 RECEIVE FY2023 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT THROUGH JANUARY 2023

Receive FY2023 Budget Performance Report through January 2023.

Legislation Text

22.03.02 - Guilford County Budget Performance Report through January

Guilford County Budget Performance Report - January 2023

County Manager Michael Halford shared the budget performance report is included in their agenda packets and was reviewed during today's work session.

XIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Tillman thanked Carolina Core FC and its Chief Sporting Officer, Eddie Pope, for joining this community.

Commissioner Jones reminded everyone of the ACC Women's Basketball Tournament currently held at the Greensboro Coliseum and the upcoming ACC Men's Tournament that would be hosted here next week. He thanked his wife for hosting 41 children, in partnership with Black Child Development, at Presbyterian Church of the Cross in conducting a science project.

Vice Chair Foster announced March is Women's History Month and thanked all the women on the Board, those within Guilford County government and women everywhere. She shared that she will be recognized as a Woman in Leadership by High Point Discovery and will be honored at Union Baptist Church in Jamestown, NC. Foster shared she would also participate as a panelist during an upcoming Women's Empowerment breakfast and discussed her recent participation in a "Read Across America" event at Fairview Elementary. She extended birthday wishes to her son and announced the ribbon-cutting event for the Carl Chavis YMCA will be held this Sunday from 2:00-4:00 PM.

Commissioner Murphy shared her attendance at a "Better Together" listening session at Southeast Guilford High School where they discussed their vision for the future of the schools and noted another session will be held next week at Northeast Guilford High School. She announced the County's Budget Town Hall meeting for Districts 4 and 7 will be held on March 15 at 6:00 PM at the Sedalia Town Hall.

Commissioner Upchurch shared he will host a CPR and AED clinic at the Oakview Recreation Center at 6:30PM and noted a Budget Town Hall meeting will be held at the Carl Chavis YMCA on March 20 at 6:00 PM.

XIV. 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 Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., to hold 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, James Upchurch, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman, Alan Perdue
NOES: None

The Board recessed the meeting and entered into closed session at 8:59PM.

The Board reconvened the meeting from closed to open session at 11:13PM.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., and seconded by Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster, to terminate Guilford County Contract # 90002640 pursuant to Sections 13.113 and 13.2.3 of the contract upon seven (7) days written notice and authorize staff to take any and all necessary steps to effectuate such termination.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman, Alan Perdue
NOES: None
ABSENT: James Upchurch

XV. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to adjourn the meeting.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:14PM.

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

Robin Keller
Clerk to Board