

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
August 5, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on August 5, 2021 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 Alan Perdue, Justin Conrad, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy and James Upchurch.

ABSENT: Commissioner Carly Cooke.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michael Halford; County Attorney Mark Payne; Clerk to Board Robin Keller; Ariane Webb, Deputy Clerk to Board; Jessica Wolf, Deputy Clerk to Board; Worley Smith, Communications Manager; Jim Albright, Emergency Services Director; Heather Skeens, DHHS Director; Rick Mosher, Property Management; Derrick Bennett, Finance Director; staff, citizens and media.

I. INVOCATION

Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston welcomed those present and introduced Mr. Michael Byers, US Army Reserve Veteran, who would lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Byers led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alston called the meeting to order at 5:35PM and recognized former County Commissioner Alan Branson in attendance.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2021-235 RESOLUTION HONORING THE GRIMSLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WHIRLIES FOOTBALL TEAM

Receive resolution honoring the Grimsley Senior High School Whirlies Football Team.

Legislation Text

Commissioner Justin Conrad expressed his pride in the Grimsley High School Whirlies football team and read the resolution into the minutes.

A member of the Grimsley High School athletics department thanked the Board for this recognition.

B. 2021-303 RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF EDDIE BRIDGES

Adopt a resolution honoring the life & accomplishments of Eddie Bridges.

Legislation Text

Commissioner Conrad invited the family to the dais as he read the resolution into the minutes. He noted Mr. Bridges' substantial accomplishments related to wildlife and environmental issues throughout Guilford County and the state of North Carolina.

Chairman Alston requested a moment of silence in recognition of Mr. Bridges memory.

Alan Sharpe, a Bridges family member, read reflections Mr. Bridges wrote before passing. He requested the Board consider Mr. Bridges' legacy when making decisions related to conservation in the area.

Sam Bridges thanked the Board for its recognition and shared that Mr. Bridges was under consideration to receive an annual pledge of \$1 million to be paid over five (5) years for coastal community preservation.

C. 2021-316 RESOLUTION HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GILBERT JOSEPH CARTER

Receive a resolution honoring the contributions of Gilbert Joseph Carter.

Legislation Text

Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster expressed her honor in presenting the resolution Mr. Carter, one of the oldest living Buffalo Soldiers. She read the resolution into the minutes.

Mr. Carter expressed his gratitude for the recognition and thanked the Board on behalf of the Buffalo Soldiers.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Chairman Alston provided directions for those participating in Speakers from the Floor.

1. Ron Tuck, Executive Director of Opportunity for Youth, spoke to potential educational uses of the County Farm and requested the Board commit to a vision for its use through the Parks department. He recommended all Guilford County Schools (GCS) students should tour the farm and shared he is praying for Deputy Kaminsky and his family. Mr. Tuck reiterated the County Farm's potential as a crime prevention and educational tool to teach children about the realities of incarceration versus the opportunities available through skilled trades.

3. Former Commissioner Alan Branson expressed his honor in observing the recognition of Mr. Eddie Bridges memory and spoke to shared it was his honor to witness Eddie Bridges recognition and spoke to his legacy of hunting, fishing and wildlife initiatives.

4. Andy Stevens, Director of Legislative Efforts for Grassroots America, expressed his concerns with the Sheriff's Department related to the delayed issuance of pistol permits.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Commissioner James Upchurch, to adopt the consent agenda.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Justin Conrad, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy, James Upchurch
NOES: None
ABSENT: Carly Cooke

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2021-305 BUDGET AMENDMENT TO APPROPRIATE PRIOR YEARS FUNDS TO CURRENT YEAR FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS TOWER UPS REPLACEMENT

Approve an increase of \$46,482 in Appropriated Fund Balance and increase the FY 2021-22 Emergency Services budget by the same amount to allow for the purchase and installation of an uninterrupted power supply at the Summerfield 800 Mhz tower site.

[Legislation Text](#)

[UPS replacement at Summerfield tower Rebid #2 6-30-21](#)

2. 2021-309 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION: OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH GRANT - \$21,983

Approve an increase of \$21,983 in Other Revenues and increase the FY2021-22 Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health Division by the same amount for the Office of Rural Health Grant.

[Legislation Text](#)

B. CONTRACTS

1. 2021-307 LEASE OF LAND AT 715 SUMMIT AVENUE, GREENSBORO, NC TO THE CITY OF GREENSBORO

Approve, in substantial form, the extension of one (1) year to lease agreement for the City of Greensboro for the rental of space at 715 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC, and authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute said lease.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Sternberger Pk COPY 21-22 Lease](#)

[715 Summit GIS-07072021153539](#)

2. 2021-308 LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE AT 3309 BURLINGTON RD, GREENSBORO, NC

Approve, in substantial form, a one (1) year lease agreement for rental of office space at 3309 Burlington Rd, Greensboro, NC, to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at the compensation rate of \$4,480.00 annually and authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute said lease.

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[Forestry Lease 21-22](#)

[Ag Center GIS-07072021155027](#)

3. 2021-311 LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE AT THE HIGH POINT COURTHOUSE TO THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Approve, in substantial form, a one (1) year lease extension for office space at the Guilford County Courthouse, High Point, NC, to the NC Office of Administrative Hearings and authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute said lease extension.

[Legislation Text](#)

[NC Office of Admin Hearings 2021 Lease](#)

[HP Courthouse fourth floorplan](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2021-295 REQUEST REFUND OF TAX STAMPS FOR THE MCCALL LAW FIRM

Approve the refund of \$485.00 to The McCall Law Firm due to the overpayment of excise tax stamps, per GS 105-228.37.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Refund Request](#)

[GS 105-228.37](#)

2. 2021-293 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the following sets of meeting minutes:
07/15/2021 Work Session
07/15/2021 Regular Meeting

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VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2021-294 CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED GUN SAFETY REVISION RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GUILFORD COUNTY ORDINANCE

Conduct a public hearing, pursuant to NCGS 153A-45, to receive public input on staff-recommended gun safety revisions to the County Ordinance.

Legislation Text

08.05.21 Notice Attach Public Hearing Gun Safety.pdf

Chairman Alston noted that no action would be taken on the proposed ordinance revisions tonight. He discussed a recent meeting with proponent and opponent stakeholders that was positive and productive, and emphasized that no revisions will be adopted until all concerns and questions have been heard. Chairman Alston stated the goal of the ordinance is to improve gun safety and the right to bear arms. He spoke to the potential of developing another committee to expand these discussions after tonight's public hearing and encouraged the public to participate. Chairman Alston requested the County Attorney review the proposed ordinance revisions and discuss potential changes based upon discussions during the recent stakeholders meeting.

County Attorney Mark Payne reviewed the process of ordinance revisions and noted the process started as a result of reports of irresponsible gun use in the County. He shared the current ordinance and noted it was written approximately 36 years ago and is difficult to interpret and enforce. Payne expressed appreciation for the feedback received related to the ordinance revisions. He emphasized the revisions do not impact hunting but do require a backstop for residential gun owners who plan to shoot on their properties. Payne expressed interest in receiving feedback on sufficient proportions for backstops and confirmed the proposed revisions do not impact existing businesses as they are already governed by state statutes.

Chairman Alston invited Shane Naylor, owner of Shane's Sporting Clays, to share his experience during a recent stakeholders meeting.

Mr. Naylor discussed his participation in the recent as an opponent to the proposed revisions and shared the Board is attempting to do the right thing by proposing revisions that ensure safe and responsible gun use. He encouraged opponents to listen and assist the County in the process.

Mark Craig, Gibsonville resident and NC Wildlife Commissioner, spoke to the County's willingness to exempt hunting from the proposed revisions and expressed his support for berm requirements. He shared his personal experience where a neighbor engaged in target practice without a berm shot a bullet that nearly hit his family and spoke to the importance of educating all gun owners on these issues.

Payne confirmed staff are working to include exemptions for all existing entities similar to Shane's Sporting Clays.

Mr. Craig encouraged the County to research paths for new businesses in this field that will provide a safe space to practice shooting in compliance with the ordinance.

Chairman Alston reviewed directions for the public hearing and opened the floor for proponents.

1. Captain Corbett, Guilford County Sheriff's Office, spoke in favor of the proposed revisions and discussed population increases in the rural areas that have resulted in incidents where homes in residential neighborhoods were damaged by stray bullets. He stated they are not attempting to restrict the rights of gun enthusiasts, but the revisions are designed to mitigate any incidents and encourage safe gun practices.
2. Thomas Honey, Liberty resident, thanked Law Enforcement and the Board for addressing this issue and spoke to the importance of responsible shooting. He discussed Law Enforcement's inability to enforce the existing ordinance and shared his personal experiences with neighbors engaged in target practice near his home.
3. Jeff Lowdermilk, Mcleansville resident and retired police officer, shared a personal incident where a neighbor engaged in target shooting and a stray bullet lodged itself in another neighbor's refrigerator, and discussed other incidents where his dog was injured, and his tractor was hit by stray bullets. He emphasized the importance of enforcing the use of backstops and noted that, while the time limitations included in the revisions should be reviewed, all opponents should support the backstop requirements and be willing to work together towards a reasonable solution.
4. Speaker 4 did not participate in the hearing.
5. Paul Manhart, Julian resident, echoed the comments of previous proponents and expressed his concerns with dangers and noise associated with the use of high-powered weapons 150 yards from a residence. He spoke to concerns with the age of the ordinance and noted these issues speak to the quality of life of residents in these areas.
6. Yvonne Maizland, Gibsonville Alderwomen, shared her support for 2nd amendment rights and gun safety. She noted that she has provided copies of her statement and petition to the Clerk to share with the Board and encouraged staff to enhance the backstop dimension requirements in the revisions.
7. Beverly Ross, Gibsonville resident, discussed her neighborhood and the impact of a target shooting incident where four (4) separate residences were struck. She shared the proposed revisions are insufficient to prevent future incidents and spoke to the need for more substantial backstop dimensions and increasing the density beyond 150 yards.

Chairman Alston announced the end of the allotted time and closed the floor for proponents. He stated that the remaining proponents would be allowed to speak during the three (3) minute rebuttal period and opened the floor for opponents.

1. Brooks Langley, Mcleansville resident, spoke to the need to work together towards a solution to address gun safety. He opined that concerns with other types of loud noises, such as those generated by leaf blowers and motorcycles, are not addressed but gun owners appear to be targeted. Mr. Langley encouraged the Board and public to focus on education versus limitations.
2. Tina Forsberg, Greensboro resident, shared this conversation needs to focus on crime and gun violence versus range owners within the County. She spoke to the importance of offering gun safety, citizenship and character education in public schools. Ms. Forsberg opined the legacy of this revision would result in fewer safe places for gun owners to practice and requested more transparency in the ordinance revision process.
3. Former Commissioner Alan Branson spoke to the importance of gun safety and expressed his concerns with the draft revisions that were shared with the public. He expressed his support for the backstop requirements but noted the noise revisions are over-reaching. Branson encouraged all to support the men and women in uniform and noted the proposed time limitations for shooting would make enforcement difficult due to the lack of manpower. He encouraged the Board to work with the state on the proposed revisions.
4. Speaker 4 ceded his time to the next speaker.
5. Billy Queen, Oak Ridge resident and retired ATF agent, spoke in support of gun safety, but cautioned the Board against creating an atmosphere of fear towards government and law enforcement. He spoke to the importance of empowering Law Enforcement to use commonsense when enforcing laws.
6. Phil Byrd, Greensboro resident and retired deputy sheriff, discussed backstops and noted this requirement has always been included in the ordinance and was enforced in the past. He discussed the inability to legislate and pass ordinances stopping reckless and careless behavior and spoke to the need to fix current gun safety issues. Mr. Byrd emphasized that the County does have an enforceable ordinance.
7. Richard Powers, Guilford County resident, spoke in opposition of the ordinance and stated a property owner should have the right to shoot on their own property. He expressed his support for the backstop requirements and his opposition to the time limit revisions.

Chairman Alston announced the end of the allotted time and closed the floor for opponents. He opened the floor for proponents three (3) minute rebuttal period.

9. Patti Frascone, Gibsonville resident, spoke in support of the proposed revisions but noted her agreement that the letter of the law needs additional work. She spoke to the difficulty in enforcing the current law, but expressed concerns with what is being legislated. Ms. Frascone spoke to the importance of being a good and decent neighbor.

8. Mark Craig, Gibsonville resident, spoke in support of the proposed regulations.

10. A Guilford County resident and gun owner spoke to his experience target shooting in Julian and expressed concerns with the 150-yard requirement in the proposed ordinance revisions.

Chairman Alston announced the end of the proponent's rebuttal period and opened the floor for the opponents three (3) minute rebuttal period.

8. Jordan Stein, Director of Communications of Gun Owners of America, urged the Board not to restrict shooting on private property in Guilford County. He noted this violates the civil rights of private property owners and spoke to the importance allowing gun owners the opportunity to safely exercise their right to bear arms.

9. Andy Stevens spoke to the importance of the defensive berm as a reasonable and practical solution to address gun safety.

Chairman Alston announced the end of the opponent's rebuttal period and closed the public hearing. He thanked all participants for their comments and stated that those opponents who were unable to speak could share them via email at publiccomments@guilfordcountync.gov. Alston shared that a committee would be formed to work on the ordinance and encouraged those interested in participating to contact the Clerk to Board.

Mr. Branson questioned when the revisions made during the recent meeting would be made available to the public.

Chairman Alston clarified that no additional changes would be published until after committee work has been completed and comments from all sides have been heard. He called for a ten (10) minute recess.

By unanimous consent the Board recessed the meeting at 7:34PM.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 7:50PM.

Chairman Alston apologized to any Commissioners who wished to address the public comments prior to the meeting recess.

Commissioner Conrad expressed his strong concerns with the process and noted the community should have been involved in ordinance discussions before the proposed revisions were shared with the public. He spoke to discrepancies in defining a sufficient backstop and noted the County's proposed revisions are in conflict with state statute 14-34.1. Conrad questioned why a person would not be prosecuted if they did not comply with this statute.

Payne shared there must be known intent in order to enforce violation of this statute, versus negligence.

Commissioner Conrad referenced a recent case handled by the Sheriff's department and expressed concerns with how it was handled. He offered a personal example and noted the proposed ordinance makes him out of compliance when he practices shooting. Conrad

referenced the city of Greensboro's zero tolerance policy for firearm discharges and noted Greensboro Police Department was unable to enforce a recent incident at his business. He referenced Article 53C in the state statutes and questioned where the proposed revisions differentiate between commercial and private property ranges. Conrad stated there is no differentiation and these ordinances would have zero impact upon private and commercial ranges.

Commissioner Alan Perdue stated these ordinances are about situational awareness and spoke to the difficulty of crafting a legal document that applies to all. He spoke to the importance of gun safety education and respecting firearms. Perdue noted the need to ensure the regulation will work by identifying the problem that needs to be resolved, which is projectiles leaving the property, not the number of rounds being shot or the frequency of shooting. He cautioned against over-reaching regulations that takes away citizens' rights.

Commissioner Kay Cashion expressed her appreciation to the citizens who engaged with their elected officials and for their participation in the meeting. She shared that the overall goal is public safety. She spoke to the importance of identifying a way not to infringe on people's rights while providing safety. Cashion noted they did hear that those who handle guns in an unsafe manner should be prosecuted and spoke to the need for more gun safety programs. She stated that this public hearing opens the opportunity to have broader discussions on the topic.

Chairman Alston stated the Board received calls to act and emphasized now is not the time to make a decision, but a time to listen. He thanked the County Attorney and staff for their work on the proposed revisions and reiterated this is about gun safety. Alston shared that they do not want to infringe upon the rights of gun owners, but there is a responsibility to ensure the safety and rights of neighbors and their properties. He reiterated there will be additional meetings and all sides will be heard in this process.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2021-272 REAL PROPERTY EXCHANGE WITH THE CITY OF GREENSBORO

Approve, in substantial form, the exchange of the County's 50% interest in two (2) properties (5424 and 5414 Doggett Road, Greensboro, NC) for an easement on the property located at 6450 R2 US Highway 29, Greensboro, NC, owned by the City of Greensboro, and direct staff to take all reasonable and necessary steps to execute this exchange of property.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Exchange Agreement COG 6-7-21.pdf](#)

[Doggett Rd COG.pdf](#)

[Reedy Fork Ranch Easement 5-28-21.pdf](#)

[Reedy Fork Ranch Easement Ex A](#)

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[5414 Doggett GIS-06182021164740](#)

[6950 R2 US 29 - GIS-06182021164812](#)

[Reedy Fork Prelim PLAT 1](#)

Rick Mosher, Real Estate Property Manager, introduced the agenda item and reviewed the terms of the property exchange.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner James Upchurch, to approve, in substantial form, the exchange of the County's 50% interest in two (2) properties (5424 and 5414 Doggett Road, Greensboro, NC) for an easement on the property located at 6450 R2 US Highway 29, Greensboro, NC, owned by the City of Greensboro, and direct staff to take all reasonable and necessary steps to execute this exchange of property.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Justin Conrad, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy, James Upchurch

NOES: None

ABSENT: Carly Cooke

IX. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

County Manager Michael Halford shared that the County is just under 50,000 total COVID-19 cases due to the addition of 1,800 cases in the past thirty (30) days. He noted we are adding approximately 100 to 150 cases per day with a single day positivity rate of 9.9%, with a 2-5% positive test result rate in those already vaccinated.

Halford shared Guilford County has now achieved 50% full vaccination rate amongst the total population and discussed the vaccination clinic at the Greensboro Coliseum that would be held this upcoming weekend.

Halford provided an update on the Emergency Rental Assistance program and confirmed they have allocated approximately \$3 million in assistance. He shared they have taken over several hundred applications from the City of Greensboro, and noted that since the eviction moratorium ended on July 31, they have convened over twenty (20) local providers to help promote eviction diversion services in the community.

Halford stated this information is available at HealthGuilford.com and noted he reinstated the County's mask mandate for all county facilities. He shared a vaccine status survey has been started to collect data on the number of vaccinated county employees to determine the potential impact upon County services.

Commissioner James Upchurch noted the statistics and requested the number of COVID-related deaths over the past few weeks. He noted it is important to share that the County's mortality rate is still low and has not increased during this time.

Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman referenced a Congresswoman who is sleeping on the steps of Congress to raise awareness of the bottlenecks in the rental assistance application process. She questioned if the County has experienced any difficulties in assisting eligible renters.

Halford confirmed the funds are being distributed and noted the County has stepped in to assist the City of Greensboro with their backlog of applications. He discussed the verification requirements associated with the federal program that can slow the process and noted they are now experiencing a spike in applications.

Commissioner Coleman noted the President is requesting the eviction moratorium be extended another thirty (30) days and requested the County contact property owners to see if they are ensuring their rental units are available to rent to those who may be displaced.

Halford spoke to the challenges associated with the availability of rental properties in the area.

Vice Chair Foster shared concerns that she has received about completing applications via cell phone as there are no paper applications available. She questioned if there is another community agency that could partner with the County to accept paper applications and assist citizens with obtaining verifications.

Halford shared any citizen can call (336) 641-3000 to receive assistance completing an application or to request a paper application. He spoke to challenges coordinating information across all entities and noted the expanded funding through the eviction diversion program approved by the Board covers the costs for housing navigators who can assist citizens across the County.

Vice Chair Foster questioned the number of gift cards that would be available to distribute during the vaccination clinic.

Halford stated he would provide her with this information.

Commissioner Perdue questioned if the call center recently approved by the Board could assist in promoting and supporting the Emergency Rental Assistance program.

The Board discussed this option to support outreach and assistance.

Halford confirmed the call center could be utilized for standardized calls while County staff could be utilized for outreach. He spoke to the challenge of coordinating efforts across the entities that provide assistance.

Chairman Alston questioned the vaccination status survey and if the County was considering offering incentives to participate.

Halford noted that leave time is something that he could grant administratively, but monetary incentives would require Board approval.

Chairman Alston expressed his support for offering leave time and spoke to the urgent need to have the survey completed quickly.

Commissioner Coleman expressed her concern with setting a precedent to incentivize people to complete a survey or to receive the vaccination.

Commissioner Cashion expressed her concern with those who chose to delay receive the vaccination and noted that, as a public servant working in a public environment, they should be vaccinated unless they have a medical or religious exemption. She shared she did not support incentivizing staff monetarily or with paid time staff.

Chairman Alston echoed Commissioners Coleman and Cashion's concerns, but noted the need to collect the data first. He reiterated they must identify the number of employees who are vaccinated prior to requiring weekly testing for those who are not vaccinated.

The Board discussed the County Manager's proposal for the vaccination status survey.

Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy noted that participating in weekly testing is not punitive as it supports infection management and protects those who may not be able to receive the vaccine while protecting the people we serve.

X. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2021-306 APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Approve the following appointments to various boards and commissions:

Behavioral Health Centers Oversight Board

Appoint Paul A. Jeffrey to 1st term in Behavioral Health Service Line Leader position (August 5, 2021 - August 4, 2024)

Guilford County Board of Adjustment

Appoint Sebastian D. King to 1st term in Regular position (August 5, 2021 - August 4, 2024)

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[SKing_Resume_062121.pdf](#)

Commissioner Coleman questioned when she would be able to appoint a citizen to the Guilford County Board of Adjustment.

Clerk to Board Robin Keller clarified appointments to this board are not district-based, but offered to review the roster with Commissioner Coleman and identifying upcoming vacancies to which she could recommend an appointment.

Chairman Alston stated she could provide a recommendation that would be considered by the Board for appointment.

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

Behavioral Health Centers Oversight Board

Appoint Paul A. Jeffrey to 1st term in Behavioral Health Service Line Leader position (August 5, 2021 - August 4, 2024)

Guilford County Board of Adjustment

Appoint Sebastian D. King to 1st term in Regular position (August 5, 2021 - August 4, 2024)

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Justin Conrad, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy, James Upchurch
NOES: None
ABSENT: Carly Cooke

B. 2021-314 EXCEPTION REAPPOINTMENT TO GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Approve the following exception reappointment to the Guilford County Board of Adjustment:

Guilford County Board of Adjustment

Reappoint Larry Standley to 4th term in Alternate position (June 3, 2021 - June 2, 2024)

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[LStandley_Resume_06.25.21.pdf](#)

[LStandley_Term Exempt_07.29.21.pdf](#)

Commissioner Coleman expressed concern with the exception appointment.

Chairman Alston clarified this is an exception appointment that would require two-thirds approval to serve a fourth term and noted this is an Alternate position.

J. Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director, shared that certain individuals prefer to serve as an alternate as they are unable to make a full-time commitment to serve on the Board of Adjustment; however, their experience is essential when filling in for Regular members who are unable to participate in a case. He reiterated the appointments are not district-based.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to approve the following exception reappointment to the Guilford County Board of Adjustment:

Guilford County Board of Adjustment

Reappoint Larry Standley to 4th term in Alternate position (June 3, 2021 - June 2, 2024)

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Justin Conrad, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy, James Upchurch
NOES: None
ABSENT: Carly Cooke

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY

The County Manager and County Attorney had no additional comments.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Conrad shared his recent visit to the new Guilford County Animal Services Center and spoke to the beauty, efficiency and customer-friendliness of the design that will offer long-term savings to the County.

Commissioner Coleman announced the upcoming Feeding the Community event that would be held on Saturday, August 7 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at the Greensboro Coliseum. She thanked Halford for his assistance in supporting the event.

Vice Chair Foster shared her attendance at the High Point Food Truck Rodeo and shared the city will host a series of Rock the Point concerts prior to High Point Rockers games. She announced the annual Back-to-School bash at the Carl Chavis YMCA on August 14 and encouraged those who would like to attend to pre-register.

Commissioner Cashion provided an update on the Behavioral Health Centers Oversight Committee and noted the Adolescent Center's postponed opening due to ongoing delays in receiving construction materials. She noted the message is circulating that the Adult center is open and accepting patients.

Commissioner Murphy expressed her appreciation to all who participated in the public hearing and shared she is looking forward to working together on an ordinance that is enforceable and promotes safety and private property rights. She announced the upcoming grand opening of the pickleball courts at Bur-Mil Park.

XIII. 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 James Upchurch, 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 8 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Justin Conrad, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Kay Cashion, Mary Beth Murphy, James Upchurch
NOES: None
ABSENT: Carly Cooke

The Board recessed the meeting at 9:10PM.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 9:41PM.

XIV. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:41PM.

Melvin "Skip" Alston
Chairman

Robin Keller
Clerk to Board