

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
December 5, 2016

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed organizational meeting on December 5, 2016 at 10:00AM, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro, North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Jeff Phillips, presiding; Vice Chairman Alan Branson; Commissioners Hank Henning, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Q. Coleman, J. Carlvena Foster, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue and Ray Trapp.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Marty Lawing, County Attorney Mark Payne, Deputy County Manager Clarence Grier; Robin Keller, Clerk to Board; Ariane Webb, Budget Analyst; Ben Chavis, Tax Director; Reid Baker, Finance Director; Michael Halford, Budget Director; Yvonne Moebs, Risk Management Director; members of the community and media.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplain Ben Chavis offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Phillips led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Phillips welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 10:10AM.

IV. REMARKS FROM CHAIRMAN

Chairman Phillips expressed his honor in serving as chairman over the past year, and spoke to the election process that occurred this year. He thanked his family, colleagues, friends and citizens for their support and encouragement. Chairman Phillips expressed appreciation for the team approach to governance adopted by Guilford County, and thanked staff for their hard work.

V. REMARKS FROM VICE CHAIRMAN

Vice Chairman Branson echoed Chairman Phillips statements and expressed his appreciation for the hard work that occurred during the elective process. He discussed this year's elections and expressed appreciation to his family, friends and board colleagues for their support and hard work.

VI. REELECTED REGISTER OF DEEDS JEFF THIGPEN WILL BE ADMINISTERED OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Jan Samet, Guilford County District Court Judge, shared the Register of Deeds is the defender of all real property titles for all Guilford Citizens. He administered the Oath of Office to Jeff Thigpen, who was re-elected to serve a four-year term, and subscribed the oath.

VII. APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO ENDORSE BOARD'S APPROVAL FOR FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE BOND FOR JEFF THIGPEN, REGISTER OF DEEDS. THIS BOND WILL BE RENEWED AS REQUIRED UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL OCCUPYING THE POSITION CHANGES OR THE BOND EXPIRES

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Alan Branson, seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to approve and authorize Chairman to endorse Board's approval for faithful performance bond for Jeff Thigpen, Register of Deeds. This bond will be renewed as required until the individual occupying the position changes, or the bond expires.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Jeff Phillips, Alan Branson, Hank Henning, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Q. Coleman, J. Carlvena Foster, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue, Ray Trapp
NOES: None

VIII. REGISTER OF DEEDS JEFF THIGPEN WILL ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO ALL DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT REGISTERS OF DEEDS

Mr. Thigpen thanked the Board for allowing the department to administer oaths during the organizational meeting. He thanked Judge Samet for his service, and expressed appreciation for his integrity and administration of justice. He thanked his wife, Michelle, for her support.

Thigpen administered the oath of office to his Deputy and Assistant Registers of Deeds.

Thigpen noted his twenty-four (24) employees served 5,000 citizens daily, and conduct their roles with dignity and honor.

IX. ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE FOR REELECTED COMMISSIONERS

2016-436 ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE

A. REELECTED COMMISSIONER RAY TRAPP WILL BE ADMINISTERED OATH OF OFFICE

(The Honorable Patrice A. Hennant, Guilford County Resident Superior Court Judge)

The Honorable Patrice Hennant, Guilford County Resident Superior Court Judge, administered the oath of office to Commissioner Trapp, who was re-elected to serve a second four-year term, and subscribed the oath.

B. REELECTED COMMISSIONER PAUL "HANK" HENNING, IV WILL BE ADMINISTERED OATH OF OFFICE

(The Honorable Richard Dietz, North Carolina Court of Appeals)

The Honorable Richard Dietz, North Carolina Court of Appeals Judge, administered the oath of office to Commissioner Paul “Hank” Henning, IV, who was re-elected to serve a second four-year term, and subscribed the oath.

C. REELECTED COMMISSIONER JEFFREY M. PHILLIPS WILL BE ADMINISTERED OATH OF OFFICE

(The Honorable Richard Dietz, North Carolina Court of Appeals)

The Honorable Richard Dietz, North Carolina Court of Appeals Judge, administered the oath of office to Commissioner Jeffrey M. Phillips, who was re-elected to serve a second four-year term, and subscribed the oath.

D. REELECTED COMMISSIONER J. ALAN BRANSON WILL BE ADMINISTERED OATH OF OFFICE

(The Honorable Richard Dietz, North Carolina Court of Appeals)

The Honorable Richard Dietz, North Carolina Court of Appeals Judge, administered the oath of office to Commissioner J. Alan Branson, who was re-elected to serve a second four-year term, and subscribed the oath.

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X. CLERK TO BOARD ROBIN KELLER WILL CONDUCT ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Clerk to Board, Robin Keller, opened the floor for nominations for Chairman for the upcoming calendar year.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, seconded by Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster to nominate Commissioner Ray Trapp for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

VOTE: Motion failed 3 – 6
AYES: Carolyn Q. Coleman, J. Carlvena Foster, Ray Trapp
NOES: Jeff Phillips, Alan Branson, Hank Henning, Kay Cashion, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue

Motion was made by Commissioner Hank Henning, seconded by Vice Chairman Alan Branson, to nominate Commissioner Jeff Phillips for Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 3
AYES: Jeff Phillips, Alan Branson, Hank Henning, Kay Cashion, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue
NOES: Carolyn Q. Coleman, J. Carlvena Foster, Ray Trapp

Keller congratulated re-elected Chairman Jeff Phillips and turned the remainder of the meeting back over to the newly elected Chairman.

XI. NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN WILL CONDUCT THE ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Chairman Phillips called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman for the upcoming calendar year.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Ray Trapp, seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, to nominate Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster for Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

VOTE: Motion failed 3 – 6
AYES: Carolyn Q. Coleman, J. Carlvena Foster, Ray Trapp
NOES: Jeff Phillips, Alan Branson, Hank Henning, Kay Cashion, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, seconded by Commissioner Hank Henning, to nominate Commissioner Alan Branson for Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 3
AYES: Jeff Phillips, Alan Branson, Hank Henning, Kay Cashion, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue
NOES: Carolyn Q. Coleman, J. Carlvena Foster, Ray Trapp

XII. REMARKS FROM THE REELECTED COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Trapp expressed his appreciation for this role and his constituents. He spoke to the significance of serving as a representative in his hometown, and thanked his family for their support and instilling in him, the desire to serve. Trapp recognized City of Greensboro Councilwoman Sharon Hightower and thanked her for serving their constituents. He thanked the citizens of District 8 for allowing him to continue serving another four (4) years.

Commissioner Henning thanked the voters of District 6 for allowing him to continue serving, and thanked his family for their support. He expressed appreciation for all families of Board members, and the sacrifices they endure to allow them to serve Guilford County citizens. He expressed his enthusiasm at the opportunity to continue working with the Board.

Vice Chairman Branson expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community for another four (4) years, and spoke to his goal of providing the best service possible for his constituents. He thanked his family and friends for their support and encouragement during this time.

Chairman Phillips spoke to the core values shared by the Board, including faith and family. He thanked his family for their support and noted the Board's dedicated service to the citizens of Guilford County. Phillips spoke to the effective service provided by the Board, thanked staff for their hard work, and thanked the citizens of District 5 for another opportunity to serve.

XIII. REMARKS FROM CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Vice Chairman Branson offered a special thanks to all volunteers who assisted the commissioners during the elective process. He spoke to the need to control the bond debt, and expressed his appreciation for the volunteers' willingness to work the polls and provide this service. Branson expressed his concerns with the recent election cycle, and spoke to the need for collaboration and cooperation in governance.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2016-413 REVIEW AND ADOPT COMMISSIONERS 2017 MEETING CALENDAR

Review and adopt Commissioners 2017 Meeting Calendar

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[Board Calendar 2017 Proposed.doc](#)

The Board reviewed the proposed 2017 meeting calendar and adjusted the February regular meeting date from February 16, 2017 to February 23, 2017.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Alan Branson, seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to review and adopt the updated Commissioners 2017 Meeting Calendar.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Jeff Phillips, Alan Branson, Hank Henning, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Q. Coleman, J. Carlvena Foster, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue, Ray Trapp
NOES: None

B. 2016-389 RECEIVE AND APPROVE ANNUAL BOND REPORT AS REQUIRED BY N.C.G.S 162-9

Receive and approve annual bond report as required by N.C.G.S. 162-9

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Legislation Text

Commissioners Annual Bond Report Memo.docx

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162-9 County commissioners to take and approve bonds.rtf

Yvonne Moebs, Risk Management Director, introduced the report and noted the statutory requirement that it must be presented to the Board during the organizational meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, seconded by Vice Chairman Alan Branson, to receive and approve annual bond report as required by N.C.G.S. 162-9.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Jeff Phillips, Alan Branson, Hank Henning, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Q. Coleman, J. Carlvena Foster, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue, Ray Trapp
NOES: None

XIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:12PM.

Jeffrey M. Phillips
Chairman

Robin Keller
Clerk to Board