

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
March 15, 2018

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on March 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman J. Alan Branson, Vice Chairman Justin Conrad,
Commissioners Alan Perdue, Carolyn Coleman, Hank Henning, Kay
Cashion, J. Carlvena Foster, Melvin "Skip" Alston, Jeff Phillips

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Marty Lawing, County Attorney Mark Payne, Deputy
County Manager Clarence Grier, Clerk to the Board Robin Keller,
Deputy Clerk to the Board Scott Baillargeon, Guilford County
Communications Manager Worley Smith, members of the community,
and members of the media.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplain Ben Chavis provided the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Branson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Branson called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Katherine Netter, Greensboro resident, and substitute teacher for Guilford County Schools, addressed the issue of arming educators in the classroom. She emphasized caution.

2. Danny Rogers, Jamestown resident, emphasized caution regarding the arming of educators. Rogers stated that it was the job of law enforcers to keep the students safe. He spoke to his teenage daughter and shared his fears and concerns for being prepared to meet challenge of active shooters.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2018-162 CENTENARIAN CERTIFICATE AWARDED TO MS. IDA BRANNON

Chairman Branson asked Commissioner Foster to present the Centenarian Certificate to Ms. Ida Brannon.

Commissioner Foster presented Mrs. Ida Brannon the Centenarian Certificate for celebrating her 100th birthday, and spoke to some of her hobbies and character.

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B. 2018-166 DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD AND CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Recognize Michael Halford and the Guilford County Budget Department staff on their achievement in attaining the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award; and Recognize Harley Will and the Guilford County Finance Department staff on their receipt of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

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Chairman Branson introduced the item and asked County Manager Marty Lawing to the podium to present the awards.

County Manager Marty Lawing presented the GFOA Award to the Finance Interim Director Harley Will, and the Distinguished Budget Award to the Budget Director Michael Halford.

Halford noted the award had been achieved from the combined efforts of his staff and so many others.

Finance Director Harley Will noted the efforts of his staff and the work of former Finance Director Reid Baker who retired last month for his diligent efforts.

VI. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 FOR THE PURPOSE TO DISCUSS CERTAIN PERSONNEL MATTERS

By unanimous consent, the Board entered into Closed Session at 6:00 p.m.

The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALAN PERDUE, AND SECONDED BY KAY CASHION TO VI. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING A BUSINESS LOCATION OR EXPANSION AND TO DISCUSS CERTAIN PERSONNEL MATTERS

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

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Branson asked for any items the Board wished to be review for separate consideration. There being none, the Board proceeded to vote.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JUSTIN CONRAD, AND SECONDED BY J. CARLVENA FOSTER TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2018-151 FEDERAL FORFEITURE PURCHASE (AIRCRAFT INSTRUMENTATION)

Approve increases of \$43,306 in Appropriated Fund Balance (Federal Forfeiture Funds), \$86,611 in Other Revenues, and \$129,917 in the FY 2017-18 Law Enforcement budget to reflect the use of Guilford County Federal Forfeiture funds as well as funds received from Alamance and Randolph County Sheriff's Offices for the purchase of a camera system for the airplane operated by the Guilford County Sheriff's Office; and approve the purchase of the camera system.

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[Event 592-Preview](#)

[Event592-AscentBidResponse](#)

[Event592-AscentQuote](#)

[Event 592-AscentReferences](#)

[Event592-AscentDatasheet](#)

[Event592-AscentLogimap](#)

[Event592-AscentQuickStartGuide](#)

[Event592-AscentResponseMemo](#)

[Event592-AscentSmartBayMount](#)

2. 2018-165 2017 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) BUDGET AMENDMENT

Approve an increase in Federal/State Revenue of \$5,616 and increase the FY2018 Emergency Services budget by the same amount to reflect additional revenue awarded to the County by the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management to assist in the cost of developing and maintaining a comprehensive Emergency Management program.

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[FY2017 EMPG Attachm.pdf](#)

B. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2018-157 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Accept and approve the tax collection and beverage licensing reports for month ending February 28, 2018. Full report on file with the Clerk's Office.

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[Bev 02-28-18 Detail](#)

[401C All Guilford 02-28-18](#)

2. 2018-170 SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLE

Authorize staff proceed with sale of surplus vehicle to the town of Eupora Mississippi for the purchase of one of the County's surplus patrol vehicles in the amount of \$3,100; and authorize staff to take any and all necessary measures to complete the sale transaction.

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[Letterhead PD Chargers.pdf](#)

3. 2018-156 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending February 28, 2018.

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[February 2018 Rebates & Releases](#)

[February 2018 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)

4. 2018-163 APPROVE RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANDY T. LESTER AS REVIEW OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF GREENSBORO

Adopt resolution appointing Andy T. Lester as Review Officer for maps and plats within the corporate limits of the City of Greensboro, NC pursuant to N.C.G.S. 47-30.2.

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5. 2017-121 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the following sets of Minutes:
Regular Meeting 03.01.18

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2018-169 GUILFORD COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER-HIGH POINT EXPANSION PROJECT

Authorize staff to enter into agreement with lowest, responsible, responsive bidder for the construction and renovation of the Guilford County Family Justice Center - High Point Expansion project.

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Facilities Director Robert McNiece shared information regarding the process and introduced the item and shared what the department was seeking in regard to funding the project. McNiece asked that a contract be awarded to HM Kern.

Commissioner Cashion asked if the requested 384,510K would include the parking deck, and requested a timeline of services performed.

McNiece shared that it did not but they were working toward a viable number.

Chairman Branson echoed Cashion's comments and asked if the County was still set on the timeline for July/August. Branson noted that there are potential unknowns that could hinder the start date from June to July and possibly even August.

McNiece shared the details of the timeline and noted the anticipated months to be July and August.

Commissioner Foster asked about the number of contractors that had submitted bids, whether or not they were local, and their MWBE participation numbers.

McNiece shared the names of the two contractors, HM Kern and Hodgin, that submitted bids, with 12.6% MWBE participation.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALAN PERDUE, AND SECONDED BY JUSTIN CONRAD TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH LOWEST, RESPONSIBLE, RESPONSIVE BIDDER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF THE GUILFORD COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER - HIGH POINT EXPANSION PROJECT.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

AYES: Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Carolyn Coleman, Hank Henning, Kay Cashion, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Melvin "Skip" Alston, Jeff Phillips

NOES: None

B. 2018-161 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR APPOINTMENTS

Approve resolution to establish policy and procedures for Boards and Commissions appointments.

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[RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICY AND PROCEEDURE FOR APPOINTMENTS](#)

[1987 Resolution for Establishment of Revised Policy and Procedures to County Boards](#)

MOTION WAS MADE BY JUSTIN CONRAD, AND SECONDED BY ALAN PERDUE TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS UNTIL MARCH 19, 2018.

Commissioner Alston asked that a date be set to discuss the item in the future.

Commissioner Conrad asked for clarification from the Clerk to the Board for a future date. He asked that a friendly amendment be included for the item to be added for a later meeting.

Clerk to the Board Robin Keller noted that a future date need be considered to have the item brought back before the Board.

CONRAD MOTIONED AND FOSTER SECONDED TO AMEND HIS MOTION THAT THE ITEM BE TABLED UNTIL THE WORK SESSION ON MARCH 19, 2018.

Commissioner Coleman asked the item be brought back before the Board during an open meeting, at the next regular meeting.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 1
AYES: Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Hank Henning, Kay Cashion, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Melvin "Skip" Alston, Jeff Phillips
NOES: Carolyn Coleman

[IX. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.](#)

A. 2017-226 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

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[BBriggs 030618](#)

[BThames 030518](#)

[MSkenes 030818](#)

[CMiller 030818](#)

[WJohnson 030818](#)

Board of Equalization and Review

Reappoint Bruce Thames – Expiring March 5, 2020

Reappoint Willie Johnson – Expiring March 5, 2020

Reappoint Mary Skenes – Expiring March 5, 2020

Historic Preservation Commission

Reappoint Benjamin Briggs – Expiring June 6, 2019

Nursing Home Advisory Committee -- Presently 12 Additional Vacancies

Appoint Camille Miller – Expiring March 6, 2020

Chairman Branson read the appointments and reappointments. Chairman Branson also read the Addendum to rescind the appointment of Sandra Hayes Dunn, placing Ms. Dunn back into the Regular ETJ Position on the High Point Board of Adjustment.

Commissioner Foster provided background on the request to rescind the appointment, and noted several conversations she previously had with the High Point City Council and the High Point Board of Adjustment.

Commissioner Henning voiced concerns for the rescension of the appointment and recommended the item be tabled for further discussion. He provided background regarding several conversations he had with the High Point City Council and expressed concern for supporting the motion at present. He shared that he had heard that the absences in question had not been excused.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding the confusing details of the background that both staff and Board members had received regarding the appointment.

Commissioner Alston called for a Point of Order on the motion. He asserted that there being a motion on the floor, which did not include the addendum to rescind the appointment, that the motion on the floor was to only appoint and reappoint the individuals on the agenda the Board must move forward with the original motion before it a second motion be made and considered.

County Attorney Mark Payne spoke to the item and the motion and concurred with Commissioner Alston's comment.

Discussion ensued among the Board concerning the attendance policies implemented by the High Point Board of Adjustment.

Chairman Branson read the appointments to be considered for the vote, and emphasized that the addendum would be considered separately.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MELVIN "SKIP" ALSTON, AND SECONDED BY J. CARLVENA FOSTER TO ADOPT THE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

AYES: Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Carolyn Coleman, Hank Henning, Kay Cashion, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Melvin "Skip" Alston, Jeff Phillips

NOES: None

[Motion to rescind the appointment of Sandra Hayes Dunn, placing Ms. Dunn back into a Regular ETJ position.](#)

Commissioner Alston stated that a motion to rescind must be made first, then a second motion to correct the motion.

Payne provided an overview of the motions on the floor, and shared that a motion was needed on the floor to rescind.

COMMISSIONER HENNING MOTIONED THE DECISION TO RESCIND THE HIGH POINT ETJ TO BE CONSIDERED AT A FUTURE DATE AND TIME. HE MOTIONED TO TABLE THE ADDENDUM MOTION.

Commissioner Foster stated that the original motion was made on February 15, 2018 to appoint Sandra Hayes Dunn was a rubber stamp. She provided extensive background regarding conversations that she has had concerning the appointment.

Commissioner Henning expressed his confusion and caution to rush into things. He shared that he had received phone calls from High Point and suggested that the confusion merit a future discussion.

Commissioner Alston recommended that if a mistake was made based on bad information received; that High Point would allow the Board to make this correction. He emphasized the addendum would be a correcting a wrong.

Clerk to the Board Robin Keller provided background on the High Point Board of Adjustment ETJ Position. She shared the interaction she had had with the High Point Clerk regarding the appointment. She noted that the information she had received may have been incorrect. That Ms. Dunn was properly excused from two High Point Board of Adjustment meetings.

Discussion ensued among the Board concerning the item.

Commissioner Cashion questioned when the High Point Board of Adjustment would meet again.

Keller stated that she would provide that date to the Board as soon as possible.

Commissioner Phillips spoke to the correction and his confusion for the item, and requests that the item be postponed.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concern with the process of how the Guilford County Board of Commissioners proceeds with appointments.

Vice Chairman Conrad expressed his concern with the appointment, and stated that the High Point is the culpable party in this transaction.

MOTION TO TABLE THE RESCENSION TO A LATER DATE.

VOTE: Motion failed 2 - 7

AYES: Hank Henning, Jeff Phillips

NOES: Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Carolyn Coleman, Kay Cashion, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Melvin "Skip" Alston

MOTION WAS MADE BY MELVIN "SKIP" ALSTON, AND SECONDED BY J. CARLVENA FOSTER TO PLACE SANDRA HAYES DUNN TO AN ALTERNATE POSITION AND REPLACING MS. DUNN BACK INTO A REGULAR ETJ POSITION.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 1

AYES: Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Carolyn Coleman, Kay Cashion, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Melvin "Skip" Alston, Jeff Phillips

NOES: Hank Henning

X. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Marty Lawing spoke to the work session on Monday, and noted the work session agenda before the Board.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chairman Conrad thanked Jim Albright for the opioid task force at UNCG and the Guilford County Educational Alliance for 250K grant to Guilford County Schools (GCS).

Commissioner Alston shared updates concerning the precincts.

Commissioner Phillips echoed Conrad's comments. He shared his experiences in Washington D.C. and the meeting he attended with the vice President Pence and HUD Director Ben Carson.

Commissioner Foster commended GCS students who participated in the walk-out, and echoed Conrad's comments regarding the opioid task force.

Commissioner Cashion echoed UNCG comments, and shared her recent visit to Washington D.C., her experiences with the conferences, and the numerous discussions with Senator Tom Tillis, and noted the immigration challenges that were discussed at the conference. She noted a speech that she gave at the NACO conference. She spoke to the older adults and veterans. She emphasized the value of these people to our society.

Chairman Branson spoke of his visit to NACO and the White House conference. Echoed Conrad's comments about UNCG Opioid. He shared a non-emergency local exchange number that assists overdoses. He shared the passing of Howard Coble.

XII. ADJOURN

The Board adjourned at 9:08 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Chairman

Clerk