

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUILFORD COUNTY
WORK SESSION**

Greensboro, North Carolina
December 9, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed Work Session at 6:00PM using the web-based virtual platform, Zoom.

PRESENT: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston, presiding; Vice Chairman J. Carlvena Foster; Commissioners Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke, James Upchurch, and Alan Perdue.

ABSENT: Commissioners Mary Beth Murphy, Justin Conrad, and Carolyn Q. Coleman.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michael Halford; Assistant County Manager Jason Jones; Assistant County Manager Erris Dunston; County Attorney Mark Payne; Clerk to Board Robin Keller; Deputy Clerk to Board Jessica Wolf; Sheriff D.H. Rogers; Captain Aldous Heron, various members of County staff and media. Virtual participation was made available to the general public and the media.

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

II. NEW BUSINESS

**A. APPROVE PURCHASE AND UPFIT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
VEHICLES**

Chairman Alston introduced the agenda item.

Commissioner James Upchurch asked Captain Aldous Heron with the Sheriff’s Department to speak to the item in detail.

Captain Heron spoke to the Board. He discussed the bidding process for this item and the vehicles involved. Four vendors submitted written bid proposals for a total of 29 law

enforcement vehicles. Captain Heron noted the difficulties with available inventory and discussed the safety qualifications and typical lifespans for patrol vehicles.

Commissioner Upchurch clarified that the request tonight is due to current patrol vehicles in our inventory that have met their lifespan limit and to replace damaged vehicles.

Chairman Alston noted these vehicles were included in our budget.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman J. Carlvena Foster and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke to approve the purchase of 29 Law Enforcement vehicles from the four vendors listed in the agenda background at a total dealership base price of \$939,233 (rounded). The additional costs associated with the vehicle purchases and upfit expenses, including for the five vehicles assigned to support the Behavioral Health Center, will come from funds available in the Law Enforcement FY 2022 budget.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Justin Conrad, Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy, James Upchurch
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mary Beth Murphy, Justin Conrad, and Carolyn Q. Coleman

Sheriff Rogers thanked the Board and staff for their work to get this item approved.

III. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:09PM

Melvin "Skip" Alston
Chairman

Robin Keller
Clerk to Board