

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
July 14, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on July 14, 2022 at 5:30 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, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke, James Upchurch.

ABSENT: Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michael Halford; Matthew Mason, Interim County Attorney; Erris Dunston, Assistant County Manager; Jason Jones, Assistant County Manager; Victor Isler, Assistant County Manager; Clerk to Board Robin Keller; Jessica Wolf, Deputy Clerk to Board; Ariane Webb, Deputy Clerk to Board; Worley Smith, Communications Manager; Julie Smith, Communications and Public Relations Director; Dr. Iulia Vann, DHHS-Public Health Division Director; Sharon Barlow, DHHS-Social Services Division Director; Clyde Harding, Environmental Services Manager; Toy Beeninga, Budget & Management Director; additional members of staff, the public and media

Chairman Alston welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 5:36PM. He introduced Mr. George Bell, a United States Army Veteran, who would lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplin Ben Chavis offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:36PM.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no Speakers from the Floor.

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. 2022-380 RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. SANDRA CARLTON ALEXANDER

Adopt Resolution honoring the life and accomplishments of Dr. Sandra Carlton Alexander

Legislation Text

Resolution tabled until next meeting.

- B. 2022-379 RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 2022 AAU JUNIOR OLYMPIC GAMES

Adopt resolution welcoming and celebrating the 2022 AAU Junior Olympic Games

Legislation Text

Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr. welcomed Richard Beard, president and CEO of the Greensboro Sports Foundation. Commissioner Jones also recognized fellow Commissioner Justin Conrad who serves on the Sports Foundation Board.

Commissioner Jones read the resolution into the minutes.

Commissioner Jones also recognized Henri Fourrier who also serves on the Sports Foundation Board.

Commissioner Conrad thanked Mr. Beard and Mr. Fourrier for their attendance tonight. He noted the efforts of our local organizations who come together to support sports tourism in our area. He thanked the gentlemen and the community for their hard work.

Mr. Fourrier noted that this the largest sports event that we have brought to our community. He encouraged citizens to attend the events.

Mr. Beard echoed citizen participation and encouraged citizens to volunteer by going to www.greensborosf.com. He thanked Mr. Fourrier and his leadership at the CVB who helped to bring the AAU to Greensboro and recognized the world class facilities that help draw these events.

C. 2022-359 PROCLAIM JULY 2022 AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Adopt a proclamation designating July 2022 as Parks and Recreation Month in Guilford County.

[Legislation Text](#)

Commissioner Kay Cashion invited Parks and Recreation Director Dwight Godwin and the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission to accept the proclamation.

Commissioner Cashion thanked Mr. Godwin and the leadership he provides to the Parks Department.

Commissioner Cashion read the Proclamation declaring July as Parks and Recreation month into the minutes.

Godwin thanked the Board for all of their support and discussed the many events the department has planned for the month.

Justin Washington, Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman, thanked the Board for their support.

Commissioner Cashion noted that normally Commissioner Murphy, who is the liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission, would be reading this Proclamation. Commissioner Cashion expressed her appreciation for their hard work.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Alston offered the board an opportunity to pull any items from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

Commissioner Carly Cooke requested item B.3 be pulled from the consent agenda for further consideration.

Motion was made by Justin Conrad and seconded by James Upchurch to adopt the Consent Agenda.

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

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2022-363 REALIGNMENT OF FY 2021-22 JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) FUNDING

Approve the attached revision to the JCPC funding plan for FY 2021-2022 reflecting an overall increase in funding of \$864 for the referenced programs.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Revised 21-22 Guilford County Funding Plan 6.15.22](#)

[CIS Construction Skills 5-24-22](#)

[Barium Springs- Stop Program 6-7-22](#)

[Project Learn 6-13-22](#)

2. 2022-352 BUDGET SECOND TRANCHE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (CSLFRF)

Appropriate the second tranche of funding in the amount of \$52,169,876 to the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds grant project ordinance in the Community Development & Recovery Fund.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Local Fiscal Recovery Funds 22.07.14 AMEND_v2.pdf](#)

B. CONTRACTS

1. 2022-362 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION: WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES ANTIMICROBIAL-RESISTANT GONORRHEA CONTRACT - \$383,845

Approve contract with Wake Forest University Health Sciences, in substantial form, in the amount of \$383,845, to be effective for the period June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Wake Forest Baptist Univ. 22-23 final.pdf](#)

2. 2022-364 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION AND ALAMANCE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - \$11,643

Approve an Interlocal Agreement between DHHS- Public Health Division and Alamance County Department of Public Health in substantial form, to be effective June 1, 2022, for a term of one (1) year.

[Legislation Text](#)

[County of Alamance 22-23 preaudit contract CM-90004178](#)

Removed from Consent Agenda

3. 2022-383 AMEND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GUILFORD COUNTY AND CITY OF GREENSBORO FOR TRANSFER OF ERA FUNDS - TRANSFER OF APPLICATIONS & REDUCTION IN AMOUNT

Amend the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Greensboro for the transfer of State ERA funds to reduce the total agreement amount from \$10.0 million to \$6.5 million and to reflect that the City will process only applications that were in progress as of July 5, 2022 and not transferred to the County.

[Legislation Text](#)

[GSO MOU ERA Transfer Amend 2 Terms 7-7-22 v2](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2022-355 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

Accept and approve the tax collection report and beverage licenses issued for month ending June 30, 2022.

[Legislation Text](#)

[401C All Guilford 6-30-2022.pdf](#)

[Bev 6-30-2022 Detail.pdf](#)

2. 2022-356 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2022

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending June 30, 2022.

[Legislation Text](#)

[June 2022 NCVTS Pending Refund Report.pdf](#)

[June 2022 Rebates and Releases.pdf](#)

3. 2022-357 FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 TAX COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL SETTLEMENT REPORT

Accept and approve the fiscal year 2021-2022 Tax Collector's Annual Settlement Report.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Collector's Settlement - FY 2021-2022 Sworn Statement.pdf](#)

[Collector's Settlement Report Memo Addendum to FY 2021-2022](#)

[Collector's Annual Settlement - Resolution Establishing Insolvent List 2021-2022](#)

[Annual Settlement - Unpaid REI 2021-2022.pdf](#)

[Annual Settlement - Unpaid IPP 2021-2022.pdf](#)

[Annual Settlement - Unpaid BUS PP 2021-2022.pdf](#)

[Annual Settlement - Unpaid Public PP 2021-2022.pdf](#)

4. 2022-358 ORDER THE COLLECTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 TAXES

Adopt the attached order directing the Guilford County Tax Collector to collect fiscal year 2022-2023 taxes as charged in the tax records and receipts.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Commissioners 2022-2023 Tax Collection Order.pdf](#)

5. 2022-361 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider and approve the following sets of draft meeting minutes:

03/15/2022 Audit Committee
05/05/2022 Regular Meeting
05/19/2022 Work Session
05/19/2022 Regular Meeting

05/26/2022 Work Session

[Legislation Text](#)

[comxAudit03.15.22.pdf](#)

[dmx050522.pdf](#)

[dmwsx05.19.22.pdf](#)

[dmx051922.pdf](#)

[dmxws05.26.22.pdf](#)

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

Removed from Consent Agenda

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[Legislation Text](#)

[GSO MOU ERA Transfer Amend 2 Terms 7-7-22 v2](#)

Motion was made by Carly Cooke and seconded by Kay Cashion to amend the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Greensboro for the transfer of State ERA funds to reduce the total agreement amount from \$10.0 million to \$6.5 million and to reflect that the City will process only applications that were in progress as of July 5, 2022 and not transferred to the County.

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

Sharon Barlow, DHHS-Social Services Division Director, provided updates on the agenda item and that in the agreement noted, we have a sole discretion of the county as to whether the county can use ERA1 and ERA2. She noted the different funding timelines and that we are going to take 332 applications from the city and have those processed.

Commissioner Upchurch questioned how many applications the city still holds.

Barlow noted approximately 600 that they will keep to process.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2022-371 PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR FY2023 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Conduct a public hearing, pursuant to NC General Statute 158-7.1, for the purposes of receiving input on the proposed allocation of economic development incentive grants to the listed non-profit organizations. Pursuant to Session Law 2021-191 (S.B. 473), specifically Section 14-234.3, conduct a series of votes to approve the proposed economic development incentive grants and associated budget ordinance amendment, which will increase the population, taxable property, agricultural industries, employment, industrial output or business prospects of the County.

Legislation Text

[07.14.22 Notice of Public Hearing 2022-23 Economic Development Budget Appropriations.pdf](#)

Chairman Alston reviewed the public hearing requirements.

Budget Director Toy Beeninga introduced the public hearing. He discussed in detail the economic development grants and the stipulations for voting requirements.

Chairman Alston and opened the floor for the public hearing.

There being no proponents, Chairman Alston opened the floor for opponents. There being none, Chairman Alston closed the public hearing.

Chairman Alston noted N.C.G.S §14-234.3.

Motion was made by Kay Cashion and seconded by James Upchurch to accept recusals for Economic Development Non-Profit contracting and funding including Commissioner Alston from Downtown Greensboro Incorporated, Guilford County Economic Development Alliance, and the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, and Vice Chairwoman Foster from the High Point Market Authority, Forward High Point, and High Point Economic Development Corporation.

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

Chairman Alston stated a vote is needed to appropriate and administer a contract for individual non-county, economic development (based on the finding that the appropriations and expenditures will increase the population, taxable property, agricultural industries, employment, industrial output, or business prospects of the County). For purposes of the following votes, Chairman Alston turned the meeting over to Vice Chairwoman Foster.

Motion was made by Carly Cooke and seconded by Frankie T. Jones, Jr. to approve item 1. Downtown Greensboro, Inc. (DGI) in the amount of \$40,000.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0
AYES: J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mary Beth Murphy
RECUSE: Melvin "Skip" Alston

Motion was made by Frankie T. Jones, Jr. and seconded by Justin Conrad to approve item 2. Guilford County Economic Development Alliance (GCEDA) in the amount of \$100,000.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0
AYES: J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mary Beth Murphy
RECUSE: Melvin "Skip" Alston

Motion was made by Frankie T. Jones, Jr. and seconded by Carly Cooke to approve item 3. Greensboro Area Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$100,000.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0
AYES: J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mary Beth Murphy
RECUSE: Melvin "Skip" Alston

Vice Chairwoman Foster turned the meeting back over to Chairman Alston.

Motion was made by Kay Cashion and seconded by Frankie T. Jones, Jr. to approve item 4. Forward High Point in the amount of \$40,000.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, James Upchurch, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mary Beth Murphy
RECUSE: J. Carlvena Foster

Motion was made by Kay Cashion and seconded by Carly Cooke to approve item 5. High Point Market Authority in the amount of \$125,000.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, James Upchurch, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mary Beth Murphy
RECUSE: J. Carlvena Foster

Motion was made by Kay Cashion and seconded by Carly Cooke to approve item 6. High Point Economic Development Corporation (HPEDC) in the amount of \$100,000.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, James Upchurch, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mary Beth Murphy
RECUSE: J. Carlvena Foster

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2022-261 APPROVE PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR NON-PROFIT AGENCIES

Pursuant to Session Law 2021-191 (S.B. 473), specifically Section 14-234.3, conduct a series of votes to approve the proposed allocation of funding to the listed non-profit agencies and the associated budget ordinance amendment.

Legislation Text

Chairman Alston noted that according to the new rule, he will turn the meeting over to Vice Chairwoman Foster.

Vice Chairwoman Foster noted we will hold a recusal vote similar to the last item. The recusal vote will excuse board members from deliberating and voting on appropriations and expenditures

for a non-profit for which they are a director, officer, or a governing board member. This vote will be to specifically excuse Chairman Alston from this agenda item.

Motion was made by Kay Cashion and seconded by Justin Conrad to approve recusal of Chairman Alston from the next item pursuant to N.C.G.S §14-234.3.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Justin Conrad
NOES: None
ABSENT: Mary Beth Murphy, Alan Perdue

Motion was made by Frankie T. Jones, Jr. and seconded by Kay Cashion to approve the allocation of funding to approve CBO funding for the International Civil Rights Center and Museum in the amount of \$200,000 and the Hayes-Taylor YMCA in the amount of \$75,000. This motion also authorizes any necessary budget amendments associated with the approval.

VOTE: Motion carried 5 - 2
AYES: J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr.
NOES: Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue
ABSENT: Mary Beth Murphy
RECUSE: Melvin "Skip" Alston

Chairman Alston noted the addition of New Business item B. CBO Funding for Carl Chavis YMCA in the amount of \$50,000. Vice Chairman Foster will need to be recused from this agenda item.

B. APPROVE PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR CHARL CHAVIS YMCA.

Motion was made by Kay Cashion and seconded by Frankie T. Jones, Jr. to approve recusal of Vice Chairwoman Foster from the next item.

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

Motion was made by Frankie T. Jones, Jr. and seconded by Kay Cashion to approve CBO funding for the Carl Chavis YMCA in the amount of \$50,000.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 1
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, James Upchurch, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Alan Perdue
NOES: Justin Conrad
ABSENT: Mary Beth Murphy
RECUSE: J. Carlvena Foster

C. 2022-366 BUDGET AMENDMENT & AUTHORIZATION OF THREE (3) NEW POSITIONS: DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES FOR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH - \$475,000

- 1) Accept receipt of \$475,000 in additional Federal and State revenue
- 2) Approve budget amendment as shown above
- 3) Approve three (3) new positions in DHHS (Public Health), authorized to continue as long as funding persists (currently two years)

[Legislation Text](#)

[164 FY23 E-B Strategies for Maternal and Child Health](#)

Dr. Iulia Vann, DHHS-Public Health Division Director, introduced the item. She noted that several months ago, her team applied for the grant noting the award to implement evidence-based strategies for infant mortality reduction strategies.

Dr. Vann noted that they are very excited in securing the grant, with Guilford being one of three counties, along with Wake County and Mecklenburg County, to receive it. They will work to improve positive birth outcomes and implementing the 10 successful steps for breast feeding along with additional infant mortality prevention efforts.

Motion was made by Kay Cashion and seconded by Carly Cooke to 1) Accept receipt of \$475,000 in additional Federal and State revenue, 2) Approve budget amendment as shown above and 3) Approve three (3) new positions in DHHS (Public Health), authorized to continue as long as funding persists (currently two years).

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

D. 2022-324 SELECT A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE TO REPRESENT GUILFORD COUNTY AT THE 2022 NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Select a voting delegate and alternate voting delegate to represent Guilford County at the 2022 NCACC Annual Conference.

[Legislation Text](#)

Motion was made by J. Carlvena Foster and seconded by Frankie T. Jones, Jr. to approve Chairman Alston as the voting delegate for the NCACC Annual Conference and alternate delegate Vice Chairwoman Foster.

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

IX. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

A. 2022-367 DHHS-DSS MANDATED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Receive monthly data regarding the thirteen mandated performance measures as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between Guilford DHHS-Social Services and NC DHHS.

[Legislation Text](#)

GUILFORD COUNTY MANDATED PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS MOU MAY 2022 RESULTS

Barlow introduced the item. She shared the MOU benchmarks and noted how proud she is of staff for meeting almost all benchmarks. Barlow did note the special assistance for disabled benchmark was not hit and they will continue to focus on that area.

B. 2022-369 UPDATE ON PREVALENCE OF CANCER AND FACTORS OF INCREASED RATES

Receive community health updates in relation to cancer statistics.

[Legislation Text](#)

Cancer in Guilford County 2022 - BOC Update July 14 2022

Dr. Vann provided an update on cancer rates in Guilford County. She noted the comparison between heart disease mortality versus cancer mortality rates. She noted the 5-year cancer mortality rates statewide and stated that we are ranked higher than Orange, Wake, Mecklenburg and Durham.

Dr. Vann reviewed county cancer rates based on age. She noted that the County continues to have higher adult smoking rates compared to our comparable counties.

Dr. Vann noted that over the last 20 years, cancer and heart disease rates are decreasing, in Guilford County, some of the cancer rates are lower than some of our comparable counties, Pancreatic cancer rates have been increasing in the state and county and nationally, most likely due to the increased age of our population.

Vice Chairwoman Foster shared the cancer rates amongst black and native Americans. She asked what those higher rates can be attributed.

Dr. Vann noted that is just one example of health disparities that we are seeing. There are only a few types of cancers that we do not see racial disparities. We see similar disparities with heart disease and diabetes. There are a variety of different reasons why this is happening.

Commissioner Conrad thanked Dr. Vann for bringing this information to us. He noted that comparatively, Guilford County is somewhat status quo for cancer related deaths. He echoed Commissioner Foster's concerns on disparities. Commissioner Conrad noted that the odds of survival dramatically increase with early detection and intervention. He noted that this is a yearly cause of death for our residents and asked if we can increase our education efforts similarly to what we did during the pandemic.

Commissioner Jones thanked Dr. Vann for the data presented. He noted that geographical data, if available, would be helpful to view.

Dr. Vann shared that she will check their GIS mapping and compare and place in census tracks, to see which tracts are most impacted and what are any environmental concerns.

Commissioner Jones noted the need to do a correlation between race and geography which may help us in our approach.

Commissioner Cashion shared that she would be very interested in seeing the GIS analysis as well.

Commissioner Cooke noted that she has looked at the dates for Cancer and noted that there was an 11-year discrepancy between zip codes in Guilford County. She recognized, to Commissioner Jones' point, there are some very clear disparities. And it is not just about health care, but social economic barriers to allow access to medical care.

Dr. Vann noted the average life expectancy is 74, and those communities east of highway 29, your expectancy decreases to 67; however, if you are in the North West part of the county, life expectancy increases to the mid-eighties.

Chairman Alston noted that with the GIS data, would not those targeted health programs be a good use of our new Mobile health vehicles.

Dr. Vann noted that we have all three vehicles now, and some of our partners also have mammography mobile units. This would be a great opportunity for partnerships.

Commissioner Conrad encouraged ongoing health messaging and hoped that we would continue to provide targeted messaging.

C. 2022-318 UPDATE ON COVID-19 TESTING FOR GUILFORD COUNTY

Receive status update on COVID-19 testing sites and coordination in Guilford County.

[Legislation Text](#)

Dr. Vann shared that they are working very hard to complete the final planning and implementation for COVID-19 testing starting August 1st. The State's DHHS offices will end the contracts with some of the vendors, and Guilford County's vendor will not remain on contract. We have recently met with a new vendor that has a contract with the High Point location, and we will have a smooth transition into that same space, so for our community, that process will not change. We will still have testing in the High Point Public Health parking lot. Tomorrow, we will be finalizing the plans for Greensboro at Four Season's Mall so that location will also remain the same.

Dr. Vann stated that from the community's perspective, the locations will remain the same, the vendors will simply change.

Dr. Vann stated starting August 1st, Guilford County will be participating in a project called Community Access Points, agencies who will have targeted locations to distribute COVID-19 testing for at home tests.

She advised the Board that we continue to have several conversations with our partners, including our schools, as we get ready for the fall school session.

Commissioner Upchurch questioned if we have a strategy for monkey pox in our community and if we are seeing an increase in cases in our community?

Dr. Vann noted that they are working with local health partners on education and knowledge on the steps for treatment and monitoring. Our team is very prepared. There has been a state led phase 1 implementation for vaccination of monkey pox. For us, the closest county for vaccines is Forsyth county. If needed, we can request doses from them. She noted we will work closely with

our local medical providers so that they are also informed on the symptoms and risk factors to refer a patient to be tested for monkey pox if they do not have the ability to test at their locations.

Dr. Vann noted we have identified a monkey pox case in Guilford county, which was not a resident of Guilford County.

Chairman Alston asked about the SV5 virus.

Dr. Vann noted this is not necessarily a reported disease, but we are working with the health community to help identify and treat these cases.

Chairman Alston asked if she can speak to the county's COVID-19 infection rate.

Dr. Vann noted that in order for positivity rates to be considered a reliable metric, testing needs to be performed in a high volume. She noted that they are still monitoring positivity rates which help us to monitor institutions and geographic areas. Due to the reduction in testing, and the availability of testing at home without requirements to report, we, along with the state, are no longer using positivity rates.

Commissioner Cashion re-iterated that those using home testing do not have a requirement to submit results, are there any considerations to encouraging positive home tests.

Dr. Vann noted that they continue to message self-reporting of home testing results, as it will help us provide them with resources and potential treatment options. We have focused over the last few months with businesses, daycares, and agencies to report to us through their electronic reporting process. She acknowledged that there are many individuals who does not wish to report.

Vice Chairwoman Foster noted the great response she is seeing in the community through her daycare facility. She noted parents are reporting to the agency and keeping their kids out of school.

Commissioner Jones noted the discussions on testing. He shared that he was trying to get the second booster and was informed that he was not old enough for the second booster. He asked for clarification as to when the second booster is eligible for younger persons.

X. COMMISSIONER LIAISON UPDATES

Commissioner Cashion provided an update on the Behavioral Health Oversight Board. She noted that Cone Health hopes to be able to open the facility-based crisis center services effective August 1st.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER/COUNTY ATTORNEY

A. 2022-370 RECEIVE FY2022 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR MAY 2022

Receive FY2022 Budget Performance Report for May 2022.

[Legislation Text](#)

[GC Performance Report - May 2022](#)

County Manager Michael Halford turned the meeting to Budget Director Toy Beeninga for a budget performance report.

Beeninga reviewed the year-end performance updates for FY2022. He shared that they continue to work through year end closing processes. He noted that the performance reports are located on the County's website.

Beeninga noted that CPI prices continue to increase and are up 9.8% over the past year. He noted that the unemployment numbers continue to remain low.

Beeninga stated General Fund Revenues continue to be on track. We are on pace to exceed our sales tax budget. We have two more months to receive collections for last fiscal year. If we continue on the current trend, we anticipate \$116 million in sales tax revenues.

Beeninga noted that our projections for "Other" revenues have slightly decreased. Our expense projections remain on track and believe they will be on track with our revenue projections. We do anticipate having some lapse salaries savings for FY22. This number was projected to be lower than FY21 as we were able to use some of our federal cares money to offset our salary expenses.

Beeninga noted some delays in delivery of some products due to supply chain issues. He noted our usage of fund balance has shifted a little, and we are projected to use or contribute to fund balance plus or minus \$5 million.

John Barfield, Interim Finance Director, noted that one of the discussion points for the Mark to Market Adjustment. He noted that upon consultation with financial advisors, we have reviewed our investments with a fairly large decrease, which will impact our bond ratings as we begin to issue our bonds. He noted that County investment policy adheres to N.C.G.S. 159-30, which places strict requirements on investment of idle funds, such as our fund balance.

Barfield provided a snap shot of our investment. He reviewed the Mark to Market Adjustment. He provided next steps, such as our year end close, which continues through September. He noted our external audit that is underway with Cherry Bekaert and we will present in the fall on ACFR and final year-end.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Perdue asked to go on the record for voting yes on the High Point Economic Development items as he was having technical issues.

By General consensus of the Board to have the clerk to adjust the votes accordingly.

Commissioner Perdue noted the recent and tragic death of a local fire fighter killed in an automobile accident.

Commissioner Conrad visited a new residence facility at the Friends Home Care Center and congratulated the staff and residents. Commissioner Conrad also noted the upcoming Wyndham Tournament.

Commissioner Jones noted the name dedication for former Commissioner Carolyn Coleman, near Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, which runs past the church that she used to attend, Mt. Zion.

Vice Chairman Foster stated she attended the Miss North Carolina Competition and Scholarship Pageant.

Vice Chairman Foster lifted up the family of Nora Carr, former Chief of Staff for Guilford County Schools, and offered thoughts and prayers for her family. She also recognized the family on the passing of David Hayworth, who was a strong community leader in High Point.

Vice Chairman Foster shared her recent ride along with Guilford County EMS. She shared it was a wonderful experience and noted that those employees are exceptional, but they are underpaid and under staffed. She emphasized her support of improving their pay status and encouraged her colleagues to support those efforts.

Commissioner Cashion echoed her support of our EMS team. She noted that every year, the state association has an initiative for a statewide program. This year, the program is 100 counties prepared.

Commissioner Upchurch recognized a feral cat problem in High Point. He noted that there were a lot of people that took in pets at the beginning of the pandemic and then sadly let them go. He noted that he reached out to Animal Services Director Jorge Ortega and hopefully we can have an update on some potential solutions to help with that.

Commissioner Conrad noted that there is a member of our Animal Advisory Board, Dr. Beverly Williams, that specializes in feral cat programs and can offer support.

Chairman Alston noted a road renaming with the road now being called the "Carolyn Coleman Way". It was an event sponsored by her former church with the City of Greensboro. He shared that it was a great event held on February 9th on Carolyn's 80th birthday.

Chairman Alston asked the staff to finalize the official naming of the Coleman Conference Room. He also noted that on Friday, we will hold our annual Civil Rights Golf Fundraiser. He thanked the corporations who have helped to celebrate the 62nd anniversary of the sit-in movements.

XIII. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

There was no Closed Session.

XIV. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:48PM.

Robin Keller
Clerk to Board

Melvin "Skip" Alston
Chairman