

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
January 19, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in Closed Session at 7:39, in the Bob Shaw Conference Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro, North Carolina; for the purpose of consulting with the County Attorney and considering potential property acquisition or sale.

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Marty Lawing, County Manager; Mark Payne, County Attorney; Clarence Grier, Deputy County Manager; Robin Keller, Deputy Clerk to Board; Social Services Director Heather Skeens, Social Services Division Director Myra Thompson

I. Call to Order

Chairman Phillips called the closed session to order at 7:39 PM.

II. Consultation with County Attorney

Marty Lawing, County Manager, informed the board of a recent issue regarding the daycare division within Social Services Department.

He noted that staff began taking measures to ensure that no excess funds were returned to the state at the end of the fiscal year. He advised the board that based on these measures the program is projected to have a significant financial shortfall.

Lawing stated that staff have implemented immediate corrective measures to mitigate spending and reduce overspending by the end of the fiscal year.

Skeens reviewed that they the program received \$19 Million in allocations and payments are made one month after services are rendered. She indicated that they have been able to reduce the overspending with no impact to clients. She noted that they will be taking additional measures to remove clients to compensate for the remaining overages. She shared that they have also eliminated adding new clients to the program.

Foster expressed concerns with the impact to families and providers.

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Skeens reviewed the process for the program waiting list.

Henning expressed frustration with oversight of the program and urged accountability.

Conrad echoed concerns and asked for immediate action.

Coleman shared that she hoped that due diligence is done in reviewing the issue.

Skeens reviewed the reversion process of unspent funds. She reviewed some of the specifics of the overspending.

Phillips noted the short timeline.

Trapp questioned the process of waiting on month for figures. He encouraged weekly and daily monitoring.

Perdue stated that due to the magnitude of the error that an independent review should be conducted, including a review of the processes.

County Attorney Payne advised the board as to the next steps.

The Board discussed the review process.

The Board gave general consensus to move forward with an Internal Audit Review.

Skeens and Thompson left the meeting at 8:17PM

III. Potential Acquisition or Sale

Lawing shared that a local developer has advised that they have found tenants and are seeking a Central Business Incentive on a \$25Million dollar investment.

Lawing reviewed the County's economic incentive policy with the board.

Coleman advocated support of the development.

Perdue noted the ability to spur economic growth

The board discussed interest in entertaining further discussion.

IV. Property Acquisition

- A. Lawing advised the board that they were looking into additional property options for the Animal Shelter. He noted that they have reviewed a parcel in the northern area of the County off Battleground Ave. Lawing reported that the property owner was interested in a potential land swap.

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Conrad asked for a presentation on temporary shelter options at the prison farm.

Phillips suggested appraisals of the properties.

B. Lawing shared that the County received an offer to purchase a strip of land for access to property adjoining the Animal Shelter.

The Board indicated no interested in consideration of the offer.

Phillips noted that until a decision was made as to the location of the Animal Shelter that he would not support entertaining offers to sell.

Coleman expressed interest in seeing an appraisal of the current shelter site and value of comparable properties.

There being no further business Closed Session was adjourned at 8:51PM

Jeffrey M. Phillips
Chairman

Robin Keller Clerk to Board