

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
June 7, 2018

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on June 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Marty Lawing, County Attorney Mark Payne, Clerk to the Board Robin Keller, Deputy County Manager Clarence Grier, Deputy Clerk to the Board Scott Baillargeon, Members of County staff, the media, and residents and citizens of the County.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplain Ben Chavis Provided the Board 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: 30p.m.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Branson offered an opportunity for any item to be pulled from consent. There being none, **a Motion was made by Melvin "Skip" Alston, and seconded by Kay Cashion to approve item V. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2018-241 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: NORTH CAROLINA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND PASS-THROUGH GRANT

Approve an increase to Federal/State Revenues of \$9,000, an increase to Other Revenues of \$6,000 and increase the FY 2017-18 Planning & Development budget by \$15,000 to reflect revenue received through the Historic Preservation Fund Pass-Through Grant from the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (\$9,000), via the US Department of Interior, and local match revenue received from the Historic Jamestown Preservation Society (\$6,000) towards roof repair at the locally-designated Mendenhall Home Place.

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[Mendenhall House Roof Repair Grant \(Revised\)](#)

[Mendenhall May 4 17 Approval](#)

[Mendenhall Roof Match](#)

2. 2018-247 COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE: NC AGRICULTURE FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR FOODCORP PROGRAM - \$3,000

Approve an increase in Other Revenues by \$3,000 and increase the FY 2017-18 Cooperative Extension Service budget by the same amount to reflect the revenue received from the NC Agricultural Foundation for the FoodCorps program, which provides nutrition and gardening education for Guilford County schools located within the City of High Point.

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3. 2018-251 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION: ALIGN WIC BREASTFEEDING AND PEER COUNSELING PROGRAM FUNDS

Approve a decrease of \$44,706 in Federal/State Revenues, \$18,760 in Appropriated Fund Balance and decrease the Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health FY 2017-18 budget by \$63,466 to reflect actual revenues received from the NCDHHS Women's and Children's Health Section/Nutrition Services Branch.

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4. 2018-252 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION: ALIGN WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICE FUNDS

Approve a decrease of \$25,467 in Federal/State Revenues and decrease the Department of Health and Human Services - Public Health Division FY 2017-18 budget by the same amount to reflect actual revenues received from the NCDHHS Women's and Children's Health Section for Women's Health Service Funds.

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B. CONTRACTS

1. 2018-250 CITY OF GREENSBORO-SECTION 5310 FUNDS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Approve interlocal agreement between the City of Greensboro and Guilford County to authorize the 5310 Grant Application and associated local match of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of increasing additional trips for elderly and disabled Persons.

[Legislation Text](#)

[GREENSBORO CITY OF - FY17 Section 5310 Funding Contract](#)

[Greensboro City of - FY2017 Section 5310 Funds Resolution](#)

2. 2018-216 CONTRACT WITH TOSHIBA AMERICA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS INC. FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR MULTIFUNCTIONAL PHOTOCOPIERS AND DESK TOP PRINTERS

Approve a PRICE ONLY contract in substantial form, with Toshiba America Business Solution (located at PO Box 1299, Mount Gilead, NC) in the annual estimated amount of \$290,038 effective July 1, 2018 for a four-year term with one potential additional year renewal for a total of up to five years. The total estimated amount for the potential five-year period is \$1,450,190.

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[Guilford County Government Agreement 2018 \(00000002\)](#)

[Toshiba - Contract Exhibit I](#)

[Toshiba - Contract Exhibit II - Statewide Printers and Copiers Contract - 204D-Web-Summary-2017-10-0](#)

[Toshiba - Exhibit III - Affidavit Regarding E-Verify \(002\)](#)

[Toshiba Contract Document](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2018-237 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GUILFORD COUNTY TO ENGAGE IN ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

Adopt resolution authorizing Guilford County to engage in electronic payments.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Draft - EFT-Procedures.docx](#)

[Draft PCardPolicyProcDec_2017_ FINANCE.DOCX](#)

[Draft WEX Fuel Procedures.docx](#)

[Guilford County Electronic Payments Policy 5 9 18.docx](#)

2. 2018-242 BUDGET AMENDMENT REPORT FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS PROCESSED UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE COUNTY MANAGER IN THE FY 2017-18 BUDGET ORDINANCE

Receive Budget Amendment report for budget amendments processed under the authority granted to the County Manager in the FY 2017-18 Budget Ordinance.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Budget Amends Report - 2018-06-07.pdf](#)

3. 2018-253 RESOLUTION APPOINTING REVIEW OFFICERS UNDER NCGS 47-30.2

Appoint Review Officers Under NCGS 47-30.2

[Legislation Text](#)

[Resolution Review Officers Guilford Kernersville](#)

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairman Branson introduced the procedures for the public hearing and opened the floor for those wishing to speak.

A. PUBLIC HEARING ON COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Jim Donley, shared his support of the funding request submitted by the Guilford County Schools. He shared his experience with workforce development in Guilford County and the ongoing need for an educated workforce. He expressed concern for the lack of retention of Guilford County students to take positions with local employers. He emphasized the need to invest in Guilford County Schools to ensure a bright future for Guilford County.

Sheriff B.J. Barnes spoke on behalf of the law enforcement staff. He shared that the Sheriff's office ranked number one in the State for quality of law enforcement; however, noted that Guilford County ranked 10th in pay for law enforcement personnel. He noted that we are in competition to hire and retain the most qualified officers that we can. He noted that they have completed a salary study and urged the Board to implement the results of the study.

Captain Chris Martin with the Sheriff's office spoke in support of a crime scene investigator position in order for the County's crime lab to reach accreditation requirements. He shared that the request for the position was not included in the Manager's budget. He expressed concern that without the position they could not proceed as intended with the new Crime lab.

Local parent of student at Washington Elementary asked that the Board fully fund the budget. She shared several indicative statistics that support funding robust educations equated in a stronger workforce. She spoke to the need for incentive pay for teachers working in low performing schools.

Captain Randy Shepherd with the Sheriff's office spoke to impact of low salaries of the sheriff's department and turnover it has created. He urged the board to seriously consider the pay study that was proposed as the loss of talent has been exponential.

Sandra Isley, parent of Erwin Montessori School, spoke to the lack of results from the Education lottery. She shared that she was very disappointed with the low quality schools. She spoke to the inequity of the funding that had been allocated to the tornado event. She stressed the need for equality in the schools.

Jean Reagan, Jamestown resident and retired school nurse, spoke in support of hiring more school nurses at least one placed in every school. She called for an additional five school nurses to be included in the school's budget. She shared statistics that spoke to the health needs of today's children.

Amy Keifer, Oak Ridge Teacher, urged for additional teacher supplement pay to compensate for the State's budget shortfalls. She expressed concern for campus security.

Kenya Donaldson, local teacher of 22 years noted that her school were the 3rd largest district in the state with over 11,000 employees. She shared many issues within the schools and sought full and adequate funding.

Amy Harrison, Special Education teacher in Reedy Fork, spoke to state of disrepair of many of the schools in the district. She requested that the Board fully fund the school's budget.

Chairman Branson asked the members of the audience to hold their applause, and let the Board debate the budget.

Andrews High Point History teacher spoke to the need for caring and teaching children to care about their surroundings. She shared several poor facility condition at the Andrews School. She noted the need to treat all schools equally.

Shawn Bynard, High Point teacher spoke to the need for caring and teaching children to have empathy for each other.

Todd Warren, president of Guilford County Association of Educators asked the board to fully-fund the school's requested budget. He spoke in opposition to the County Manager's recommendation. He noted that he recognizes that the State funding level is low and recognizes that it is not the County's responsibility. He spoke to the ongoing need to improve local funding levels. He shared that retaining good teachers had been a challenge in concern with the poor state of the schools. He noted that had students been in the school buildings destroyed by the tornado, the conversation would be dire.

Karen Mitcham, Summerfield Resident and teacher of Stokesdale Elementary, spoke to the needed increase in teacher pay, and school construction needs.

Teacher of Parkview elementary school, urged to the board to continue to fund the teacher supplemental pay.

Adrian Spinner spoke to the decision to not enroll additional students at peeler elementary. She stated that Hampton, Peeler and Erwin Montessori schools were long need of repair prior to the tornado event.

Rachel Robinson, Guilford County Schools teacher, spoke to adaptive curriculum for students with disabilities. She noted that teachers require access to the most effective teaching practices.

Chiquita White, local parent spoke in support of the School's budget request.

George Rubenstein, school counselor at High Point Central, and urged the Board to fund the schools.

Aerolyn, Peeler Student and parent, spoke to the need to fund the budget and ensure that schools are maintained under the budget.

High Point Central teacher stated that politics aside the schools need to be funded. He spoke to a recent school shooting and the need for additional security funding.

Crystal Satterfield, teacher, emphasized the need to fund the schools to ensure the future of our youth.

Riley Driver, new teacher spoke to needs of the schools and the bus driver shortage this year. She noted that there is planned additional cuts for bus drivers this year.

Joe-Carolyn Williams, Guilford County resident, spoke to the need to fund the bus drivers and provide CPR training, active shooter training, deescalating and customer service training for the bus drivers. She stated that the bus drivers are on the front line and do recognize threats and issues promptly. She emphasized the need for security. She asked the Board to fully-fund the budget request.

Mary Susan, Guilford County School Bus Driver, spoke in support of the School's budget request and the needs for additional training.

Linda Hindershot, Guilford County resident, spoke in support of the Board fully-fund the budget. She spoke to the conditions of the schools and emphasized that the County cannot afford sub-par facilities.

Phillip Wellsby emphasized that education was the most important thing for our citizens' future.

Derick Hinton spoke on behalf of Project One and the lack of adequate nurses in public schools. Spoke to the needs of school nurses to help with special needs children. he thanked the board for their efforts to help provide school nurses and the need to continue funding the resources needed.

Shonda Hamm, stated that we should live for today and invest in students today.

Bruce Blackwell spoke to his passion to educate children and spoke to serving together to ensure that the drive and passion is shared for future generations to come.

Rebecca Clark Director of the Triad Film Commission, spoke to her request for funding for the Triad Film Commission for next fiscal year.

B. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ECONOMIC INCENTIVE GRANT REQUESTS

1. 2018-213 PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS UP FOR CONSIDERATION FOR APPROPRIATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2018-19 ANNUAL BUDGET

Hold public hearing pursuant to N.C. General Statute 158-7.1, for purposes of receiving input on the proposed allocation of funds for the following Economic Development Incentive Grants attached hereto.

Legislation Text

Chairman Branson introduced the procedures of the public hearing for Economic Incentive Grants.

County Manager Marty Lawing reviewed the agency requests presented to the Board in the budget presentation.

County Attorney Payne noted that the legal statute required a separate public hearing prior to any issuance of money or economic development and why it was done in conjunction with the adoption of the 2018-19 annual budget request.

Chairman Branson asked any proponents/opponents to come forward.

Proponents—Rebecca Clark with the Piedmont Triad Film Commission (PTFC) stated that she did not get into the budget request as she missed the deadline for the application. She urged the Board to consider funding the PTFC. She spoke to the information she dissemination to the Board for consideration.

Commissioner Coleman questioned the purpose of the public hearing.

County Attorney Payne explained the process of the present hearing as the statute required. He noted that in his opinion since the PTFC was presented along with the County Manager's request during negated an additional hearing for consideration of funds to the PTFC. He noted that the Board had a previous informal meeting to consider adding the PTFCs request in conjunction with the budget public hearing.

Commissioner Alston noted that once the Board votes on funding an incentive CBO grant, the Board must have a public hearing. He stated that since the Board had not yet voted on funds to be considered the addition of the PTFCs request.

Payne clarified that the statute did not stipulate when the public hearing must take place as long as a public hearing takes place before the money is disbursed. He shared that any new project, in addition to the requested added, would require a separate public hearing.

Commissioner Coleman sought clarification regarding the procedure of increasing or adding to the already prepared budget request for fiscal year 2018-19 budget that evening. She asked the reason for why it was being conducted in that fashion.

Payne stated that the Board elected to increase it, the Board had satisfied its public hearing requirement concerning the items presented that evening to include the PTFCs request. He further stated that if the Board decided to increase the requested amount, a separate, future, public hearing would not be required per the statute. He shared that any new project or recipient tacked on at that point would require an additional separate public hearing for consideration.

Chairman Branson clarified that the Board was still in the Public Hearing portion and voting had not commenced.

Commissioner Henning clarified that the Board was just voting to add the PTFC request for consideration with the vote on the budget.

Payne reiterated that there was no request for a vote at that time, rather it was just to hold a public hearing. And, whatever decision the Board makes regarding expenditures will have to be taken up a later time when the budget is before the Board in a final vote. The Board simply needed to satisfy the public hearing requirement.

County Manager Lawing added that if another agency, project, or recipient is included for funding in the upcoming weeks that was not mentioned in the budget would require an additional Public Hearing on that agency, project, or recipient.

Commissioner Alston noted for the record that he would like to have a separate public hearing if any additional items are to be added for Board consideration in the final budget request.

There being no additional speakers for the public hearing, discussion ensued among the Board concerning the Manager's Budget list included in the Public Hearing.

Payne explicated the procedure for placing additional items to be considered before the Board.

Commissioner Alston noted a technical issue and he stated that he disagreed with the premise of the aforesaid procedure concerning the last-minute tack-on of the PTFCs request for 25K.

Chairman Branson spoke to the nuances of the Public Hearing and what was before the Board for consideration.

Commissioner Cashion noted that the addition of the PTFC were to be considered before an additional Public Hearing.

Chairman Branson closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Alston clarified that the vote to add the requests by the PTFC and Southwestern Renewal Foundation were simply a consideration.

Motion was made by Kay Cashion, and seconded by Hank Henning to approve inclusion of a 25K allocation for Piedmont Triad Film Commission to be considered with the listing for the appropriations for economic development incentives grants to be considered with the adoption of the budget.

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

Motion was made by Alan Perdue, and seconded by J. Carlvena Foster to approve inclusion of a 25K for the Southwestern Renewal Foundation of High Point, North Carolina.

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2018-236 NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FOR ABANDONMENT OF MAINTENANCE - SR 3175 (Birch Creek Road)

[Legislation Text](#)

[Road Abandonment-Birch Creek Road.pdf](#)

[Birch Road Map.pdf](#)

[Birch RoadResolution.pdf](#)

[SR-3.pdf](#)

[SR-5.pdf](#)

Leslie Bell, Guilford County Planning Director, spoke to the requested resolution for concurrence of road abandonment of Birch Creek Road. he stated that this road does not provide any access to housing.

Motion was made by Melvin "Skip" Alston, and seconded by J. Carlvena Foster to approve A. 2018-236 NC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FOR ABANDONMENT OF MAINTENANCE - SR 3175 (Birch Creek Road)

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

VIII. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2018-168 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

[Legislation Text](#)

[SBonner Application 052516_Redacted](#)

[BBrown Application 051216_Redacted](#)

JCPC

Reappoint Betty Brown to a second term
Reappoint Sadric Bonner to a second term

Motion was made by Melvin "Skip" Alston, and seconded by J. Carlvena Foster to Approve exception reappointment as listed.

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

IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Marty Lawing reminded the board of the next scheduled budget work session for June 14th at 2 p.m.

Lawing also provided an update on the FEMA project associated with the Tornado in East Greensboro.

Commissioner Alston questioned the funding that was raised by the United Way and News 2 and if that money, 500K, was reaching those in need. He noted that there have been several churches have reported that they have not received funding for housing needs. He questioned the accountability for those funds.

Lawing stated that United Way is coordinating those funds and there is a housing alliance managed through the City of Greensboro, but to his knowledge those funds have not been distributed as of yet.

Commissioner Alston expressed concerns why those funds are being held and not disbursed by the city at this time.

Lawing shared that he will follow up with the United Way as to the status of those funds.

Commissioner Coleman questioned if there was a representative on the Housing Coalition.

Lawing shared that Emergency Management and Don Campbell could provide more details.

Commissioner Coleman shared that there are several residents with damaged electric meters. She inquired if the inspections were performed by FEMA or the City of Greensboro.

Lawing stated that the property owner would be responsible for contracting with an electrician to correct those damages.

Chairman Branson stated that it would be FEMA who they would need to report damaged meters to. He noted that many people need to submit the proper paperwork to receive necessary assistance.

Commissioner Perdue noted that residents should contact the City's Minimum Housing authority.

Commissioner Cashion reviewed the report and questioned if the numbers reflect all registrations, 1,225 applicants with only 189 approved. She emphasized that there exists a great deal of citizens who have not yet received aid.

Commissioner Foster noted the work session that is set from 2-5 p.m., and asked if it could be moved up to 1-4 p.m. due to graduation ceremonies.

By General Consensus the Board rescheduled the work session to 1-4 p.m. on June 14th.

X. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Alston thanked all of those who offered prayers for his recent medical procedure. Alston stated that the local Civil Rights Museum is being considered for as a national historical designation. Monday June 11 at the civil rights museum.

Commissioner Phillips thanked the citizens who attended the public hearing and their participation in the budget process. He shared that funding education is a top priority for the board.

Commissioner Foster thanked all of those who came out to speak to the budget. She thanked the students and teachers of Sedgefield Elementary who sent notes. She shared her support of fully funding the education budget request. She also recognized Zoe Showenburg as she was awarded with a 10K per year scholarship from the credit union.

Commissioner Cashion spoke to her discussions with local teachers and the consistent concerns for needs to use personal income to provide necessary school supplies. She expressed her concern for teachers who work two and three jobs to offset the low salaries provided to educators. She thanked all the teachers for their hard work and dedication to our students.

Commissioner Henning echoed his appreciation for the citizens who came out to support the education funding needs.

Commissioner Perdue offered his congratulations to recent graduates.

Commissioner Coleman shared her opinion that more funds should be allocated to both capital and operational funds. Coleman expressed concerns with the law enforcement pay study that was conducted in house. Commissioner Coleman also offered her condolences to the Vincent family as result of their recent loss.

Vice Chairman Conrad spoke to the citizens' concerns regarding our schools. He noted that this board did not make any budget cuts to school funding. He commended Commissioner Henning on his comments on capital expenses. He concurred with the additional needs for security in our schools.

Commissioner Alston noted that in the last budget session he was seeking a joint meeting with the school board regarding the devastation of the schools, as some of those needs would need to be included in the County's budget.

Lawing stated that he is trying to schedule a meeting now with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and school officials. He stated that he does not believe that the schools are ready to discuss those in a joint closed session.

Commissioner Branson reiterated his thanks for all of those who have roles in the school system and for all that they do for our students.

Chairman Branson shared his attendance at Hagan Stone Park for events for all abilities with a large citizen turn out. He thanked the parks staff for all of their work with the event.

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

General consensus to go into closed session at 7:49 p.m.

Motion was made by Alan Perdue, and seconded by Hank Henning HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

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

NOES: None

Meeting Reconvened at 8:49 p.m.

XII. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consensus at 9:12 p.m.

Chairman, Alan Branson

Clerk, Robin Keller