

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
May 20, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on May 20, 2021 at 5:30PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston, Vice Chairman J. Carlvena Foster (in at 5:46PM), Commissioners James Upchurch, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue. Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman participated via virtual participation.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michael Halford; County Attorney Mark Payne; Assistant County Manager Jason Jones; Clerk to Board Robin Keller; Ariane Webb, Deputy Clerk to Board; Jessica Wolf, Deputy Clerk to Board; Ben Chavis, Tax Director; Heather Skeens, DHHS Director; Sharon Barlow, DHHS DSS Division Director; Alex Smith, Budget, Management & Evaluation Director; J. Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director; Derrick Bennett, Finance Director; Don Campbell, Emergency Management Division Director; Dr. Iulia Vann, DHHS Public Health Division Director; members of staff and media. Virtual participation was made available to members of the public and media.

I. INVOCATION

Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston welcomed those present and introduced Monica Swiggett, Navy Veteran, who would lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Chaplain Ben Chavis offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Swiggett led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alston called the meeting to order at 5:34PM.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Rebecca Clark, Executive Director of the Piedmont Triad Film Commission, provided an update of the commission's work over the past year. She noted the various film interests and projects she is working on for our county.

2. Marcy Cain, Burlington resident, spoke to ongoing delays in receiving her concealed carry permit. She stated she took the class in July 2020, scheduled her appointment for December and submitted her request at that time and she hasn't heard back as of May 2021. She noted that there are hundreds of similar persons in the same situation and asked the Board to look into delays.

Chairman Alston responded that the board is looking into the matter.

3. Bill Marshburn spoke to his concerns regarding the safety of vaccinations in our country.

5. Gail Dunham of Summerfield spoke to public records requests for Extra Territorial Jurisdiction expansion from the town of Summerfield and information regarding the David Couch development proposals for Summerfield Farms. She asked for a meeting with County staff regarding the public's interest in the proposed project.

6. Yvonne Maizland, Gibsonville Town Alderwoman, spoke to a public safety issue, specifically the Guilford County Firearms Ordinance. She asked the Board to consider safety modifications of the existing ordinance.

Commissioner Foster arrived to the meeting at 5:55PM.

There being no more speakers, that portion of the meeting is closed.

Chairman Alston noted the addendum to the agenda. The resolution honoring the Grimsley Senior High School Whirlies Football Team will be tabled until the June 3rd meeting.

V. PRESENTATIONS

ITEM TABLED TO JUNE 3, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

- A. *2021-235 RESOLUTION HONORING THE GRIMSLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WHIRLIES FOOTBALL TEAM*

Receive resolution honoring the Grimsley Senior High School Whirlies Football Team.

[Legislation Text](#)

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B. 2021-200 PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

Proclaim the observance of Monday, May 31, 2021 as Memorial Day in Guilford County.

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Commissioner Murphy shared that she is grateful for the sacrifice for all those who serve our country and those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country.

Commissioner Murphy read the Proclamation.

Veterans' Services Director Robert Shelly shared that it is our responsibility to take care of veterans, their widows and their orphaned children. He shared that these families are suffering and that as a community, we continue to fall short in providing needs for these families to survive.

C. 2021-229 PROCLAIM MAY 16-22, 2021 AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Proclaim May 16-22, 2021 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Guilford County.

[Legislation Text](#)

Commissioner Perdue shared it was an honor and privilege to read the Proclamation.

EMS Deputy Director Kyle Paschal accepted the Proclamation. He noted that due to the Pandemic and the resulting emergency medical response, the last 15 months have been some of the hardest work he has seen in his entire career. He spoke to the dedication and resilience of the EMS team serving on the front line and looks forward to better days in the future.

D. 2021-236 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY AS CHILD FOSTER CARE AND OLDER ADULTS MONTH IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Receive resolution recognizing May as Child Foster Care and Older Adults Month in Guilford County.

[Legislation Text](#)

Commissioner Cooke read the resolution.

Cooke shared that it is her honor to recognize those supporting our foster children and older adults in our community.

Sharon Barlow, DHHS DSS Division Director, thanked the Board for recognizing these initiatives.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Alston offered the Board the opportunity to remove any consent agenda item for separate consideration.

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to adopt the consent agenda.

VOTE:	Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES:	Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue
NOES:	None

A. CONTRACTS

1. 2021-219 CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL CAROLINA HOLDINGS, L.L.C. D/B/A CENTRAL CAROLINA TIRE DISPOSAL FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SCRAP TIRES AND DISPOSAL FEE ADJUSTMENT

Approve contract, in substantial form, between Guilford County and Central Carolina Holdings LLC, D/B/A Central Carolina Tire Disposal, not anticipated to exceed \$868,200, to be effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. This (FY21/22) is the 1st of three (3) optional one year renewals of the initial contract approved for FY20/21.

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[Central Carolina Holdings LLC FY21-22 Revised Contract.pdf](#)

[FY21-22 Scrap Tire CCTD Recommended \\$](#)

[Scrap Tire Fees for FY22 - Info Only.pdf](#)

2. 2021-228 IN-HOME AIDE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH NURSE AID, LLC DBA AS ANGEL HANDS

Approve, in substantial form, the In-Home Aide Services contract with Nurse Aid, LLC dba as Angel Hands in the amount of \$218,000 for FY 2020-21 and authorize DHHS-Division of Social Services to take all necessary actions to execute the contract.

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[Nurse Aid, LLC. dba Angel Hands 90002115 \(1\) amendment](#)

B. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2021-217 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2021

Accept and approve the tax collection report and beverage licenses issued for month ending April 30, 2021.

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[401C All Guilford 4-30-2021.pdf](#)

[Bev 4-30-2021 Detail.pdf](#)

2. 2021-218 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING APRIL 30, 2021

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending April 30, 2021.

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[April 2021 NCVTS Pending Refund Report.pdf](#)

[April 2021 Rebate and Releases.pdf](#)

3. 2021-204 RECEIVE FY 2020-21 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR MARCH 2021

Receive FY 2020-21 Budget Performance Report for March 2021.

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[FY 20-21 09 Budget Status Report - Mar 2021 \(full\).pdf](#)

4. 2021-223 REALIGNMENT OF FY 2020-21 JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) FUNDING

Approve the attached revision to the Guilford County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) funding plan for FY 2020-21 reflecting an overall decrease of \$222,438 for referenced programs.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Discretionary Funds.2020-2021.Letter-Approved.Guilford County. Positive Action.05.04.2021.pdf](#)

[5-6-21 2020-2021 Revised Guilford County Funding Plan \(002\).pdf](#)

5. 2021-224 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the following sets of meeting minutes:
04/26/2021 Work Session
05/06/2021 Recessed Regular Meeting
05/07/2021 Reconvened Regular Meeting

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[dmwsx 4.26.21 Budget Work Session.pdf](#)

[dmx050621.pdf](#)

[dmx050721_Reconvened Mtg.pdf](#)

6. 2021-233 REPLACEMENT CELLULAR MODEMS FOR CARDIAC MONITORS
(*Item Added via Addendum*)

Approve the sole source purchase of 65 cellular modems from Stryker Emergency Care, located at 11811 Willows Rd NE, Redmond, WA 98052 in the amount of \$53,743.75, or \$903.75 each, for use on cardiac monitors within EMS.

[Legislation Text](#)

[MODEM VERIZON 4G CELLULAR 4-15-2021](#)

[Stryker Emergency Care - Sole Source Letter for Treatment Products 2019](#)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2021-220 PRICE ONLY CONTRACTS WITH ARAMARK CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, LLC FOR INMATE FOOD SERVICES IN GUILFORD COUNTY JAILS AND JUVENILE DETENTION

Approve price only contracts, in substantial form, with Aramark Correctional Services, LLC to provide food services to inmates housed in the Guilford County Jail Central (Greensboro) and High Point Detention Center in the amount of \$1,415,280.40, as well as, Guilford County Juvenile Detention Center in the amount of \$240,943.80, for an initial term of one (1) year, with four (4) one-year renewal options.

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[Award Recommendation Letter - TJ.pdf](#)

[DRAFT 90002933 ARAMARK - JUVENILE.pdf](#)

[DRAFT 90002934 ARAMARK - LAW ENFORCEMENT.pdf](#)

ATTACHMENTS

Captain Johnson with the Guilford County Sheriff's Office stated that she is available to answer any questions.

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VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue

NOES: None

VIII. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

Dr. Iulia Vann, DHHS Public Health Division Director, shared that as of yesterday we have reached 47% of the Guilford county population that is fully vaccinated. She provided an update on the Board of Health enforcement rules and noted that upon the Governor's lifting of

restrictions for capacity and masking, those resources are being reallocated to vaccination education and promotional efforts. Dr. Vann provided an update as to the status of manufacturing of the vaccination mobile units and are expecting to receive the first vehicle in the next two weeks.

Commissioner Cooke asked staff if they can provide information on the number of students transported to the vaccination sites.

Commissioner Coleman commended Dr. Vann for getting our numbers up as high as they are. She shared her requisition for ongoing focus on those who are not vaccinated and have begun removing their masks.

IX. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

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Approve the following appointments and reappointments to various Boards & Commissions:

Guilford County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)
Reappoint Commissioner Kay Cashion to 5th term as Commissioner Liaison (June 7, 2021 - June 6, 2023)
Reappoint Latisha McNeil to 2nd term in Citizen position (July 20, 2021 - July 19, 2023)
Reappoint Connie W. Brown 2nd term in Citizen position (July 20, 2021 - July 19, 2023)

Mcleansville Fire District Commission
Appoint Carl E. Cecil to 1st term (May 20, 2021 - May 19, 2023)

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[LMcNeil_Reapp_042021.pdf](#)

[LMcNeil_Resume_042021.pdf](#)

[CBrown_Reapp_041921.pdf](#)

[ECecil_App_05.12.21.pdf](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to approve the following appointments and reappointments to various Boards & Commissions:

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Mcleansville Fire District Commission

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VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue

NOES: None

X. COUNTY MANAGER'S FY 2021-22 BUDGET PRESENTATION

A. 2021-226 COUNTY MANAGER'S FY 2021-22 BUDGET MESSAGE

Receive the County Manager's Budget Message and schedule a public hearing on the County Manager's FY 2021-22 Recommended Budget and proposed economic development incentive grants for June 3, 2021.

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County Manager Halford began his presentation offering thanks to the Board of Commissioners, county staff, and community. He noted that the extensive pandemic response by the County over the last year was accomplished in addition to staff supporting ongoing events a general election, 78,000 emergency medical calls, 150,000 social services applications, and conducted 38,000 building inspections.

Halford reviewed the budget environment for FY 2021-FY 2022. He noted that we have seen stronger than expected sales tax receipts, property tax receipts, and state/federal funding. He stated that we have a positive but cautious outlook for FY 2022 revenue growth to help meet mounting internal and external demands. He noted that the pandemic has highlighted opportunities for stronger partnerships and community collaboration as a result and our One Guilford initiatives.

Halford reviewed the Board of Commissioners Core Values and Budget Guidelines: Transparency and Communications, Accountability, Our People Matter, Equity and Inclusion, and Service and Outcome Excellence. He also reviewed Board priorities.

He noted that total recommended budget is \$671,375,000, a 5.8% increase. He stated that the General Tax rate remains the same at 73.05 cents. He shared that the recommendation represents

20 new positions of the 100 requested. He noted that \$324 million of the overall budget is designated to support education.

Halford noted the ongoing prioritization of the schools requesting approval and release of the first \$120 million of the voter approved \$300 million in bond funds in the fall of 2021.

The budget allocates \$226.1 million for Guilford County Schools operating and capital maintenance needs. A \$13.4 million overall increase, which is the largest annual increase in over 20 years; and a \$407,000 increase for GTCC.

Manager's budget recommends supporting competitive salaries for county employees, including 3% merit increases and equity pay adjustments.

Halford noted that the delayed maintenance need for County facilities is over \$90 million dollars. He noted that we have a considerable amount of backlogged maintenance needs. We are unable to address those quickly and in an effective manner. He proposed an issuance of 2/3rds bonds to help address failing structural needs. He noted there is no other way to address these needs.

Halford reviewed the request for additional staff positions in multiple departments, including a Veterans' Services administrative assistant and a building trades inspector among others.

Halford spoke to the boards priority to increase school nurses. He noted that the schoolboard shared that they are including the funds in their budget to fund 40 new nurses.

Halford reiterated the key points of the budget that includes no increase to the property tax, reduces appropriated fund balance to balance budget, provides a significant incremental investment to advance board priorities, provides the largest increase in GCS funding in 20 years, improves our competitive standing to recruit and retain talent, and advances our capacity to support and communicate with internal and external stakeholders.

Halford spoke to the plans to look ahead anticipating the American Rescue Plan Act funds, continued implementation of school master facility plan, and county pay plan and employee compensation.

Halford discussed next steps and reviewed the public hearing and budget meeting schedule.

Chairman Alston spoke to the budget process.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

Halford noted that he signed the application for the Federal Recovery Act funds this week to get those funds moving to Guilford County.

Halford stated that unless the Board expresses any objections, he will proceed with an internal restructure to separate the Parks Department out from the Facilities Department and report directly to the Manager's office.

General Consensus of the board to have staff proceed with an internal restructure.

Chairman Alston offered the County Attorney Payne an opportunity to follow up on a complaint alleged by a speaker at the last meeting.

Attorney Payne reviewed the allegations presented at the last meeting. Payne noted that there was indeed a thorough investigation and noted several personal discussions that he himself had with the complainant and the investigations. He noted that the County is limited on speaking to the personnel matter that the complaint revolves around. Payne emphasized that the nature of the allegations was taken very seriously by the county and all due diligence on an investigation was conducted in this matter.

Halford noted special thanks to the Budget team for all of their work in preparing this year's budget recommendations.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Perdue announced that the Sandhills board accepted our recommendation for the outdoor therapeutic center at the adolescent crisis center.

Commissioner Conrad noted that Guilford County schools have adjusted the graduation schedules. Conrad questioned the accounting used for the budget with the anticipated inflation.

Vice Chairman Foster thanked Halford for his work on the budget. She announced that the City of High Point has established a committee to study reparations.

Commissioner Upchurch thanked staff for their work on the budget and his eagerness to begin working through the recommendations with his colleagues.

Commissioner Murphy echoed Commissioner Upchurch's comments and recognized those students working through their EOGs.

Commissioner Cooke thanked the County Manager and team for their work on the budget and recognized students taking their EOGs.

Commissioner Cashion provided an update on the various boards she serves on. She noted the momentum of the Continuum of Care Commission and their dedication to serving our homeless population. Cashion noted the upcoming ribbon cutting of the County's new Mental Health Crisis Centers.

Commissioner Coleman thanked the County Manager on his presentation of a superb budget presentation. She expressed her condolences in the passing of Mittie Smith.

Chairman Alston noted that the Recovery Act funds entering our community are far greater than what is allocated specifically to Guilford. He asked if the Manager can plan a work session next week to talk about all of the funds that are potentially coming into our community.

Halford shared the Chairman's frustration when new information is constantly coming out. As we are aware of some pieces, but it is also environmental protection, agriculture, public safety, among others and the Treasury is amending the guidance at this point daily.

Chairman Alston questioned perhaps a Tuesday or Wednesday meeting. He shared that several commissioners have shared that they would like to reach out into the community and receive input on what the community would like to see. He would like, with the Board's permission, to direct staff to begin community stakeholder meetings throughout the county.

General Consensus of the board to have staff proceed with community meetings.

Tuesday at 4:00PM, May 25, 2021 work session.

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

CLOSED SESSION (Items Added Via Addendum)

Motion was made by Vice Chairman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner James Upchurch hold closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (a) (3) (4) & (6) for the purpose of consulting with the county attorney, to consider a proposed economic development incentive and to discuss a personnel matter.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue

NOES: None

The meeting was recessed at 7:16PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:55PM.

XIV. ADJOURN

There being no further business the board adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:56PM

Melvin "Skip" Alston, Chairman

Robin Keller, Clerk to Board