

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
June 3, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on June 3, 2021 at 5:30PM, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston, presiding; Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster; Commissioners Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue. Participating via virtual communication: Commissioners Carolyn Q. Coleman (in at 6:01PM) and James Upchurch.

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; Worley Smith, Communications Manager; Catherine Johnson, Family Justice Center Director; Jim Albright, Emergency Services 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 noted Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster would offer the invocation. He introduced Nathan Joyce, US Marine Veteran who would lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chair Foster offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alston called the meeting to order at 5:32PM.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Sara Carter, Reidsville resident, shared her concerns with child welfare services in Guilford County and expressed her commitment to attend the next twenty (20) regular Board meeting to continue speaking to these issues.
2. Cierra Cobb, virtual participant, urged the county to provide additional funding to supplement teacher salaries.
3. Kate Davelaar, virtual participant and Greensboro resident, spoke to importance of support staff in the lives of public school students and encouraged the Board to allocate funding towards these positions.

V. PRESENTATIONS

- 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

Commissioner Justin Conrad recommended the resolution postponed until coaching staff can be present.

- B. 2021-243 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER (FJC)

Receive resolution recognizing the sixth anniversary of the Family Justice Center (FJC).

Legislation Text

Commissioner Kay Cashion recognized Family Justice Center (FJC) Director Catherine Johnson and Assistant FJC Director Sonya Desai and read the resolution into the minutes. She emphasized the center remained open during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide face-to-face services and resources for citizens in crisis.

Johnson thanked the Board for their recognition and ongoing support.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Justin Conrad, seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to adopt the consent agenda.

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

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2021-232 AWARD OF 2021 NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY INTERMEDIARY AGENCY RE-ENTRY COUNCIL CONTRACT

Approve contract with North Carolina Department of Public Safety to continue the Guilford County Reentry Council; approve receipt of the awarded funding of \$150,000, and increase Federal/State revenue and the FY 2020-21 Law Enforcement budget by the same amount to reflect this additional funding.

[Legislation Text](#)

[19-RFP-015284-JJX+Guilford+County+Sherriff's+Office+-+Intermediary+Agency](#)

[GCRC-May-2021-Newsletter \(002\)](#)

B. CONTRACTS

1. 2021-234 APPROVE NC DEPT. OF COMMERCE RURAL BUILDING REUSE GRANT APPLICATION FOR GUERRILLA RF, INC.

Approve NC Dept. of Commerce Rural Building Reuse Grant Application for Guerrilla RF, Inc. and accompanying resolution.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Project Amplify Guerrilla RF, Inc. Building Reuse Application June 2021](#)

[Resolution - Building Reuse Grant App Project Guerrilla RF June 2021](#)

[Guerrilla RF_Supplemental Contract_Reimburse at End](#)

**RESOLUTION OF THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF A
RURAL BUILDING REUSE GRANT APPLICATION TO
IMPROVE A VACANT EXISTING FACILITY IN
GREENSBORO, NC**

WHEREAS, The Building Reuse Program, under the Rural Grants/Programs Section of the North Carolina Department of Commerce, provides grants to local governments;

WHEREAS, Funding is available for the renovation or expansion of existing vacant buildings that will lead to the creation of new, full-time jobs;

WHEREAS, Guerilla RF, Inc., is a North Carolina company that desires to locate in Guilford County and occupy an existing vacant facility (owned by The Koury Corporation) in Guilford County at 2000 Pisgah Church Rd., Greensboro, NC;

WHEREAS, Guerilla RF, Inc., is submitting a pre-application for funds for the project;

WHEREAS, Guilford County is supporting this application to the NC Department of Commerce, contingent upon the submittal to the NC Department of Commerce, of a complete application for the project;

WHEREAS, the program requires a unit of local government (the County) to be the Applicant; and

WHEREAS, Guilford County finds that it is in its best interest to support the Guerilla RF, Inc.'s upfit project of the building by applying for these grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF GUILFORD COUNTY RESOLVES:

Section 1. That Guilford County supports the submission of an application to the NC Department of Commerce for a Rural Building Reuse grant to assist Guerilla RF, Inc. to upfit a vacant facility in Greensboro, NC.

Section 2. That the amount of the grant application will be \$475,000.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 3rd day of June, 2021.

2. 2021-237 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION: WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES ANTIMICROBIAL-RESISTANT GONORRHEA CONTRACT - \$408,620

Approve contract with Wake Forest University Health Sciences, in substantial form, in the amount of \$408,620, to be effective for the period June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Wake Forest Univ. Health Services CM-90002948](#)

[Summary of SURRG Accomplishments 6-3-21](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2021-230 GUILFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY SERVICES - DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY

Approve and adopt the updated Guilford County Transportation and Mobility Services Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Guilford County Transportation and Mobility Services Zero Tolerance Policy \(002\)](#)

[NCDOT Guidance 041321.pdf](#)

2. 2021-242 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the following sets of meeting minutes:
05/20/2021 Regular Meeting

[Legislation Text](#)

[dmx052021.pdf](#)

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. 2021-213 CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND ALLOW PARCEL TRANSFER FROM THE COLFAX FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO THE DEEP RIVER SERVICE DISTRICT

Conduct a public hearing and adopt resolution, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 153A-304.3, to allow the transfer of parcels from the Colfax Service District to the Deep River Service District, serviced by the High Point Fire Department, and change the Rural Fire Protection District boundaries and fire insurance district to match under SL 1973-263 and N.C.G.S. 153A-233, effective July 1, 2022.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Resolution Colfax Deep River Fire Districts 5-17-21](#)

[Map request May17](#)

[Property value of Colfax Parcels outside 5 mile colored in Blue1](#)

Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman joined the meeting via virtual communication at 6:01PM.

Jim Albright, Emergency Services Director, reviewed the parcel transfer request and noted this is a first reading only. He stated the Board would not be asked to take action until its next regular meeting on June 17, 2021 and confirmed the report was filed with the Clerk to Board prior to the public hearing.

Chairman Alston reviewed the public hearing requirements and opened the floor to proponents of the item. There being none, he opened the floor for opponents to the item. There being none, Chairman Alston closed the public hearing.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. 2021-241 HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON COUNTY MANAGER'S FY 2021-22 PROPOSED BUDGET

Hold a public hearing on the County Manager's FY 2021-22 proposed budget. Each speaker will have two (2) minutes to address the proposed budget and the public hearing will remain open until each speaker has had the opportunity to speak.

[Legislation Text](#)

Chairman Alston reviewed the rules of procedure and opened the public hearing on the County Manager's FY 2021-22 proposed budget. He opened the floor for in-person speakers.

1. Leah Hendershot, Greensboro resident and teacher assistant, spoke to the need for all support staff to receive a minimum wage of \$15.00/hour.
2. Freddie Lewis, Greensboro resident and teacher, expressed his enthusiasm to work with a Board of Commissioners that supports education and spoke to the need to provide a living wage for all Guilford County Schools (GCS) staff.
3. Angelia Brown, Greensboro resident, stated that GCS nutrition services employees are underpaid and shared their efforts to continue working to support and feed the community during the pandemic.
4. Susan Szypulski, Greensboro resident and retired educator, spoke to the systematic defunding of education, and requested a 5% raise for all staff, in addition to offering a minimum wage of \$15.00/hour.
5. Cindy Hood, High Point resident and Jamestown Middle School Nutrition Manager, shared she has been employed with the school system for twenty-eight (28) years and barely makes \$15.00/hour, and stated that classified school staff deserve to be prioritized.
6. Anne Kyle, Greensboro resident, shared her experiences as an Exceptional Children (EC) teacher in GCS and discussed budget cuts that impacted teaching and learning opportunities. She spoke to the public's perception of schoolteachers and urged the Board to present a good image of public schools within the community.
7. Amy Harrison, Whitsett resident and GCS employee, stated she has not received a substantial raise in five (5) years and spoke to the County's ability to supplement teacher pay, though base salaries are set by the NC General Assembly.
8. Ingrid Chen McCarthy, Greensboro resident, shared her experiences growing up in the area and spoke to the need to raise wages for school support staff.
9. Lindsey Fowler, Greensboro resident, spoke to the opportunity for positive change and support for the school system.
10. Kirsten Cassell, Greensboro resident, shared her children's experiences with school nutrition staff who supported them during the pandemic.
11. Kelli Hackstall, High Point resident and GCS employee, spoke to the importance of and urged the Board to support school support staff.
12. Julie Oxendine, High Point resident and GCS employee, spoke to the importance of fully funding schools, which will allow school support staff to take care of their families.
13. Pleasant Garden Mayor Pro-Tem Ron Surgeon encouraged the Board implement a property tax increase to provide a living wage for GCS support staff.
14. Samantha Patino-Perez, Greensboro resident and GCS teacher, shared her mother's experiences as a GCS support staff member, and cautioned the Board that the school system will continue to lose dedicated staff if wages are not improved.
15. Tessa Pendley, Greensboro resident and GCS teacher, applauded the efforts of veteran Commissioners as they champion causes within the community, and urged the Board prioritize the GCS budget request.
16. David Hammond, Greensboro resident, requested the Board utilize the county's fund balance to fully fund the GCS FY 2021-22 budget request.
17. Alex Macmillan, Greensboro resident, spoke to the need for strong leadership and improved wages for GCS employees.
18. Steve Pruit, Stokesdale resident, spoke to the loss of good staff due to current pay.

19. Art Close, Greensboro resident and GCS teacher, spoke to the success of the GCS logistics program for high school students, and urged the Board to increase wages for GCS support staff.
20. Jean Regan, Jamestown resident and Project 1 representative, spoke to the need to provide funding for additional school nurses.
21. Kendrick Evans, Greensboro resident, spoke to the impact adult attitudes and actions have upon children and shared the importance of improving GCS staff morale in order to improve the morale of students.
24. Reverend Sadie Lansdale, Greensboro resident, spoke to the need to increase property taxes in order to generate funding for GCS.
25. Tyler Walker, Greensboro resident, shared his upbringing and spoke to the importance of schools and the impact of school staff upon students.
26. Curtis Pickard, Greensboro resident, spoke to the importance of a \$15.00 minimum wage for GCS support staff.
27. Elvia Ruiz, Greensboro resident, spoke to the importance of higher wages for GCS staff and the need to invest in better schools for our children.
22. Angie Valencia, Rockingham County resident, encouraged the Board to prioritize children, educators and support staff who work hard daily within the school system.
23. Gabriela Salazar, Greensboro resident, spoke to spoke to the need to increase the salaries of educators in Guilford County.
28. Sarah Carter, Rockingham County resident, discussed the Family First Preservation Act and how this source of federal funding can be utilized to assist children with educational needs.
29. Carmen Delarosa, Greensboro resident, spoke to the importance of increasing wages for school support staff.

There being no further in-person speakers, Chairman Alston opened the floor for virtual speakers.

1. Joanna Pendleton, Greensboro resident and GCS librarian, shared numerous support staff work multiple jobs to make ends meet and spoke to the importance of offering them a living wage.
2. Emily Currie, Greensboro resident and GCS teacher assistant, shared her personal experience working to achieve her bachelor's degree and not receiving a livable wage to support her family.
3. Jim Bassett, Jamestown resident, express his support for a \$15.00/hour minimum wage for all GCS staff and encouraged the Board to increase property taxes to fund this request.
4. Ebony Burnett, Burlington resident and Guilford Child Advocacy Network representative, spoke in support of adding school nurse positions and thanked the Board for its support of children's mental health needs.

There being no further virtual speakers, Chairman Alston re-opened the floor for any additional in-person speakers.

30. Cathy Kirkpatrick, Greensboro resident and Chair of the Guilford County Democratic Party, expressed the party's support for teachers and shared their expectation for the Board to fully support the GCS budget request.

There being no additional in-person or virtual speakers, Chairman Alston closed the public hearing. He thanked those who took time to participate in-person and virtually, and shared the Board's recent work session with GCS staff to ensure they are working towards common goals in support of the school system. Alston noted that while different paths may be taken to reach these goals, they are all determined to achieve a common end goal.

By general consensus, the Board recessed the meeting at 7:30PM.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 7:36PM. Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman did not resume virtual participation in the meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2021-238 GUILFORD CARES - ERUA PROGRAM - 200% FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL

Approve program eligibility based on 200% Federal Poverty Level to utilize a portion of the \$747,000 county allotment for the Guilford CARES Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program. This will assist families who exceed the 80% area median income limits based on family size.

Legislation Text

Sharon Barlow, DHHS-DSS Division Director, introduced the agenda item and shared that, to date, the program has received 1,230 applications and spent \$1.6 million to assist families with rent and/or utility costs. She confirmed that the changes to income eligibility guidelines and additional allocation of county funds would help support families who exceed federal income limits.

Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy expressed her appreciation for the changes to the income eligibility guidelines, as she previously raised concerns regarding a potential coverage gap in the program.

Commissioner Cooke questioned if staff could approve eligibility for federal funding using the recommended 200% Federal Poverty Level guidelines.

Barlow confirmed they could not approve federal funding under these guidelines.

Commissioner Cooke echoed Commissioner Murphy's comments and thanked staff for bringing these guidelines to the Board.

Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster thanked staff for these new policies.

Motion was made by Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to approve program eligibility based on 200% Federal Poverty Level to utilize a portion of the \$747,000 county allotment for the Guilford CARES Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program. This will assist families who exceed the 80% area median income limits based on family size.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Carolyn Q. Coleman

B. 2021-239 EVICTION MEDIATION AND TENANCY SUPPORT PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Approve proposal and authorize staff to proceed with the contract with UNC Greensboro Center for Housing and Community to address the needs of vulnerable, low-income communities experiencing housing instability and potential evictions as part of the County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Draft v3.0 Eviction Mediation and Tenancy Support Program Sills 5-19-2021](#)

Barlow introduced the item and noted staff believe the program is a great companion to the rental and utilities assistance program. She reviewed the proposed project and confirmed it builds on existing programs for those experiencing housing instability to prevent evictions.

Motion was made by Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to approve proposal and authorize staff to proceed with the contract with UNC Greensboro Center for Housing and Community to address the needs of vulnerable, low-income communities experiencing housing instability and potential evictions as part of the County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Vice Chair Foster questioned how the program will reach those in need of these services.

Barlow shared their work with UNC-Greensboro's Center for Housing and Community Studies and noted this group has worked within the community and collected extensive data on individuals and families in need of these services.

Vice Chair Foster clarified UNC-Greensboro staff will administer the program and the County will provide funding. She expressed her support for the item and noted its potential to work in conjunction with the rental and utilities assistance program, but encouraged them to remain visible within the communities and ensure services are provided to those in need.

Barlow stated county staff will work with UNC-Greensboro staff in the field to ensure a sufficient presence.

Motion was made by Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to approve proposal and authorize staff to proceed with the contract with UNC Greensboro Center for Housing and Community to address the needs of vulnerable, low-income communities experiencing housing instability and potential evictions as part of the County's Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

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

C. 2021-240 APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH NORTH CAROLINA ON PROCEEDS RELATED TO SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID LITIGATION

Adopt the attached Resolution approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the State of North Carolina and various local governments, including Guilford County, relating to the settlement of the national opioid litigation, and authorize and direct staff to take such measures as are required to implement the terms of the MOA and receive the settlement funds, including that any additional documents needing signatures as a result of allocation of opioid settlement funds coming to North Carolina local governments may be authorized and executed by Guilford County Manager and Attorney, without requiring additional Board approval.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Final Opioid MOA .pdf](#)

[County Resolution for NC Opioid Allocation MOA.pdf](#)

County Attorney Mark Payne introduced the item and spoke to the complexity of the litigation involved. He spoke to the importance of the County's role in this process and spoke to the multi-state settlements with pharmaceutical companies being considered at the national level. Payne discussed the 5-5-5 Committee consisting of five (5) county attorneys, five (5) county managers and five (5) county commissioners. He shared the committee was tasked with developing a formula and process to distribute the proceeds of the state settlement, which could approach \$750 million, and he served as Guilford County's representative. Payne reviewed the details of the settlement and discussed the importance of adopting the presented resolution.

Commissioner Cashion spoke to the importance of the 5-5-5 Committee and expressed her appreciation for all of Payne's hard work and efforts related to this litigation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Commissioner Justin Conrad to adopt the attached Resolution approving the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the State of North Carolina and various local governments, including Guilford County, relating to the settlement of the national opioid litigation, and authorize and direct staff to take such measures as are required to implement the terms of the MOA and receive the settlement funds, including that any additional documents needing signatures as a result of allocation of opioid settlement funds coming to North Carolina local governments may be authorized and executed by Guilford County Manager and Attorney, without requiring additional Board approval.

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

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF GUILFORD
APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEEDS
RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID LITIGATION**

WHEREAS, as of 2019, the opioid epidemic had taken the lives of more than 16,500 North Carolinians, torn families apart, and ravaged communities from the mountains to the coast; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has compounded the opioid crisis, increasing levels of drug misuse, addiction, and overdose death; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that the total "economic burden" of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States is \$78.5 billion a

year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement; and

WHEREAS, the opioid crisis has had, and continues to have, devastating impacts to Guilford County citizens and their families, as well as straining Guilford County local government resources; and

WHEREAS, certain counties and municipalities in North Carolina joined with thousands of local governments across the country to file lawsuits against opioid manufacturers and pharmaceutical distribution companies to hold those companies accountable for their misconduct; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the State of North Carolina anticipate a settlement in the national opioid litigation to be forthcoming. By signing onto the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), the State and local governments maximize North Carolina's share of opioid settlement funds to ensure the needed resources reach communities, once a negotiation is finalized, as quickly, effectively, and directly as possible.

WHEREAS, representatives of local North Carolina governments, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and the North Carolina Department of Justice have negotiated and prepared a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to provide for the equitable distribution of any proceeds from a settlement of the national opioid litigation to the State of North Carolina and to individual local governments; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to all North Carolinians for local governments, including Guilford County and its citizens, to sign onto the MOA and demonstrate solidarity in response to the opioid epidemic, and to maximize the share of opioid settlement funds received both in the state and this County to help abate the harm, and

WHEREAS, the MOA directs substantial resources over multiple years to local governments on the front lines of the opioid epidemic while ensuring that these resources are used in an effective way to address the crisis. Guilford County will dedicate opioid settlement funds received to opioid treatment and remediation activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Guilford County hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation and any subsequent settlement funds that may come into North Carolina as a result of the opioid crisis. Furthermore, Guilford County hereby authorizes and directs staff to take such measures as are required to implement the terms of the MOA and receive the settlement funds, including that any additional documents needing signatures as a result of allocation of opioid settlement funds coming to North Carolina local governments may be authorized by the Guilford County Manager and Attorney, without requiring additional Board approval. Be it further resolved that copies of this Resolution and the

signed MOA may be sent to opioiddocs@ncdoj.gov as well as forwarded to the N.C. Association of County Commissioners as requested.

Adopted this the 3rd day of June, 2021.

X. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

Dr. Iulia Vann, DHHS-Public Health Division Director, spoke to the decline COVID-19 cases over the past two (2) weeks, and metrics and trends are moving in a positive direction. She shared 54% of the eligible population have received at least one (1) dose of the vaccine, while 49% of those eligible have been fully vaccinated. Dr. Vann provided an update on the NCDHHS pilot project to incentivize vaccinations by providing gift cards to those who receive, or transport others to receive, their first dose. She spoke to the success of the FEMA clinic within the Guilford County community and shared that out of the 150,000 doses administered, 68% were given to Guilford residents. Dr. Vann shared the Guilford County Public Health department has administered 119,000 doses and shared the mobile vaccine unit will be delivered to the public health facility on tomorrow.

XI. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2021-216 APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Approve the following appointments to various Boards & Commissions:

Guilford County Board of Adjustment

Appoint Carey D. Campbell to 1st term in Regular position (June 3, 2021 - June 2, 2024)

Appoint Corey Randolph to serve remainder of term in Alternate position vacated by Carey D. Campbell (expires October 20, 2023)

Guilford County Planning Board

Appoint Jim Donnelly to 1st term as BOCC District 5 Designee (June 3, 2021 - June 2, 2024)

[Legislation Text](#)

[CCampbell Reapp 100620.pdf](#)

[CRandolph App 101420.pdf](#)

[CRandolph Resume 101420.pdf](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Carly Cooke, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy to approve the following appointments to various Boards & Commissions:

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Guilford County Planning Board

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VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Carolyn Q. Coleman

XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER/COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Manager Michael Halford congratulated the Human Resources department on recognition from the NC Chapter of the International Public Management Association for Human Resources for initiating the Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP) and Explorations employee programs.

Halford shared the state's allocation of an additional \$20 million to the County to support residents in need of rental and utility assistance, and encouraged citizens in need to contact the County for additional information, as there are multiple funding assistance streams available.

Halford confirmed the County received its first allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and noted the Board will meeting with community members over the next few weeks to identify their needs and prioritize funding.

Halford announced the County has been accepted as a participant in NACo's Data-Driven Justice Initiative designed to utilize data in order to divert frequent utilizers of the court systems and jails into treatment programs and services that support their long-term stability. He spoke to the importance of utilizing data to address systemic inequities.

Halford reminded the Board of upcoming work sessions scheduled for 3:00PM on June 9 and June 15.

Chairman Alston spoke to the need to schedule community meetings related to ARPA funding needs.

Halford recommended scheduling meetings once the budget process has been completed.

Chairman Alston questioned the potential for in-person and virtual meetings.

Halford noted staff's flexibility in accommodating the needs of the other entities.

Commissioner Cooke questioned the potential to solicit public comments virtually.

Halford confirmed the option to create a virtual platform for comments and spoke to the need to share information with the public in order to receive more informed feedback.

Commissioner Conrad spoke to the importance of sharing information with citizens on how these funds can be spent.

Commissioner Cooke recommended developing an FAQ to share on the county website.

Payne shared NC Association of County Commissioners has a link on its website with additional information on the opioid settlement.

Chairman Alston requested the schedule for the mobile vaccination unit that will be delivered tomorrow and an estimated delivery date for the remaining two (2) units.

Halford requested the Board's general consensus to authorize him to sign the contract to move forward with delivery of the remaining mobile units.

By general consensus, the Board authorized County Manager Michael Halford to sign any contracts related to the mobile vaccination units.

Chairman Alston questioned the status of the mask mandate discussion for county employees.

Halford noted staff are continuing to evaluate these policies and are considering a two-phased approach with deadlines in June and July. He spoke to the importance of adhering to CDC guidelines while considering county facility layouts and the nature of services provided.

XIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Cashion provided updates on recent meetings with NACo's Justice & Public Safety and Arts & Culture committees. She shared her participation in a NCACC-sponsored podcast on tax and finance emphasizing the ¼ cent sales tax referendum language bill that is now under consideration by the State Senate. Cashion shared NCACC's recent meeting with US Senator Thom Tillis regarding state legislative goals and spoke to her participation in a meeting of the Resilient Guilford Network where a new initiative was introduced addressing youth mental health and substance abuse needs. She spoke to the importance of opening the adult and youth behavioral health crisis centers.

Commissioner Cooke shared her recent visit to the Camp HOPE Pathways program held at the Therapeutic Equine Learning Center and expressed her hope that the Board will continue to support this work. She wished students and teachers a happy last day of school.

Commissioner Murphy echoed Commissioner Cooke's well wishes to students and teachers and spoke to the public hearing comments on the FY 2021-22 Proposed Budget.

Vice Chair Foster thanked Chairman Alston and Commissioner Cooke for attending the ribbon-cutting for Blessing Park at the High Point Rockers stadium and the opening game. She shared her recent participation with Commissioner Upchurch at the Sister's Circle Center ribbon-cutting and giveaway event at 98 Asian Bistro in High Point. Foster extended well-wishes to Commissioner Upchurch and congratulated all GCS graduates. She extended her condolences to the family of Pastor Robert Booth and congratulated her granddaughter on her promotion to the third grade.

Commissioner Conrad shared his recent tour of the Behavioral Health Crisis Center and thanked members of the prior Board and staff who have prioritized this project and brought it to completion.

Commissioner Perdue announced the ribbon-cutting event for the Adult Behavioral Health Crisis Center on Saturday, June 12 at 10:00AM and spoke to the transformative impact that this initiative will have upon the Guilford County community.

Chairman Alston thanked Commissioner Foster for inviting him to High Point Rockers opening game and Blessing Park ribbon-cutting event. He shared the opening of the Furniture Market in High Point and encouraged all to participate. Alston congratulated his granddaughter on her recent pre-K graduation.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster to hold closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 for the purpose of consulting with the County Attorney.

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

By unanimous consent, the Board recessed the meeting and entered into closed session at 8:27PM.

The Board reconvened the meeting into open session at 8:47PM. Commissioners Upchurch and Coleman did not resume virtual participation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to express support for the sale of two (2) tracts of land located at 1690 Wheeler Bridge Road and 1736 Wheeler Bridge Road, currently owned by the Town of Gibsonville, to the City of Burlington. The proceeds of the sale will be used by the Town of Gibsonville to finance necessary water/sewer infrastructure improvements and will allow for the preservation of open space and park uses in the area. To the extent approval is required pursuant to NCGS 153A-15, this motion provides that approval. The Board of Commissioners further authorizes the Chair to send a letter to United States Senator Thom Tillis, and anyone else who can facilitate this sale, informing him of our support for the project.

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

XV. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent of the Board at 8:48PM.

Melvin "Skip" Alston, Chairman

Robin Keller, Clerk to Board