

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

Greensboro, North Carolina  
August 17, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on August 17, 2017 at 5:30PM, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

**I. INVOCATION**

Board Chaplain, Ben Chavis, offered the invocation.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Phillips led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Coleman asked that a moment of silence be observed for those wounded and killed in acts of terror in Charlottesville, Virginia and in Barcelona, Spain.

Chairman Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:45PM.

**IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Linda Lewis Cooper, owner of the Walnut Lane Bed & Breakfast in Pleasant Garden, North Carolina, spoke in opposition to the planned quarry development. She noted the investments made into her bed & breakfast and expressed concern for the impacts the quarry would have on the grounds and wildlife. She also noted the increased truck traffic from the quarry would impact her business.

Cara Townsend, Associate State Director for AARP, and tasked with advocacy and outreach throughout the Piedmont Triad region, invited Guilford County to join the Age Friendly Network, which dealt with social inclusion, housing, healthcare, and creating outdoor spaces for our aging population.

Jim Morgan, High Point resident, shared his participation in the Catalyst Project, and thanked the Board for recognizing that all County citizens should have a voice in the project if the proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) was implemented to fund the High Point project. He urged the Board to hold a referendum in accordance with the citizens to discuss the funding of the project.

Cynthia Davis, High Point City Councilperson, spoke to her concerns with High Point Catalyst Project, and the lack of transparency that has gone into the planning of the project. She spoke at length for the need to obtain additional information.

James Adams, High Point resident, spoke in opposition to the City of High Point's proposed stadium project. He spoke in favor of an end result and spoke in opposition to the process in as the citizens were excluded from planning. He urged that no public funding money should be used, and if so that it be done by bond referendum. Mr. Adams spoke to the need for minority contractors to be included as well with the project.

Elma Harriston, Denver, Colorado resident, expressed support for the High Point Catalyst Project. She noted the benefits that are accrued from such economic development. She addressed the minority groups in the area that will be impacted positively by the number of jobs the endeavor will generate.

## V. PRESENTATIONS

### A. 2017-253 PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO EMMA CARPER

#### Legislation Text

Deputy County Manager Clarence Grier recognized Emma Carper, 10-year-old, resident who collected over 1500 lbs. of food, toys, and pet supplies for the Guilford County Shelter. Mr. Grier thanked Ms. Carper and her family for all of their efforts.

## VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Justin Conrad, and seconded by Alan Branson to adopt VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

### **A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

1. 2017-272 NCDHHS EPIDEMIOLOGY/COMMUNICABLE DISEASE HIV/STD ONLINE COURSES - \$16,000

Approve an increase of \$16,000 in Federal/State Revenue; a decrease in Appropriated Fund Balance (General County) of \$13,500 to reflect the temporary off-set of county-funded salaries by grant funds, and increase the FY 2017-18 Health & Human Services - Public Health Division budget by \$2,500 to reflect grant funds to be used for costs associated with production of online HIV/STD training videos. All Federal/State funds are grant funds awarded from North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Epidemiology/Communicable Disease for HIV/STD Online Courses.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Public Health Grant for HIV-STD Online Courses - Bud Amend Detail - 8-17-17.pdf](#)

2. 2017-273 NCDHHS CDI / INJURY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION BRANCH: PRESCRIPTION DRUG OVERDOSE - \$5,000

Approve an increase of \$5,000 in Federal/State Revenue and increase the FY 2017-18 Health & Human Services - Public Health Division budget by the same amount to reflect funds awarded from North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services CDI/ Injury and Violence Prevention Branch for prescription drug overdose.

[Legislation Text](#)

3. 2017-274 THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE ON MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES: REGION 5 MINORITY DIABETES PREVENTION CONTRACT - ALAMANCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT - \$17,725

Approve an increase of \$17,725 in Federal/State Revenue and increase the FY 2017-18 Health & Human Services - Public Health Division budget by the same amount to reflect funds received through an agreement with Alamance County for the Minority Diabetes Prevention Program.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Alamance County Health Department Contract & Budget](#)

[Partnership Memorandum of Understanding final Guilford](#)

Commissioner Coleman inquired about the source of the funding.

Public Health Director Merle Green stated that they are within the funding region; however, Alamance County was managing the grant funds. She shared that it was a statewide project

which all counties worked in regions, and that it was a multi-week project to help prevent diabetes. Green stated further that in the upcoming weeks they would be working on an additional program.

Motion was made by Carolyn Coleman, and seconded by Melvin "Skip" Alston to adopt Approve an increase of \$17,725 in Federal/State Revenue and increase the FY 2017-18 Health & Human Services - Public Health Division budget by the same amount to reflect funds received through an agreement with Alamance County for the Minority Diabetes Prevention Program.

**VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0**

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

**NOES: None**

4. 2017-285 DHHS - DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES ADOPTION PROMOTION PROGRAM FUND

Appropriate \$278,000 in appropriated fund balance and increase the FY 2017-18 Health & Human Services - Social Services Division budget by \$278,000 to account for available revenue from FY 2017 Adoption Promotion Program funds.

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5. 2017-290 UPDATED HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT AND FUNDING FOR FY 2017-18

Approve the attached updated FY 2017-18 Home and Community Block Grant for Older Adults agreement and funding plan and increase Health and Human Services - Social Services budget by \$10,439, decrease the Transportation budget by \$6,685, and increase Federal/State revenue by \$3,754. Authorize staff to make and approve any necessary adjustments to agency service contracts to match the updated plan funding.

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**B. CONTRACTS**

1. 2017-282 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF GREENSBORO - PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

Approve, in substantial form, an inter-local agreement with the City of Greensboro for the Project Safe Neighborhood/Re-Entry Program, approve an increase in Federal/State revenues by \$8,000 and increase the FY 2017-18 Court Alternatives budget by the same amount for training and implementation of the program.

[Legislation Text](#)

[GREENSBORO CITY OF - GC Juvenile Det PROGRAM SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS Contract - Revised 6-19-2017 \(002\).docx](#)

2. 2017-264 SOLE SOURCE EXCEPTION TO PURCHASE DISTRIBUTED ANTENNA SYSTEM

Approve sole source purchase of the Distributed Antenna System from Logent located at 7250 ACC Blvd. Raleigh, N.C. 27617 using current budget funds in the amount of \$86,604.67, which includes all project design, materials and labor to complete the system. Direct staff to take such actions necessary to secure the purchase of the equipment and enter into any necessary agreements.

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3. 2017-287 PURCHASE OF L-3 AN/PVS-31A BNVD GEN 3 NIGHT VISION DEVICES - \$78,057.63

Approve the appropriation of \$78,058 in appropriated Fund Balance (Federal Forfeiture Funds) and increase the FY 2017-18 Law Enforcement budget by \$78,058, and approve staff to purchase the items from Lawman's Distributions LLC located at 3319 Anvil Pl Raleigh, NC 27603. A competitive informal event (#559) was conducted in the Guilford County eProcurement System during March of 2017. Two bids were received. Lawmen's Distribution, LLC was the sole responsive bidder and was awarded the purchase of five night vision goggles in the amount of \$55,755.45. The Sheriff plans to purchase an additional seven night vision goggles, for the additional amount of \$78,057.63. The total for the amended purchase amount is \$133,813.10. In accordance with GS 143-129, purchases equal to or greater than \$90,000 require board approval.

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4. 2017-270 UNIFORMS MANUFACTURING, INC. CONTRACT FOR INMATE CLOTHING - EVENT #557

Approve award of contract for inmate jumpsuits and two-piece uniforms to UNIFORMS MANUFACTURING, INC., in substantial form, for a term beginning July 1, 2017 thru July 2, 2019, with the option to extend for three (3) additional one (1) year renewal at the same pricing and terms and conditions upon mutual written agreement of both Parties.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Contract Document Agreement](#)

[Uniforms Manufacturing Inc - Final Merged Contract - 7-1-2017](#)

5. 2017-283 ENTER INTO A STATEMENT OF WORK FOR CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

Approve entering into the Statement of Work for Contribution Agreement for five (5) years with the NRCS, and authorize staff to take all reasonable and necessary steps to execute the Agreement.

[Legislation Text](#)

[County-NRCS SOW Outreach Agreement - Guilford Co.](#)

6. 2017-266 SECTION 5310 FUNDING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF GREENSBORO

Approve (revenue) Memorandum of Agreement, in substantial form, with the City of Greensboro by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Division of Social Services) Memorandum of Agreement amount is \$98,690.00.

[Legislation Text](#)

[GREENSBORO CITY OF - Section 5310 Funding Interlocal Agreement for FY 2015 and FY 2016](#)

[Greensboro City of - 5-5-2017 Cari Hopson Memo re Section 5310 Interlocal Agreement](#)

**C. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. 2017-278 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2017

Accept and approve the tax collection and beverage licensing reports for month ending July 31, 2017. Full report on file with the Clerk's Office.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Bev 07-31-17 Detail](#)

[401C All Guilford 07-31-17](#)

2. 2017-279 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2017

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending July 31, 2017.

[Legislation Text](#)

[July 2017 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)

[July 2017 Rebates & Releases](#)

3. 2017-265 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.

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[Budget Amends Report - 2017-08-17.pdf](#)

4. 2017-281 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the following sets of Minutes: 08/03/17 - Regular Meeting

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## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. 2017-280 ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT PROPERTY - 221 R2 MOTSINGER STREET**

Approve the acceptance of the Gift of 221 R2 Motsinger St, High Point, contingent upon successful environmental inspections, and authorize staff to take all reasonable and necessary steps to execute the acceptance of the property.

#### **Legislation Text**

#### **Hunter and Company 221 R2 Motsinger HP**

#### **Hunter and Company GIS**

#### **Hunter and Company Topo**

Facilities, Parks, and Property Management Director, Robert McNiece shared that a local company was seeking to liquidate its assets, and was willing to gift the property to the County.

Commissioner Alston questioned if staff had completed a phase 1 environmental study on the property.

McNiece stated that the company was willing to pay for the environmental study.

Motion was made by Alan Branson, and seconded by Justin Conrad to adopt Approve the acceptance of the Gift of 221 R2 Motsinger St, High Point, contingent upon successful environmental inspections, and authorize staff to take all reasonable and necessary steps to execute the acceptance of the property.

**VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0**

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

**NOES: None**

### **2. 2017-288 PURCHASE OF PROPERTY: 979 GUILFORD COLLEGE RD AND 926 R2 GUILFORD COLLEGE RD, GREENSBORO, NC**

Authorize the purchase of the property located at 979 Guilford College Dr. and 926 R2 Guilford College Rd, Greensboro, NC for the amount of \$543,300, contingent upon approval and authorization of water and sewer agreement with the City of High Point; and Authorize staff to take all reasonable and necessary steps to execute the purchase



of the property; and increase the County Animal Shelter Replacement capital project ordinance by \$600,000 to reflect the appropriation of \$600,000 of bond proceeds.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Guilford College 2 Gis 2](#)

[Four Grands Executed Contract 1](#)

[Martin Marietta Executed Contract 1](#)

[Guilford College Rd Topo Survey 17182T](#)

[Appraisal Guilford College Rd](#)

[GC Rd Phase 1-08022017174504](#)

[Animal Shelter Replacement - Amend 8-17-17.pdf](#)

McNiece shared that they had completed a large part of the due diligence process. He noted the information and emphasized that it was a viable property. He stated that the property would need to be rezoned, and therefore, would be brought back before the Board for future consideration.

Commissioner Coleman questioned the impact of the blasting from the nearby site.

Clarence Grier stated that he was on the site at three occasions to test the blasts. He noted that they took animals out to the site during the blasting with no impact to animals and reported.

Foster questioned if the project funding had been changed.

McNiece stated that they were not addressing the project funding rather simply the acquisition of the property.

Mr. Philips shared his support of moving forward with a new project.

Motion was made by Melvin "Skip" Alston, and seconded by Justin Conrad to adopt Authorize the purchase of the property located at 979 Guilford College Dr and 926 R2 Guilford College Rd, Greensboro, NC for the amount of \$543,300, contingent upon approval and authorization of water and sewer agreement with the City of High Point; and Authorize staff to take all reasonable and necessary steps to execute the purchase of the property; and increase the County Animal Shelter Replacement capital project ordinance by \$600,000 to reflect the appropriation of \$600,000 of bond proceeds.

**VOTE:                    Motion carried 9 - 0**

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

**NOES:** None

3. 2017-291 AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HIGH POINT AND THE COUNTY OF GUILFORD REGARDING THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRIBUTION AND SEWER COLLECTION INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES FOR A PROPOSED ANIMAL SHELTER SITE LOCATED AT 979 AND 926-R2 GUILFORD COLLEGE ROAD

Authorize staff to enter into and to take any and all necessary measures to execute an agreement between the City of High Point and the County of Guilford regarding the provision of municipal water and sewer infrastructure and services for a proposed animal shelter site on Guilford College Road.

#### [Legislation Text](#)

#### [INTERLOCAL WATER AND SEWER AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL SHELTER](#)

County Manager Lawing spoke to the previously approved property and observed the water and sewer. Lawing stated that it was the best interest of the County to be a part of a public water system. He noted that the City of High Point has the most feasible plan for construction to the site. He stated that it had been drafted to allow the County the flexibility to secure an engineer to draft the plans for the system. He stated that a recommendation to the Board to allow the City of High Point to design the project at a later time. He noted that the City had agreed to waive some of the acreage and frontage fees in a good gesture. The City is not requiring annexation in order to obtain the services. He noted further that if in the future the County wanted annexation that the City would be willing to work with the County on satellite annexation, and any subsequent zoning requirements.

Vice Chair Branson inquired into the type of usage and the rate of water.

Lawing stated that the outside water and sewer rate is doubled.

Commissioner Coleman questioned the ability to ensure a flat or fixed rate.

Lawing stated that, prior to the final costs of water and sewer, additional decisions and further consideration would need to be given as to the size of the shelter. He estimated to receive additional details in the next three or four months.

Commissioner Alston questioned the ability to renegotiation of a standard rate that is less than a double rate.

Chairman Phillips noted that the construction of the water and sewer would occur simultaneously with the construction of the Animal Shelter site.

Motion was made by Melvin "Skip" Alston, and seconded by J. Carlvena Foster to adopt Authorize staff to enter into and to take any and all necessary measures to execute an agreement between the City of High Point and the County of Guilford regarding the provision of municipal water and sewer infrastructure and services for a proposed animal shelter site on Guilford College Road.

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

#### **VIII. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE**

1. 2017-263 DHHS-DSS RECOGNIZE TRANSIT DRIVERS FOR 2nd PLACE WIN IN NC PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION'S 2017 BUS AND VAN "ROADEO"

Recognize Guilford County Transportation and Mobility Services on their achievement.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Roadeo 1](#)

[Roadeo 2](#)

Transportation Director Myra Thompson recognized County Transportation Drivers

Commissioner Coleman shared her appreciation of the drivers and their achievements.

2. 2017-268 DHHS - DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES REQUEST FOR NEW GRANT-FUNDED POSITION

(1) Approve a new grant-funded Social Worker III position for the Department of Health and Human Services - Social Services to support the Juvenile Court Infant and Toddler Initiative and (2) approve a \$55,000 increase in Federal/State revenue and increase the FY 2017-18 Health and Human Services - Social Services Division budget by the same amount to reflect grant funding to support the new position.

### [Legislation Text](#)

Social Services Director Heather Skeens thanked Judges Brown and Fletcher for being present, and reviewed the efforts of the department to secure a new grant-funded position for two years.

Motion was made by Carolyn Coleman, and seconded by Melvin "Skip" Alston to adopt (1) Approve a new grant-funded Social Worker III position for the Department of Health and Human Services - Social Services to support the Juvenile Court Infant and Toddler Initiative and (2) approve a \$55,000 increase in Federal/State revenue and increase the FY 2017-18 Health and Human Services - Social Services Division budget by the same amount to reflect grant funding to support the new position.

**VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0**

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

**NOES: None**

3. 2017-289 DHHS - DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES - CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT ACT (CAPTA) UPDATE

Receive updates on CAPTA amendments.

### [Legislation Text](#)

#### [ACF CAPTA Document](#)

Children's Services Director Sharon Barlow provided an update on the Child Abuse Prevention and treatment act. She stated that the law required policies and procedures for those who have interactions with infants born to drug affected parents. She stated that this new change would increase child protection referrals.

Commissioner Foster noted that at the NACO conference and the impact on the opioid epidemic. She inquired if the County was exhibiting an increase in the number of children in foster care as result of substance abuse. Foster questioned if the County was developing programs, or partnering with the community on programs, that focused on the children impacted by the parents of substance abuse.

Ms. Barlow stated there was an exhibited increase as result of the opioids and other substances, and that the department was seeking viable programs that address the growing number of children effected by the opioid and other substance abuse crises.

Chairman Phillips noted some of the incentives concerning the roll-over dollars for advertisement and promotion of adoptions, and expressed pleasure in the advertisement efforts the department had made.

Thompson stated that the funds could not be rolled into the general fund each year, as they would need to roll-over into the subsequent fiscal year.

Chairman Phillips questioned the measures the County could take to ensure that those dollars were spent effectively.

Thompson stated that the funds come available based on the number of adoptions completed in each quarter, and assured a plan is in place to that ensures effective spending of those funds in the current fiscal year.

Commissioner Cashion questioned the reunification efforts regarding parents that were undergoing substance abuse treatment. She expressed concerns with the numbers of kids entering into foster care.

Barlow shared that they were working to get the parents and families engaged in treatment. She spoke to the challenges that face families, and the additional time required to efficiently resolve those them. She stated that they were working tirelessly to address reunification of families as fast as they could.

4. 2017-284 DHHS - DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE ON North Carolina Families Accessing Services through TECHNOLOGY (NCFAST)

Receive DHHS - Division of Social Services update on NCFAST.

[Legislation Text](#)

Skeens noted that they had transferred into NCFAST, and stated they had been experiencing problems with the system as it limits the issuing of benefits. She noted that they have made some changes to customer flow in the lobby to decrease wait times, and in regard to daycare, went live on the NCFAST system in August. She further stated that there were 25 providers who would not receive payment due to technical difficulties. Skeens reviewed additional issues with the transition into NCFAST, and emphasized the County was a pilot for children's services in the state; however, stated that they were working with the state to secure viable long-term corrections and enhancements.

Commissioner Foster stated that the energy program was the program that they added apart from staff. She noted that the additional resources helped reduce wait time.

Skeens stated they now have 14 cubes that were currently able to make changes at the front desk rather than sending to an eligibility worker.

Thompson noted that the rate for daycare is going up, but you must get the paperwork in by the 31st.

5. 2017-292 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION- NATIONAL FOCUS AREA:  
PUBLIC HEALTH 3.0

Approve recommendations for advancing Public Health 3.0 and incorporating recommendations into the business plan and restructuring of Public Health.

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Public Health Director Merle Green presented a Power Point Presentation (PPP) on the efforts of Public Health 3.0. She stated that when the public health department started to redefine itself it began a pilot program of five initial states, excluding North Carolina. Green reviewed Public Health 1.0 and 2.0, which focused on ensuring that sciences were studying the diseases that make us sick, and were looking at chronic diseases such as asthma, diabetes, etc. She noted that public health 3.0 was a major upgrade in public health practices that emphasizes strategic partnerships across governments with law makers, public-private collaborations with business and industry leaders, and system changes aimed at advancing health status. Green reviewed Public Health's mission and vision statement. She spoke to the five recommendations; and partnerships with institutions that ensures no stone goes unturned. She spoke to the sustainable funding of Public Health, and outlined the fourth recommendation that seeks to utilize epidemiological data to make timely decisions. Green spoke at length regarding the overall changes of Public Health 3.0, and the one year of implementation. Green reviewed the accreditation process, and stated that the next accreditation would be in eighteen months.

Commissioner Conrad thanked staff for their efforts. He noted that the Public Health 3.0 areas of focus have been priorities for Guilford County Public health for many years.

Motion was made by Justin Conrad, and seconded by Carolyn Coleman to adopt Approve recommendations for advancing Public Health 3.0 and incorporating recommendations into the business plan and restructuring of Public Health.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 9 - 0

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

**NOES:** None

**IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER**

County Manager Marty Lawing advised the Board that our local legislation delegation was successful in securing 250K in the budget; Guilford and New Hanover were the only two

counties to receive funding to address the opioid crisis. He stated that a rapid response team was in the works to develop a program over the next several months to assess how the funds would be implemented.

Commissioner Conrad asked staff to address two positions that the County was in the process of filling. Animal Services Director, and second, the status of the Communications Specialist position.

Lawing provided an update on the Animal Services Director position, and stated the County had selected 25 applicants for interviews who would be screened in the upcoming weeks. Lawing asked the Board if a commissioner or individual from the animal shelter would care to be present in the interview process. He emphasized the role of the Animal Services Director and spoke to the needs and overall effectiveness of the individual selected.

Grier stated that the proposals would use existing staff to help secure an interim.

Commissioner Conrad inquired about the timeline and the staff to be used in the process. He thanked Mr. Grier for his work while serving as both the Deputy County Manager and as the interim Animal Services Director, and turned his focus to the Communications Specialist.

Lawing outlined the number of application the County had received, but deferred to the discussion to Clerk to the Board Robin B. Keller.

Keller stated that she had received a number of applications, and had narrowed the search down to six viable candidates. She ensured that interviews would commence in the subsequent weeks.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns about the Communications Specialist position. She asked under whose department would the position be placed.

Chairman Phillips stated that the details of the position could be discussed at length once the position was filled.

## **X. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Alston shared an update on organizing the precincts. He noted an upcoming precinct meetings. Alston also shared his participation in the recent NCACC conference in Durham.

Commissioner Conrad provided an update on the last animal services advisory meeting and additional spay neuter policies that will hopefully be brought to the board in September. He encouraged citizens and residents to participate in the Wyndham Championship.

Commissioner Foster acknowledged the speaker Ms. Harriston, who also serves as the High Point appointment to the Health and Human Services Board. She shared that she was elected as the first vice-president to the women of NACO.

Commissioner Cashion shared her participation of the NCACC in Durham. She shared various projects underway in other counties, such as Wellness On Wheels and a low income tiny houses program where the homes are rented at 200.00 per month.

Commissioner Coleman spoke in support of leading the way in solar panels and green building. She urged the county to consider in our new constructions promoting a green facility.

Chairman Phillips shared that he attended the County's first ever Camp Hope.

Motion was made by Hank Henning, and seconded by J. Carlvena Foster to adopt X.  
COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

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

## **XI. ADJOURN**

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Chairman

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Clerk