

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
October 18, 2018

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on October 18, 2018 at 5:30 P.M., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 2nd Floor of the Old Guilford County Courthouse, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Alan Branson, Vice Chairman Justin Conrad,
Commissioners Alan Perdue, Hank Henning, Jeff Phillips, Melvin
"Skip" Alston, Kay Cashion, J. Carlvena Foster (Arrived at 6:00 P.M.)

ABSENT: Commissioners Carolyn Q. Coleman,

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 staff and
the media.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplain Ben Chavis provided the invocation at 5:34 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Branson led those present in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Branson called the meeting to order 5:36 P.M.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Dream Power Therapy owner Gina Little shared that they are seeking a USDA community loan and required County Commissioners support for the loan application to run their therapeutic horse facility. She reviewed the program and shared that they are a 501 C-3 and meet the qualification criteria under community support services. They shared that they provide therapeutic equestrianism for all levels of disabilities. She reviewed the parameters of the application process.

Gordon Hunt, CEO of Dream Power shared that their program serves the southeast community of Guilford County. He shared that the verbal support from the County would help them secure their loan.

Chairman Branson questioned how long they have been in operation.

Hunt shared that they have been providing similar services for several years.

Chairman Branson explained that the item should have been added to New Business, however, asked, County Attorney, Mark Payne, how to proceed in making a motion for the Board to add the item to the Agenda.

Payne stated that in order for the Board consider voting on the request that the board would need to vote to add the item.

Motion was made by Hank Henning, and seconded by Justin Conrad to Approve Adding Dream Power Therapy request to the Agenda.

Commissioner Alston clarified that the motion on the floor was simply to add the item to the agenda for consideration.

Chairman Branson concurred, the motion was made to place the item on the agenda for Board consideration under New Business.

VOTE:	Motion carried 7 - 0
AYES:	Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Hank Henning, Jeff Phillips, Melvin "Skip" Alston, Kay Cashion, Justin Conrad.
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Carolyn Q. Coleman, J. Carlvena Foster

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2018-371 RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF J. ROBERT LANDRETH, JR.

Adopt Resolution Honoring the Life of J. Robert Landreth, Jr.

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By General Consensus the Board removed item V.A. to be brought back to the board at a time that was more convenient to the Landreth family.

Commissioner Foster in at 6:00 p.m.

B. 2018-370 PROCLAIM OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Adopt proclamation declaring October as Breast Cancer Awareness month in Guilford County.

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Commissioner Perdue read the Proclamation to declare October as breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Merle Green, Public Health Director, received the proclamation and shared the importance of early detection and treatment.

C. 2018-373 CENTENARIAN CERTIFICATE AWARD - WALTER "STICKY" BURCH

Recognize retired Guilford County Sheriff Walter "Sticky" Burch as he celebrates his 100th Birthday.

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Commissioner Cashion shared the history of the Centenarian Program, which was first started by former Commissioner Linda Shaw. Cashion noted that Walter "Sticky" Burch was the County Sheriff for eight years prior to our current Sheriff Barnes. Cashion recognized the accomplishments of Mr. Burch and shared that a framed copy of the certificate was being provided to Mr. Burch later in the evening.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Alan Perdue, and seconded by Justin Conrad to approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0
AYES: Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Hank Henning, J. Carlvena Foster, Jeff Phillips, Melvin "Skip" Alston, Kay Cashion, Justin Conrad
NOES: None

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2018-377 BUDGET AMENDMENT REPORT FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS PROCESSED UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE COUNTY MANAGER IN THE FY 2018-19 BUDGET ORDINANCE

Receive Budget Amendment report for budget amendments processed under the authority granted to the County Manager in the FY 2018-19 Budget Ordinance.

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[Budget Amends Report 2018-10-18.pdf](#)

2. 2018-381 MADDIE'S FUND GRANT RECEIPT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT

Approve receipt of the Maddie's Fund grant award in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for the Guilford County Pet Responsibility Program; and approve an increase in Other Revenues of \$5,000 and increase the FY 2018-19 Animal Services budget by the same amount.

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[Maddie's Fund - Innovative Grant Proposal.docx](#)

B. CONTRACTS

1. 2018-380 AGREEMENT WITH PICTOMETRY INTERNATIONAL CORP

Approve in substantial form, a sole source contract with Pictometry International Corporation, 25 Methodist Hill Drive, Rochester, NY for (1) updated county wide aerial photographs, (2) a system (Pictometry Sketch Check) that compares existing photographs with new photographs, identifies structure changes, and provides a systemic process to update property tax assessment records relative to those structure changes, and (3) provides for discounts to two future aerial photographs updates should they be optioned. The total cost of the first project is not to exceed \$457,251. The contract period will begin November 1, 2018 and end October 31, 2020.

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[Contract CM 1172 Pictometry International](#)

2. 2018-385 LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Approve lease agreement, in substantial form, with the Town of Jamestown in the amount of \$3,600 to be effective July 1, 2018 for a term of 1 year with four (4) one year renewals.

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[JAMESTOWN TOWN OF - CM1197 - 301 E Main St Jamestown Lease - 7-1-2018.docx](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2018-379 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

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[Bev 09-30-18 Detail](#)

[401C All Guilford 9-30-18](#)

2. 2018-378 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending September 30, 2018.

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[September 2018 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)

[September 2018 Rebates and Releases](#)

3. 2018-386 SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Approve the sale of surplus property located at 1809 Brentwood St High Point, 739 Hendrix St High Point, 2846 2848 Lees Chapel Rd Greensboro, 1201 Pearson Pl High Point, and 9248 US Highway 158 Stokesdale to the current highest bidder, and authorize staff to take all reasonable and necessary steps to execute the sale of the property.

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[739 Hendrix GIS2](#)

[1201 Pearson Pl GIS2](#)

[1809 Brentwood GIS2](#)

[2846 2848 Lees Chapel GIS3](#)

[9248 US Hwy 158 GIS2](#)

4. 2018-318 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve Minutes as listed: Work Session 10.04.18 and Regular Meeting 10.04.18

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2018-384 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION: READY FOR SCHOOL, READY FOR LIFE -\$20,000

Approve an increase of \$20,000 in Other Revenues and increase the FY2018-19 Department of Health & Human Services -Public Health Division budget by the same amount to reflect funds received from The Duke Endowment, in partnership with Ready for School, Ready for Life and Root Cause, for general operating support in the following Guilford County DHHS-Public Health programs: Pregnancy Care Management (PCM), Care Coordination for Children (CC4C), Guilford Family Connects and WIC.

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Merle Green noted that the County has partnered with the Ready Ready program to help prepare young children for a strong educational and healthy future. Green reviewed the agenda item and the grant funds received.

Motion was made by Hank Henning, and seconded by J. Carlvena Foster to Approve an increase of \$20,000 in Other Revenues and increase the FY2018-19 Department of Health & Human Services -Public Health Division budget by the same amount to reflect funds received from The Duke Endowment, in partnership with Ready for School, Ready for Life and Root Cause, for general operating support in the following Guilford County DHHS-Public Health programs: Pregnancy Care Management (PCM), Care Coordination for Children (CC4C), Guilford Family Connects and WIC.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

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

NOES: **None**

B. **Dream Power Therapy**

Authorize staff to prepare letter of support for Dream Power Therapy as they apply for their USDA loan.

Dream Power Therapy Director Gina Little and CFO Gordon Hunt introduced the item.

Commissioner Alston questioned the amount of the loan.

Ms. Little stated that the loan request is for roughly 550K. She shared that facility needs ADA upgrades. She shared that the grant comes along with the loan and depending on the level of community support documented is what the USDA uses determines how much of the available funds will be granted versus loaned.

Commissioner Phillips questioned if Dream Power has applied for this type of grant previously, and questioned the details of the loan.

Ms. Little shared that they have applied for similar grants in the state of Georgia.

Commissioner Cashion questioned how many people they would anticipate serving.

Ms. Little shared that spring and fall are the busiest for client services and that on average, they serve 25 to 35 clients per week.

Motion was made by J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Justin Conrad to Authorize staff to prepare letter of support for the Dream Power Therapy grant/loan application.

VOTE: **Motion carried 8 - 0**

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

NOES: **None**

Commissioner Foster questioned if they were non-profit.

Ms. Little shared that they are a 501 c-3, they are looking to re-open the Georgia Chapter in addition to the North Carolina site.

The board thanked them for their work and shared that it will be a great opportunity for the community.

VIII. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

A. ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Merle Green noted that the accreditation process is actually a 4-year process. She shared that the site visit team will be at the County in January of 2019. Green advised that accreditation in NC is mandatory for all public health departments. Green noted the responsibilities of the Board of Commissioners during the process. She noted that North Carolina was the first state to receive the now mandatory accreditation. She spoke to the process of accreditation and discussed the position necessary (the Board of County Commissioners Chairman, Alan Branson), and shared that she would be asking Chairman Branson several questions to ensure accreditation. Green then reviewed questions with the board that may be asked during the onsite review to move the accreditation process forward.

IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Lawing introduced the County's new Veteran's Service Director Mr. Robert Shelly.

The Board welcomed Mr. Shelly to the County.

Commissioner Henning welcomed Robert Shelly aboard and stated that the County needed to provide more focus and resources for veterans and by creating the Veteran's Director position the county has taken a large step in the right direction.

Shelly thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with Guilford County. He offered to meet with any of the Commissioners to discuss needs of the communities.

Lawing provided an update on Tropical Storm Michael and its impacts to Guilford County. He shared the statistics of people sheltered from the storm and costs associated with the storm. He shared the estimated damages to the County was 1.5M. He then shared a breakout of the number of private homes damaged in the storm. Lawing noted that the Social Services Department is taking applications to accept disaster food and nutrition benefits (DSNAP). He shared that so far they had possessed nearly 350 applications.

X. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Perdue extended his sincere appreciation for all of those who responded during the Tropical Storm. He shared that all those who provided assistance from first responders to linemen did a phenomenal job.

Commissioner Phillips echoed Commissioner Perdue's comments. He shared his thanks to all responders and noted the extraordinary efforts of Duke Power.

Commissioner Foster shared her appreciation of all of the efforts she witnessed in the High Point area.

Commissioner Cashion echoed the previous comments of the superior work to restore power to the County. She provided an update concerning the situation in her neighborhood. Cashion provided a report on her attendance at the State Associations Legislative Goals committee. She noted that they reviewed 55 goals submitted by the counties and were able to identify goals that could be achieved during the next legislative session and stated that the number one goal was to expand broadband services for all areas in NC.

Chairman Branson thanked all those who responded with aid during Tropical Storm Michael. Branson encouraged everyone to vote during the upcoming election season.

XI. 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 Alan Perdue, and seconded by 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: Alan Branson, Alan Perdue, Hank Henning, J. Carlvena Foster, Jeff Phillips, Melvin "Skip" Alston, Kay Cashion, Justin Conrad
NOES: None

Meeting recessed into Closed Session at 6:27 P.M.

Meeting reconvened from Closed Session to Open Session at 7:17 P.M.

The being no further business the meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:18 P.M.

J. Alan Branson
Chairman

Robin Keller
Clerk to Board