

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
September 19, 2019

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on September 19, 2019 at 5:30pm, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Alan Branson, presiding; Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips; Commissioners Melvin "Skip" Alston, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster (departed at 7:38PM), Hank Henning, Alan Perdue (arrived at 5:41pm).

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Marty Lawing; County Attorney Mark Payne; Clerk to Board Robin Keller; Deputy County Manager Clarence Grier; Deputy Clerk to Board Scott Baillargeon, Michael Halford, Budget; Heather Skeens, DHHS-Social Services Division Director; Animal Shelter Director, Jorge Ortega; Merle Green, DHHS-Public Health Division Director; members of staff, community, and media.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplain Ben Chavis provided the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Branson called the meeting to order at 5:38pm.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Paula Sieber, Executive Director of the Sustainability Resource Center, discussed the progress of the tiny house project in Greensboro. She shared the expansion of, and scope for, homes created for single mothers on the Hay Street property in Greensboro. She spoke to the eco-friendly steps they are implementing to reduce the carbon footprint across the County. Sieber shared her attendance of a meeting at the Sustainability Resource Center with the Urban Heroes Center. She noted their partnership is to provide farming property for veterans to both reside and cultivate

was discussed. She shared her appreciation of Deputy County Manager Grier for making her aware of the County's Citizens' Academy. She emphasized that staff have made an outstanding program to introduce citizens to the nuances of county government. She stated that Citizens' Academy is a wonderful program that should be required attendance for all citizens in the community.

Ken Orms, Greensboro resident, suggested that public meetings be held later than 5:30PM. He suggested that 6:30PM would encourage more community participation. Orms discussed several topics. Orms voiced opposition to Guilford County's legal notice pilot program. He asked for the annual savings the process had generated, to date. He voiced opposition of the smoking and tobacco ban among County Parks, and stated it was an issue of enforcement. He questioned how the ban would be enforced in county parks. He noted that government had become too intrusive.

Claudia Lang, Greensboro resident, echoed the previous speaker's concerns regarding the early meeting time set by the Board. She expressed concern with the voting machines. She urged the County to refuse the purchase of machines that only issue bar codes. She emphasized that hand-marked paper ballots remain the best option for citizens.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2019-355 PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL INFANT MORTALITY AWARENESS MONTH

Proclaim September as National Infant Mortality Month in Guilford County.

Legislation Text

2019 Infant Mortality Proclamation BOCC

Commissioner Foster invited Jean Workman, coordinator for the Guilford County Coalition on Infant Mortality, forward to accept the proclamation.

Commissioner Foster read the proclamation into the record.

Chairman Branson invited Ms. Workman to say a few words on behalf of the Guilford County Coalition on Infant Mortality.

Ms. Workman shared the coalition's efforts to communicate the message throughout the community. She emphasized the high number of infant mortality cases across the County and state. She stressed the reasons and causes that contribute to this egregious issue. She encouraged parents and guardians to "share a room and not a bed" with their infants to help reduce mortality rates in our community. On behalf of the Guilford County Coalition on Infant Mortality, she thanked the Board for the proclamation.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Branson read the addendum for Board consideration. He asked the Board if there were any items, they wished to consider separately from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Foster noted another addition she would like to add to the addendum to be considered to New Business.

Robin Keller, Clerk to the Board, stated that pending Board approval, the item could be considered.

By general consensus the Board accepted the addendum and had no items to pull from consent.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Hank Henning, to approve the consent agenda.

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

A. CONTRACTS

1. 2019-358 FARRAGUT SYSTEMS - NCPTS SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT

Approve contract, in substantial form, for the support and maintenance of NCPTS software with Farragut Systems not to exceed \$570,000 to be effective May 1, 2019 for a term of three (3) years.

[Legislation Text](#)

[FARRAGUT SYSTEMS - CM1673 NCPTS Support Agreement](#)

2. 2019-345 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF GREENSBORO, HIGH POINT, AND GIBSONVILLE TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT PROCEEDINGS

Adopt the proposed Interlocal Agreement to Provide Transportation for Involuntary Commitment Proceedings in substantial form.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Interlocal Agreement Final LWE09092018.docx](#)

[Agreement for Involuntary Commitment Transportation Final9.9.19.docx](#)

3. 2019-370 APPROVE IN SUBSTANTIAL FORM THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN GUILFORD COUNTY AND CITY OF GREENSBORO FOR HOME CONSORTIUM FUNDING

Approve, in Substantial Form, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Guilford County and the City of Greensboro, for HOME Consortium grant funding management of \$398,691, for qualifying homebuyer financing.

[Legislation Text](#)

[DRAFT MOU-CountyDPAProgram 2019 \(002\)](#)

[DRAFT-County Homebuyer Underwriting Policy 2019](#)

4. 2019-356 APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION AND GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Approve Interlocal Agreement, in substantial form, between DHHS-Public Health Division and Guilford County Board of Education for school nurse services in Guilford County schools effective July 1, 2019 for the FY 19-20 academic year.

[Legislation Text](#)

[GCS contract 2019-2020](#)

B. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2019-364 RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE

Approve the following amendment to the Guilford County Sheriff's Office Records Retention and Disposition Schedules issued by the NC Department of Cultural Resources and authorize the Chairman to sign the schedules as presented:

County Sheriff's Office - Records Retention Schedule Amendment Issued October 1, 2016

[Legislation Text](#)

[Sheriff Record Retention Amend 2016](#)

2. 2019-354 REQUEST REFUND OF TAX STAMPS FOR LAW OFFICES OF BARBARA STEWART

Approve the refund of \$300.00 to the Law Offices of Barbara Stewart due to overpayment of tax stamps pursuant to GS 105-228.37.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Letter Requesting Refund of Tax Stamps](#)

[Deed Book 8152 page 1928-1929](#)

[GS 105 228 37 Refund Tax Stamps](#)

3. 2019-361 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2019

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending August 31, 2019.

[Legislation Text](#)

[August 2019 NCVTS Pending Refund Report](#)

[August 2019 Rebate and Releases](#)

4. 2019-360 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2019

Accept and approve the tax collection report and beverage licenses issued for month ending August 31, 2019.

[Legislation Text](#)

[401C All Guilford 8-31-19](#)

[Bev 8-31-19 Detail](#)

5. 2019-362 APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SETS OF MINUTES

Approve the September 5, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

[Legislation Text](#)

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VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 2019-368 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ALLOCATION OF FUNDING TO DOWNTOWN GREENSBORO, INC

Hold a Public Hearing to receive public input on the proposed allocation of funds for an Economic Development Incentive Grant to Downtown Greensboro, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000 to support its economic development activities through the creation of a downtown strategic development plan, approve a decrease of \$50,000 in County Administration (Manager's Contingency) and increase the Economic Development & Assistance budget by the same amount.

[Legislation Text](#)

[DGI Presentation](#)

[GSO Downtown Strategic Master Plan Proposal](#)

Chairman Branson reviewed the public hearing procedures for those present.

Chairman Branson invited Mr. Zach Matheny to introduce the agenda item.

Mr. Zach Matheny, President of Downtown Greensboro Incorporated (DGI), introduced the board members of Downtown Greensboro present. He provided a presentation of the proposal to the Board and those who were present. He reviewed the events that DGI was currently either working on, or involved with to promote and develop the downtown area. He discussed the details of the strategic plan to include revitalizing small businesses downtown to encourage more retail support. He stated that his concerns were of the future economic success of not only downtown Greensboro, but those of the County as well. Matheny provided details of a study performed by the company they contracted with, MIG, to identify specific areas that were in special need of attention and improvement.

Matheny shared MIGs goals for better communicating strategies and goals with both the private and public sectors among the community. He noted that DGI had projected an increase of 400 jobs to the community; however, anticipated that number would be far greater. He expressed

concern for the decrease of retail businesses downtown, but emphasized several plans to introduce economic drivers that would ensure that Greensboro thrives again. He noted that through his collaboration with Commissioner Cashion to expand and reinvent First Friday had been an asset to the city and the event raised funds among the community.

He spoke to the productive partnerships DGI has with the Chamber of Commerce. He noted the many beautification projects throughout the city. He said these projects were essential to making downtown more inviting to encourage community participation. He emphasized that the funding of the MIG Strategic Action Plan Study was in the community's best interests and that everyone would feel its positive impacts.

Matheny discussed the details and focus areas of the MIG study. He reviewed the scope of work including content data reviews, community outreach to understand what citizens and small businesses want and needed to thrive again. He discussed the great ambiguity concerning the zoning issues around the ball park and other strategic areas of economic interest. He noted that this would become a barrier to future growth. Matheny emphasized the need for branding the city and inundate it with dynamic, catalytic projects.

Matheny reviewed the timeline for the strategic plan, which began in April 2018. DGI and its partners project a completion date toward the end of 2020. He outlined the requests he received from the community, retail, and stakeholders in the community. He spoke to the logistics of pulling businesses from disparate locations across the city together to achieve and meet the projected timeline. Pulling those folks together, Matheny emphasized, would generate 750m in public and private development for the city over the next ten years.

Chairman Branson opened the floor for opponents to the item. There being none, Chairman Branson opened the floor for proponents to the item. There being none, he closed the public hearing.

Chairman Branson opened the floor to allow questions from the Board.

Vice Chairman Phillips stated that the presentation from the work session lacked specificity. He noted that the initial proposal to Downtown Greensboro from their consultant was back in April 2018, and requested a reason why there was a delay in the rollout of the proposal and a request to the Commissioners for funding in 2019.

Matheny spoke to the delay in the rollout. He stated a lack of human capacity was to blame for effectively meet the schedule requirements of the project. He emphasized that he wanted to be sure that it would make a positive and lasting impact on the city and the County. He spoke to the reasons that caused the delay and emphasized that at this time, DGI was prepared for taking on the next steps of the rollout.

Vice Chairman Phillips requested a list of the sources of funding. He discussed the proposal cost. Phillips shared that he would be visiting Oklahoma City and would be able to provide feedback for what they are doing to revitalize their city. He noted that he would be supporting the proposal tonight.

Matheny shared that the City of Greensboro, Cemala Foundation, the Community Foundation, Bryan Foundation, Tenenbaum/Sternberger Foundation and others have helped to contribute. He shared that the Chamber of Commerce is funding \$10,000 of the project.

Commissioner Cashion thanked Matheny for clarifying some of her questions from the work session. She spoke to the \$200,000 budget fundraising that DGI is aiming toward, and asked for a breakout for how those funds would be allocated. She asked Matheny to provide a quick breakdown of how the \$200,000 would be parsed out. She asked about the individual allocations to the more impoverished areas of Greensboro.

Matheny shared that he did not have that specific information with him, and expressed concern with recalling it from memory. He shared that he had not been able to look at the complete list of allocations, but was relying on the consultants and others to create a responsible list that citizens would find favorable. He noted that DGI's plan is everybody's plan. Its positive impacts will be felt by all, and, he stressed, that it was imperative that the work was completed correctly.

Commissioner Alston questioned the special tax revenue that DGI receives from downtown businesses. Alston asked if the budget for the MIG study was \$200,000 and stated that the proposal was obtained by MIG back in April 2018. He questioned why the proposal was not included in their annual 2019 budgeting process. He shared that he had not received the information regarding back-years of profit/loss paperwork. He expressed concern regarding the budget of \$110,000 if the cost of the study was \$200,000.

Matheny spoke to the business improvement tax and noted that the revenue of \$720,000 is anticipated for property tax revenues earmarked for DGI. Matheny shared that their budget is \$1.4 million annually. He spoke to the requested documents and stated that all the information was submitted to Guilford County. He also noted that all documents were viewable online. He spoke to the increased cost of the study and emphasized that he wanted to include the County in the study to ensure that all districts were included. Matheny shared the events of the June 30th festival and explained the process for how funds were allocated throughout the downtown area. He also discussed DGIs mandated reserve that both Counties and non-profits are required to keep. He emphasized that he wanted the County to be competitive by having a strong downtown.

Commissioner Alston questioned why the budget was not initially balanced to afford the costs of the study. He asked Matheny if the funding was crucial to the study. Alston shared his ambiguity for DGI's tax returns. He shared that he did not think that DGI needed the funds as they rolled over a 400K surplus from the previous fiscal year and he would not support the request.

Commissioner Foster voiced support for downtown economic development programs; however, noted that the program would not have a direct impact on High Point. She shared that the request did give her pause and wanted to further understand request.

Commissioner Conrad spoke to the benefit of the project and shared his concern was for the impact on the community. He stated that while he is a citizen of Greensboro, he represents Guilford County. He noted that the County needs continued development in the high property tax

areas to help support needs such as school constructions and other projects. He shared that he would be supporting the request.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Justin Conrad, to approve allocation of funds for an Economic Development Incentive Grant to Downtown Greensboro, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000 to support its economic development activities through the creation of a downtown strategic development plan, approve a decrease of \$50,000 in County Administration (Manager's Contingency) and increase the Economic Development & Assistance budget by the same amount.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 – 3
AYES: Alan Branson, Jeff Phillips, Kay Cashion, Justin Conrad, Hank Henning, Alan Perdue
NOES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, Carolyn Q. Coleman, J. Carlvena Foster
ABSENT: None

2. 2019-346 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS REGARDING TOBACCO AND TOBACCO RELATED PRODUCTS ON GOVERNMENTAL PROPERTY

Hold a Public Hearing to receive public input to consider proposed amendments to the Guilford County Board of Health Regulations regarding tobacco and tobacco related products on governmental property and consider adoption of proposed amendments.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Proposed Regulation Comparison.pdf](#)

[2019 BOH Rules for Guilford Co Tobacco Reg.pdf](#)

Merle Green, Public Health Director, introduced a proposal that would modify the current policy that regulates the Board of Health rule regarding smoking e-cigarettes, vaping, and other tobacco products across all Guilford County's government vehicles, buildings, and grounds.

Green reviewed the rule as it stands. She stated that changes applied by the Board of Health would be effective for the County and extend to include all authority jurisdictions, municipalities, and incorporated areas. She shared that once the proposal was made public, the Public Health Department would work with entities to facilitate the modification.

She spoke to the feedback Public Health has received regarding the proposal; issues of enforcement; regulation among areas such as parks, hiking trails, and greenways; the disruption of business relationships that utilize a dual-use spaces; and the issues associated with cost to place and pay for signage.

Chairman Branson opened the floor for the public hearing and called for any opponents to come forward.

Ken Orms, Greensboro resident, voiced his opposition of the restriction on golf courses, parks, and other open public spaces.

Jim Bronnert, member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, stated that discussion was had during a meeting of the Parks and Rec Commission in which the board agreed to postpone further discussion and consideration on this regulation for a year. Bronnert voiced his opposition to the proposal.

There being no other opponents, Chairman Branson closed the floor to opponents. Chairman Branson opened the floor to proponents. There being none, Chairman Branson closed the floor to proponents. Chairman Branson closed this portion of the public hearing.

Chairman Branson opened the floor to allow questions from the Board.

Commissioner Coleman stated that she typically supports larger government for the benefits and welfare of its citizens; however, voiced her opposition to the proposal.

Commissioner Perdue echoed Coleman's views about enforcement on campgrounds, golf courses, and other areas. He emphasized the need for a less restrictive policy avoid disparaging citizens and visitors from coming to Guilford County parks and other recreation areas.

Commissioner Henning echoed similar concerns with enforcement. He thanked the staff of the Health Department for promoting smoke and tobacco free polices as that is their job.

Commissioner Alston noted that the scope of the proposal was to receive input from the public and did not require Board action. He proposed that e-cigarettes, vaping, and tobacco products be added to the current policy; however, voiced his opposition for the proposal to include parks and other recreation areas.

Commissioner Cashion echoed Commissioner Alston's recommendations. She spoke to growing up on a tobacco farm where everyone smoked tobacco; however, shared that she had never taken up the habit. She expressed concern with the government overreach of the proposal, and, therefore, voiced that she could not support the modification to the policy.

Chairman Branson spoke to discussions among the Parks and Rec board. He noted their hesitancy to include parks and other open spaces as smoke free. He voiced concern with the government overreach. He expressed caution over adding e-smoking and vapes to the policy until more research could be conducted to ensure that these products were dangerous. He asked the County Attorney to advise the Board how to proceed to postpone a vote until further notice.

Mark Payne, County Attorney, confirmed that no vote was necessary and stated that the Board could decide to postpone or table consideration of the proposal, or have staff amend the rule and return to the Board with an alternative.

Commissioner Foster voiced support expansion of the existing policy to include e-cigarettes and tobacco products.

Chairman Branson suggested tabling a vote until staff have a revision.

Commissioner Alston expressed his concern with tabling the item as it typically means the topic would not be resubmitted for Board consideration. He suggested that the Board table the item for thirty days to allow staff time to revise the proposal and come back to the Board for consideration.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding the language to revise the proposed policy.

Commissioner Conrad reminded the Board that the Board of Health has the final say on these types of decisions. He stated that the Board of Health should take that into consideration as the decision would have a county-wide impact including the Airport Authority, municipalities, and incorporated areas.

Motion was made by Commissioner Melvin "Skip" Alston, and seconded by Commissioner Justin Conrad, to table the item for thirty (30) days, direct staff to modify the existing policy and return with a revised proposal to be considered by the Board of Commissioners/Board of Health.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2019-339 ADD ANIMAL SERVICES POSITIONS TO SUPPORT SHELTER OPERATIONS

Approve the addition of 5 positions for Animal Services, including one veterinarian, one customer service manager, one senior office specialist, one foster/placement coordinator, one animal facility cleaning technician (to be funded by lapsed salaries

from the reclassification of the existing operations manager position), and the addition of contract security coverage to provide on-site security resources for the shelter and staff; and acknowledge that Animal Services will hire additional part-time staff to supplement these full-time positions, especially for animal care and cleaning, to achieve or move closer to best practice standards for animal shelter staffing.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Animal Shelter Recommended Staffing Cost Projections - Sep 2019.pdf](#)

Jorge Ortega, Animal Services Director, spoke to the request of reclassification and creation five additional full-time positions for Animal Services.

Commissioner Alston sought clarification on how the positions would be funded that lapse salaries would be available for this year only. He stated that future funding for the positions would be budgeted in the next fiscal year at a cost of 395K.

Marty Lawing, Guilford County Manager, shared that funding for the positions would be from a scaling back of the Malachi contract along with funds from lapsed salaries.

Michael Halford, Budget Director, approached the podium to discuss future budgeting of the positions. He stated that funding for the positions would not be 395K, but rather only 95K in the next fiscal year budget. He noted that the contract with Malachi House was approximately 300K.

Commissioner Coleman spoke to previous staff/employees who ran the shelter to the best of their abilities, and recognized the hard work of the current shelter staff and volunteers to implement best practices.

Commissioner Conrad voiced his support for the request and recognized, Carl Ashby, Animal Services Board Chairman. He noted all the good work that staff have done to improve the shelter.

Chairman Branson thanked Mr. Ortega for the excellent work he has done.

Ortega emphasized the hard work was nothing short of a team effort.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster, to approve the addition of five (5) positions for Animal Services, including one (1) veterinarian, one (1) customer service manager, one (1) senior office specialist, one (1) foster/placement coordinator, one (1) animal facility cleaning technician (to be funded by lapsed salaries from the reclassification of the existing operations manager position), and the addition of contract security coverage to provide on-site security resources for the shelter and staff; and acknowledge that Animal Services will hire additional part-time staff to supplement these full-time positions, especially for animal care and cleaning, to achieve or move closer to best practice standards for animal shelter staffing.

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

2. 2019-372 STORMWATER EASEMENT FOR BIORETENTION CELL LOCATED PARTIALLY UPON 1203 MAPLE STREET, PARCEL NUMBER 26764, TO PROVIDE STORMWATER CONTAINMENT AND TREATMENT FOR NEW MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY LOTS IN MAPLE PROFESSIONAL PARK

Approval is requested for the granting of a storm water easement, in substantial form, for the purpose of constructing a bioretention cell to serve the lots that the County is purchasing and authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute said document. This approval is conditioned upon the County's acquisition of the lots in question.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Easement for Bio-cell Retention Pond \(v2\)](#)

[Preliminary Site Plan 7-15-19 bio-cell expansion color coded \(Hill calculations\)](#)

Dan Durham, Facilities Director, reviewed the request for the storm water easement grant for the construction of a bioretention cell to serve the many property lots that the County is purchasing and to authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute said document.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hank Henning, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to approve the request for the granting of a storm water easement, in substantial form, for the purpose of constructing a bioretention cell to serve the lots that the County is purchasing and authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute said document. This approval is conditioned upon the County's acquisition of the lots in question.

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

ADDED BY ADDENDUM

3. APPROVAL OF \$5,000 FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER'S CONTINGENCY FUND TO OFFSET ATTENDANCE COSTS FOR YOUTH IN HIGH POINT TO PARTICIPATE IN COLLEGIATE ACTIVITIES AT THE FURNITURE CITY GRIDIRON CLASSIC

Commissioner Foster asked the Board to consider and approve \$5,000 from the County Manager's contingency fund to offset attendance costs for youth in High Point to participate in collegiate activities at the Furniture City Gridiron Classic on October 19, 2019 at the A.J. Simian Stadium. She shared that the event is a college football game that would be played between Winston-Salem State University and Saint Augustine College. The opportunity would encourage High Point youth to keep on the right track and they could interact and have positive exposure to the college football band and players. She also noted that there were two (2) teens slain in High Point in the last week, and emphasized the need for teens to be provided more opportunities and goals to be successful.

Motion was made by Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Melvin "Skip" Alston to approve \$5,000 from the County Administration (Manager's Contingency) to offset attendance costs for youth in High Point to participate in collegiate activities at the Furniture City Gridiron Classic.

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

IX. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

[Legislation Text](#)

[MANDATED PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS MOU 8.2019 RESULTS](#)

[MANDATED PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS MOU 7.2019 RESULTS.docx](#)

Heather Skeens, Department of Social Services (DSS) Director, reviewed the required benchmarks that Social Services complies with in accordance with the memorandum of understanding (MOU) that the Department of Health and Human Services has signed with the State and Guilford County. She emphasized that the benchmarks were performance-based.

She shared DSS had attempted to provide an update during the September 5, 2019 regular meeting, but was postponed due to an unforeseen event. Skeens stated that what was being presented tonight were benchmarks for both July and August. She noted that the information was

included in the Board's agenda packet; however, stated that Child Support Services was not included in the data as Child Support Services is not a part of DSS. She shared, however, that, Child Support Services Director, Angela Liverman was present to speak to any concerns or answer any questions the Board may have.

Skeens spoke to the coverage provided by the MOU and emphasized that the coverage is not extended to Medicaid. However, Skeens added that she had the Medicaid report cards tonight. She noted the voluminous amount of data housed in a data repository system provided by the State of North Carolina. She expressed concerns about the data. She shared that if the State has not yet uploaded the data, or has yet to be validated, then the County cannot access it.

She reviewed Medicaid report cards that included applications and recertification. She stated that DSS was currently 'passing' on the Medicaid report card, but was not passing on the recertification report card. She expressed concern with DSS continuing to handle approximately 1,600 cases, which due to under-staffing, continue to rollover each month. She emphasized DSS is not able address them each month.

X. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2019-363 APPROVE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Approve appointments and reappointments to various Boards & Commissions:

Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee
Appoint Loraine Neill to 1st Term (Sept 2019-Sept 2022)

Guilford County Tourism and Development
Appoint Kevin Raper to 1st term (Sept 2019-Sep 2021)
Appoint Michael Solomon to 1st term (Sept 2019-Sep 2021)

Transportation Advisory Board
Appoint Alva Cromartie to 1st Term (Sept-Sept 2022)
Appoint Renee Griffin 1st Term (Sept-Sept 2022)

[Legislation Text](#)

[Recommendation Greensboro Tourism Board .pdf](#)

[KRaper090319 Redacted Application.pdf](#)

[MSolomon Redacted 090419.pdf](#)

[ACromartie 090419.pdf](#)

[RGriffin 090419.pdf](#)

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Motion was made by Commissioner Hank Henning, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to approve appointments and reappointments to various Boards & Commissions:

Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee

Appoint Loraine Neill to 1st Term (Sept 2019-Sept 2022)

Guilford County Tourism and Development

Appoint Kevin Raper to 1st term (Sept 2019-Sep 2021)

Appoint Michael Solomon to 1st term (Sept 2019-Sep 2021)

Transportation Advisory Board

Appoint Alva "Chip" Cromartie to 1st Term (Sept-Sept 2022)

Appoint Renee Griffin 1st Term (Sept-Sept 2022)

ADDED BY ADDENDUM

High Point Planning and Zoning

Appoint Joan Swift to BOCC ETJ (September 2019-September 2022)

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

B. 2019-365 APPROVE EXCEPTION APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Approve exception reappointments to various Boards & Commissions:

Oak Ridge Planning Board

Reappoint Larry Stafford to 3rd Term (Oct-Oct 2021) BOCC ETJ Designee

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[LStafford Oak Ridge ETJ.pdf](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Hank Henning, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to approve exception appointments and reappointments to various Boards & Commissions:

Oak Ridge Planning Board

Reappoint Larry Stafford to 3rd Term (Oct 2019-Oct 2021) BOCC ETJ Designee

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

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

There were no comments from the County Manager.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Cashion provided an update on the 2019 Citizen's Academy. She discussed a list of the upcoming topics, and noted that the current class of attendees has been the largest group in eight years. She emphasized that the attendees were both interested in learning about local government, and all have interesting backgrounds. She shared that they have enjoyed the several guest speakers that have come out to speak with attendees. She encouraged members of the Board come by and share a few words with the attendees.

Vice Chairman Phillips shared the recent Employee Fun Festival that had over 1,700 participants. He thanked the staff who coordinated the event and emphasized that event was a great success.

Chairman Branson shared his participation as well in the Employee event. He recognized the County Employees and all that they do for citizens. He shared that it is important that we show appreciation for all their work. He invited everyone out to attend the fire department's fish fry event. He shared the importance of supporting our volunteer fire departments, and spoke to their fundraising efforts that are necessary to provide fire protection and lifesaving equipment.

XIII. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND CONSIDERATION OF SALE OR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY, AND CONSIDER BUSINESS LOCATION OR EXPANSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Commissioner Melvin "Skip" Alston, to hold Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 for the Purpose of

Consulting with The County Attorney and Consideration of Sale or Acquisition of Real Property, and Consider Business Location or Expansion.

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

The regular meeting recessed into closed session at 7:45PM.

The Board reconvened from closed session at 9:14PM.

XIV. ADJOURN

There being no further business the Board adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 9:15PM.

Clerk

Chairman