

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
May 7, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on May 7, 2020 at 5:30PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Jeff Phillips, presiding; Vice Chairman Alan Perdue; Commissioners Alan Branson, Justin Conrad, Melvin "Skip" Alston Hank Henning, J. Carlvena Foster and Kay Cashion. Participating via simultaneous communication Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman,

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Marty Lawing; County Attorney Mark Payne; Deputy County Manager Clarence Grier; Clerk to Board Robin Keller; Ariane Webb, Deputy Clerk to Board; Worley Smith, Communications Manager; Harley Will, Finance Director; Dr. Iulia Vann, DHHS-Public Health Division Interim Director; Heather Skeens, DHHS-DSS Division Director; Dan Durham, Facilities/Property Management/Parks Director; Don Campbell, Emergency Management Director; and Tim Hagar, Security Director; Virtual participation made available to the general public and media.

I. INVOCATION

Vice Chairman Alan Perdue offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Jeff Phillips led those present on the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:41PM and welcomed those present.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Chairman Phillips welcomed those speakers participating via simultaneous communication.

1. Catherine Netter, substitute teacher with the Guilford County schools, asked to place the \$1.6 billion school bond on the ballot.
2. Isabelle Moore, PTA and student advocate, spoke in support of school bonds being placed on the November ballot, she spoke to the needs of the school facilities.
3. Todd Warren asked the board to consider placing the \$1.6 billion school bond request on the November ballot. Recognized the political pressure to mounting to not support this request but he urged that the County cannot afford to put the bond on the ballot in order to support the local construction economy.
4. Alexandria Jones, Greensboro resident, encouraged the County Commissioners to fund support the \$1.6 billion school bond. She spoke to the impact of the schools on her family.
5. Amy Harrison, Whitsett resident and special education teacher, spoke in support of a school construction bond and the need for maintenance repairs.
6. Nicole Quick, parent of a Guilford County School student, shared that she is a candidate for the NC House and is advocating for the schools \$1.6 billion bond for the November ballot.
7. Claire Morse, a local volunteer with our school system, spoke in support of a school bond to be placed on the November ballot.

Commissioner Phillips welcomed Commissioner Coleman on the phone at 6:00PM

Chairman Phillips referenced the addendum to the agenda and the items included. By general consensus, the Board adopted the addendum agenda.

AMEND TO ADD A PRESENTATION

A. 2020-246 [PROCLAIM MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN GUILFORD COUNTY](#)

Adopt proclamation declaring May 2020 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Guilford County.

[Legislation Text](#)

Commissioner Cashion read the proclamation recognizing May 2020 as Mental Health Awareness Month into the minutes.

Commissioner Cashion stated that today, May 7, is special recognition for Children's mental health awareness as well. She noted that children have very special needs and here in Guilford County we are working on alleviating those needs with the upcoming Adolescents Mental Health facility.

Commissioner Cashion spoke to Guilford County Project One and recognized that May is also National Nurses Month.

Motion was made by Kay Cashion, and seconded by Alan Perdue to adopt Proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month in Guilford County.

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

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Phillips offered an opportunity for any items to be pulled for separate consideration.

Motion was made by Melvin "Skip" Alston, and seconded by Hank Henning to adopt V. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2020-220 ALLOCATION OF FEMA HURRICANE FLORENCE REIMBURSEMENT PACKAGE

Approve an increase in Federal/State Revenues of \$74,655 and increase the FY 2019-20 Emergency Services budget by the same amount to reflect additional revenue reimbursed to the County by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for expenses incurred in September 2018 as a result of Hurricane Florence.

[Legislation Text](#)

[FEMA Hurricane Florence Project Application.pdf](#)

[Hurricane Florence Reimbursement -Climax FD.pdf](#)

2. 2020-221 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION BUDGET AMENDMENT:
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPILL FUND - \$16,500

Approve an \$11,000 increase in User Charges (\$5,500 each from the Cities of Greensboro and High Point) and a \$5,500 increase in Appropriated Fund Balance (Guilford County's portion) and increase the FY 2019-20 Health & Human Services - Public Health Division budget in order to replenish the Hazardous Material clean-up fund.

[Legislation Text](#)

3. 2020-223 DHHS - PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION BUDGET AMENDMENT:
MEDICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - \$4,500

Approve an increase of \$4,500 in Other Revenues (Community Revenues) and increase the FY 2019-20 Health & Human Services (Public Health) budget by the same amount to reflect additional funds received for the Medication Assistance Program.

[Legislation Text](#)

B. CONTRACTS

1. 2020-216 ACCEPT OWNERSHIP OF 6001 REAR TRAILSHEAD DRIVE FROM
THE CITY OF GREENSBORO

Approve a Quitclaim Deed, in substantial form, to transfer ownership from the City of Greensboro to Guilford County, and authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute said Deed.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Trailshead deed and COG Action-04162020135416](#)

[rear trailshead gis-04162020171644](#)

[Reedy Fork Easement snippet 1](#)

2. 2020-199 GRANT SOLE OWNERSHIP TO THE CITY OF GREENSBORO FOR
5602 YY2 BROADLEAF RD., GREENSBORO, PARCEL # 78256

Approve a Quitclaim Deed, in substantial form, to transfer ownership to the City of Greensboro, and authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute said Deed.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Greensboro QC Deed Broadleaf Rd 3-16-20.pdf](#)

[Broadleaf COG GIS-03262020184248](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2020-203 RESOLUTION DELEGATING CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO DEPUTY FINANCE OFFICER

Approve resolution delegating certain authority to Derrick Bennett as Deputy Finance Officer for Guilford County.

[Legislation Text](#)

2. 2020-219 REALIGNMENT OF FY 2019-20 GUILFORD COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) FUNDING

Approve the attached revision to the Guilford County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) FY 2019-20 funding budget reflecting an overall decrease of \$43,149 in funding for the referenced programs.

[Legislation Text](#)

[FY 20 Guilford County JCPC Revised Funding Plan \(as of 4-17-20\).pdf](#)

[FY 20 Guilford County JCPC Current Funding Plan.pdf](#)

3. 2020-226 RECOMMENDED ALLOCATION OF GUILFORD COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) FUNDS FOR FY 2020-21

Approve Guilford County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council recommended allocation and funding plan for FY 2020-21 budget.

[Legislation Text](#)

[FP.2020-2021.Guilford County.Initial- DPS .04.29.2020.pdf](#)

[Guilford County.2020-2021.Funding Requests-REPORT.02.13.2020.pdf](#)

[JCPC FY 20-21 RFP - final 12.20.19.pdf](#)

[RFP FY 2020-2021 - Addendum final - JG 02.11.20.pdf](#)

4. 2020-222 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the following set of minutes:

04/16/2020 Regular Meeting

04/28/2020 Work Session

[Legislation Text](#)

[dm04.16.20.pdf](#)

[dmws04.28.20.pdf](#)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2020-218 APPROVE THE SALE OF 925 THIRD STREET (PARCEL# 26770), A SMALL PORTION OF 931 THIRD STREET (PARCEL# 26771) AND PART OF 1414 YANCEYVILLE STREET (PARCEL# 26766), GREENSBORO, TO SANDHILLS CENTER

Approve the agreement, in substantial form, for the sale of land located at 925 Third Street, a small portion of 931 Third Street, and part of 1414 Yanceyville Street, Greensboro to Sandhills Center for Mental Health, Development Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services; and authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute contracts and closing documents.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Sandhills Purchase Agreement \(JTH v16\) mm 4-30-20](#)

[Sandhills prop Map 3rd St-04232020143540](#)

Dan Durham Facilities and Property Management Director reviewed the agenda item.

Mr. Durham shared that the Sandhills Center is developing a youth behavioral health urgent care facility on the property in question. Guilford County purchased the property and prepared the site for Sandhills under the agreement that they will purchase the property, construct their facility and relieve Guilford County of the contracted requirement to provide facilities for them. The contract is for the purchase of the land from Guilford County and termination of the County responsibilities to provide facilities for Sandhills.

Guilford County is currently obligated to provide 30,000 square feet of space for Sandhills Center. If leased space was provided for them, it would cost approximately \$450,000 per year.

Guilford County paid approximately \$1 million for the land and the site work for the Sandhills building site. This consists of \$606,500 for the 2.426 acres of land (Lot 1F) and \$400,420 for site preparation. The savings for Guilford County will exceed the cost of the land and the site preparation in less than three years compared to the cost of having to lease space for Sandhills. The building of a youth behavioral health urgent care facility by Sandhills Center at no cost to Guilford County will also be of great benefit to citizens. (Amended Content 5/7/2020)

Coleman stated that this is a transfer of property rather than a sale.

County Attorney Payne noted that it is a transfer of property, and that a sale is indeed a transfer of property.

Consensus to modify the motion text to read transfer as there are no funds involved.

Motion was made by Alan Perdue, and seconded by Kay Cashion to adopt Approve the agreement, in substantial form, for the transfer of land located at 925 Third Street, a small portion of 931 Third Street, and part of 1414 Yanceyville Street, Greensboro to Sandhills Center for Mental Health, Development Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services; and authorize staff to take all reasonable actions to finalize and execute contracts and closing documents.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

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

NOES: None

B. 2020-215 APPROVE SHERIFF'S OFFICE VEHICLE PURCHASES FOR FY 2019-2020

Approve the purchase of twenty-two (22) Law Enforcement vehicles, and three (3) Prisoner Transport Van-Cells.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Sheriff FY 20 Vehicle Purchases.xlsx](#)

Motion was made by Alan Perdue, and seconded by J. Carlvena Foster to Approve the purchase of twenty-two (22) Law Enforcement vehicles, and three (3) Prisoner Transport Van-Cells.

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

VII. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

A. 2020-228 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 UPDATES

Receive Guilford County DHHS-Public Health COVID-19 updates.

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Dr. Vann provided an update to the board. We have tested 371 residents since opening our community testing site on Monday of this week. She shared that they are looking to increase the capacity of testing at the Public Health Department by purchasing several different types of testing equipment that includes new rapid testing machines.

She reported that as of today we have 551 positive cases, 229 recovered cases, 36 deaths and 118 hospitalized patients. Public Health staff are continuing contact tracing to help monitor and prevent community spread. She noted that 12 school nurses modified their duties to support contact tracing.

Commissioner Foster thanked Dr. Vann for her efforts. She asked if we are making and progress with Wake Forest Baptist High Point Regional for community testing site in High Point?

Dr. Vann Stated we are having discussions with multiple community partners regarding testing in High Point and other areas in Guilford County.

Commissioner Alston spoke to the possibility of partnering with A&T University for an additional testing site.

Emergency Management Director Don Campbell spoke to the discussions regarding a testing site at A&T. He hopes to have an update on the progress next week.

Commissioner Alston questioned mobile units in the African American community.

Campbell shared that yes, they are working with testing partners for these services. He discussed mobile testing sites and said they are looking at data from the current testing process along with the need they have based on current positive cases, deaths, and community health assessment to get more testing in the African American community.

Commissioner Alston questioned if staff have the needed supplies and equipment to do the testing.

Dr. Vann stated that we believe we have the testing capacity now and the data to support community specific testing. We still have issues with available personal protective equipment and are trying to conserve those resources.

Commissioner Alston questioned if we can provide a program to give away facemasks.

Dr. Vann stated we can look into that.

Commissioner Foster shared that she would recommend the GTCC parking lot site at the High Point campus as a testing site.

Commissioner Conrad noted that the program that the City did was funded by the Bryan Foundation and were not purchased by the City of Greensboro.

Commissioner Coleman noted that of the Federal funding should be to purchase masks to provide to the community.

Campbell noted that the city was provided 30K masks from Bryan Foundation and are subsequently out of masks.

Campbell noted that they did follow up with the vendor recommended but was cost prohibitive due to the bulk purchase requirements.

Chairman Phillips commended Dr. Vann and her team for all of their efforts to serve the public.

He recognized Mr. Campbell and our Emergency Services and Sheriff's Office first responders, Social Services employees and their efforts to support the community.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2020-206 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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

Fire District Commission - Alamance

Appoint Daniel Hobbs to 3rd term (June 4, 2020 - June 3, 2022)

Guilford County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Appoint Susan Hawks to 1st term as Public Health Director Designee (May 7, 2020 - May 6, 2022)

[Legislation Text](#)

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[SHawks_Resume.pdf](#)

Motion was made by Hank Henning, and seconded by Alan Branson to adopt Approve the following appointments and reappointments to various Boards and Commissions:

Fire District Commission - Alamance

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Guilford County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

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

B. 2020-224 EXCEPTION REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Approve the following exception reappointment to a board and commission:

Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee
Reappoint Arvella W. Thompson to 3rd term (May 5, 2020 - May 4, 2023)

[Legislation Text](#)

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Motion was made by Hank Henning, and seconded by Jeff Phillips to adopt Approve the following exception reappointment to a board and commission:

Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee

Reappoint Arvella W. Thompson to 3rd term (May 5, 2020 - May 4, 2023)

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

IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Lawing had no additional comments.

X. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Branson noted the opportunity to attend the topping off party at the Mental Health Crisis center construction event.

Commissioner Conrad shared his condolences on the passing of Fire Chief Gaulden in the Summerfield community.

Commissioner Conrad also noted that our adoptions are up at the Animal Shelter and the inventory is low. He noted that animals provide emotional support and comfort for those that need it. Adoptions are by appointment only. Conrad urged to keep his fellow restaurants who are suffering during the COVID closures in your thoughts and prayers.

Commissioner Foster shared that she also had the privilege of participating in the Beam signing and urged residents to take precautions during our stay at home order as we roll into phase one.

Commissioner Cashion shared that Friday was a very exciting time to celebrate those working on Mental Health Care in Guilford County. She stated that she is looking forward to both centers being in operation.

Commissioner Henning echoed sentiments and thanked staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Alston publicly thanked Don Campbell and Dr. Vann for all of their efforts during the pandemic. He thanked County leadership for all of their efforts during this time of crisis.

Commissioner Perdue welcomed our new Security Director, Tim Hagar, who brings exceptional experience and qualifications with him. Perdue noted his opportunity to participate in the topping off event. He shared that his sister suffered from mental illness and died as result and noted that facility will have a lasting impact to future families in need in the future.

Chairman Phillips echoed the importance of the new behavioral health crisis centers. He shared that we have been impressed with the work of our vender Samet Corp. and our partners Sandhills Center and Cone Hospitals.

Commissioner Coleman thanked the staff for their great work that they have done throughout this period. Coleman thanked the citizens who have adhered to the requirements placed upon them to keep themselves and others safe.

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

Meeting went into Recess at 6:54PM.

Meeting Reconvened at 7:49PM.

XII. ADJOURN

There being no further business the board adjourned at 7:49PM

Jeffrey M. Phillips, Chairman

Robin B. Keller, Clerk to Board