

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
September 1, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on September 1, 2022 at 5:30PM, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro, North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston, presiding; Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster; Commissioners James Upchurch, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Alan Perdue and Justin Conrad (via virtual participation).

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Michael Halford; County Attorney Andrea Leslie-Fite; Assistant County Manager Jason Jones; Assistant County Manager Erris Dunston; Clerk to Board Robin Keller; members of the public and media.

I. INVOCATION

Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston welcomed those present and introduced the veteran who lead the Pledge of Allegiance, Frank La Senna.

Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Frank La Senna led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alston called the meeting to order at 5:33PM.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Mr. Sam Bridges thanked the Board for what they do for the community and thanked County staff for their willingness to work with citizens. He thanked Commissioner Justin Conrad for the recognition of his father, Eddie Bridges, last August and discussed his non-profit organization whose purpose is to facilitate the placement and installation of

public memorials throughout North Carolina. Mr. Bridges shared that he will bring another request for public recognition of an individual before the Board soon.

Vice Chair Foster took a moment of privilege to recognized Riley Robinson, a student at Southwest High School who is shadowing her and is interested in local government.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2022-457 PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2022 AS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Proclaim September 2022 as "Emergency Preparedness Month" (Preparedness Month) in Guilford County.

Legislation Text

Commissioner Alan Perdue requested Emergency Services Director, Jim Albright, and staff approach the dais and read the proclamation into the minutes.

Emergency Management Director Stephen Grose thanked the Board for recognizing this month and noted their mission is to keep Guilford County resilient through all hazards. He shared their work to coordinate responses between 120 agencies throughout Guilford County.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to adopt the consent agenda.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

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

NOES: None

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2022-444 DHHS-SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION BUDGET AMENDMENT: SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING TO COUNTIES FOR FEDERAL FY 2022

Approve an increase of \$638,001 in Federal/State Revenue and increase the FY 2022-23 Department of Health & Human Services - Social Services Division budget by the same amount to reflect Guilford County's allocation of SNAP funding from the State for improving access to and function of the Food & Nutrition Program by purchasing

additional and updating existing technology used in FNS for application submissions, processing, and other work.

[Legislation Text](#)

[EFS-FNSEP-27-2022 - SNAP ARPA Funding.pdf](#)

[EFS-FNSEP-27-2022a1 - SNAP ARPA Allocations.pdf](#)

B. CONTRACTS

1. 2022-434 APPROVE PURCHASE OF FIVE VEHICLES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Approve purchase of five (5) vehicles from Parks Automotive Group, located at 601 Duncan Hill Rd., Hendersonville, NC 28792, for use by Emergency Services. Vehicles are being purchased from the NC Sheriff's Association vehicle procurement program. Contract amount for total award is \$242,057.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Signed-EMS-Bid Justification Waiver-Parks Ford Vehicles 7.28.22](#)

[Bid-22-08-0913-Contract-Award-Agreement-Parks-Ford](#)

[REVISED-Parks Quote-2023 Ford Expedition 4X4 SSV - Emergency Services](#)

[REVISED-Parks Quote-2023 Ford Expedition MAX 4X4 SSV - Emergency Services](#)

[REVISED-Parks Quote2023 Ford F150 Police Responder - Emergency Services](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2022-404 REVISIONS TO GUILFORD COUNTY INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

Review and approve the revisions to the Guilford County Internal Audit Charter.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Charter Vision Mission](#)

[Internal Audit Charter Vision and Mission Statements \(002\).pdf](#)

2. 2022-445 RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CLOSE A ROADWAY (CASE #22-01-GCPL-00150)

Pursuant to N.C.G.S 153A-241, adopt the attached Resolution of Intent to close a roadway and schedule a public hearing to be held on September 15, 2022 to receive input on the matter.

[Legislation Text](#)

[RC ROI Groundhog Trace](#)

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CLOSE A ROADWAY

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S 153A-241 authorizes the Guilford County Board of Commissioners to close public roads or easements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners considers it advisable to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of giving consideration to the closing of that portion of Groundhog Trace which fronts Lots 73, 74, 75, and 76, all as shown on Plat Book 148, Page 55, as recorded in the Register of Deeds of Guilford County, running south from Raccoon Run and terminating at and including the cul-de-sac of Groundhog Trace;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Guilford County Board of Commissioners that:

1. A meeting will be held at 5:30PM on the 15th day of September, 2022 in the Commissioners Chambers located on the 2nd Floor of the Old County Courthouse, 301 W. Market Street, Greensboro, NC at which a public hearing shall be held to consider closing that portion of Groundhog Trace which fronts Lots 73, 74, 75, and 76, all as shown on Plat Book 148, Page 55, as recorded in the Register of Deeds of Guilford County, running south from Raccoon Run and terminating at and including the cul-de-sac of Groundhog Trace. Subject to such public hearing and as required by N.C.G.S. 153A-241, the Board of Commissioners declares its intent to close that portion of Groundhog Trace.
2. The Clerk to Board is hereby directed to publish this Resolution of Intent once a week for two successive weeks on the Guilford County Electronic Legal Notices website, pursuant to S.L. 1981-59, S.L. 2017-210, and Guilford County Ordinance Chapter 17: Electronic Notice section 17-1(a).

3. The Clerk to Board is further directed to transmit by registered or certified mail to each owner of property abutting upon that portion of said street a copy of this Resolution of Intent.
4. The Clerk to Board is further directed to cause adequate notices of this Resolution of Intent and the scheduled public hearing to be posted as required by N.C.G.S 153A-241.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of September, 2022.

3. 2022-381 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider and approve the following sets of meeting minutes:

07/14/2022 Work Session
07/14/2022 Regular Meeting
07/29/2022 Work Session

[Legislation Text](#)

[dmwsx07.14.22.pdf](#)

[dm071422.pdf](#)

[dmwsx07.29.22.pdf](#)

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2022-436 PUBLIC HEARING ON 5310 - ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES GRANT APPLICATION FOR FY2024

Conduct required public hearing to assess the value and need for a community transportation system, and upon conclusion, approve submission of the 5310 program grant application and adopt the accompanying resolutions.

[Legislation Text](#)

[FY 2024 Program Resolution](#)

[FY 2024 5310 Application - Operating](#)

[5310 Budget Summary](#)

[Delegation of Authority Guilford County Transportation and Mobility Services \(TAMS\)](#)

[Anticipated DBE Guilford County Transportation and Mobility Services \(TAMS\)](#)

[FY 2024 DBE Certification Form](#)

[FY 2024 Public Hearing Notice](#)

[FY 2024 Public Hearing Record](#)

[FY2024 Title VI Program Report](#)

[FY 2024 LocalShareCertification](#)

Sharon Barlow, DHHS-DSS Division Director, introduced the agenda item and clarified that this is an annual grant for mobility services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. She noted the application is for grant funding in FY 2024 and confirmed the monies will assist with salary and vehicle maintenance expenses.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to conduct a required public hearing to assess the value and need for a community transportation system, and upon conclusion, approve submission of the 5310 program grant application and adopt the accompanying resolutions.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, James Upchurch, Mary Beth Murphy, Carly Cooke, Kay Cashion, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue
NOES: None

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION

FY 2024 RESOLUTION

Section 5311 (including ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307 and applicable State funding, or combination thereof.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural, small urban, and urban public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements of each funding source for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis); and

WHEREAS, the funds applied for may be Administrative, Operating, Planning, or Capital funds and will have different percentages of federal, state, and local funds.

WHEREAS, non-Community Transportation applicants may apply for funding for “purchase-of service” projects under the Capital Purchase of Service budget, Section 5310 program.

WHEREAS, Guilford County Government hereby assures and certifies that it will provide the required local matching funds; that its staff has the technical capacity to implement and manage the project(s), prepare required reports, obtain required training, attend meetings and conferences; and agrees to comply with the federal and state statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all administrative requirements related to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U. S. C.

WHEREAS, the applicant has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the State of North Carolina required for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the County Manager of the Guilford County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to submit grant application (s) for federal and state funding in response to NCDOT’s calls for projects, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural, small urban, and urban public transportation services.

B. 2022-447 PUBLIC HEARING ON 5311 - COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION FOR FY2024

Conduct required public hearing to assess the value and need for a community transportation system, and upon conclusion, approve submission of the 5311 program grant application and adopt the accompanying resolutions.

[Legislation Text](#)

[FY 2024 Program Resolution](#)

[5311 Budget Summary](#)

[Delegation of Authority Guilford County Transportation and Mobility Services \(TAMS\)](#)

[Anticipated DBE Guilford County Transportation and Mobility Services \(TAMS\)](#)

[FY 2024 DBE Certification Form](#)

[FY 2024 Public Hearing Notice](#)

[FY 2024 Public Hearing Record](#)

[FY2024 Title VI Program Report](#)

[FY 2024 LocalShareCertification](#)

Barlow introduced the agenda item and shared this Community Transportation Assistance grant would cover administrative services for FY 2024.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to conduct a required public hearing to assess the value and need for a community transportation system, and upon conclusion, approve submission of the 5311 program grant application and adopt the accompanying resolutions.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

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

NOES: None

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2022-440 CONVERSION TO COUNTY FUNDING SOURCE TO SUPPORT EXISTING NAVIGATOR POSITIONS FOR FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

Approve the conversion of two (2) Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) grant funded Navigator positions into two (2) County-funded Navigator positions, one for Greensboro and one for High Point, effective October 1, 2022. Approve an increase of \$111,030 in County funds and increase the Family Justice Center budget by the same amount, to provide for all full expenses related to both positions for the remainder of FY23.

Legislation Text

Catherine Johnson, Family Justice Center Director, introduced the agenda item and noted the County initially approved this grant from the Governor’s Crime Commission in 2020, but

allocations awarded from this source decreased by 66% in 2022. She shared Navigators are core to the FJC's system of services and stated they assist approximately 13,000 survivors annually.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carly Cooke, and seconded by Vice J. Carlvena Foster, to approve the conversion of two (2) Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) grant funded Navigator positions into two (2) County-funded Navigator positions, one for Greensboro and one for High Point, effective October 1, 2022. Approve an increase of \$111,030 in County funds and increase the Family Justice Center budget by the same amount, to provide for all full expenses related to both positions for the remainder of FY23.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

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

NOES: None

B. 2022-368 AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5009 NC HIGHWAY 150 E IN BROWN SUMMIT TO GREENSBORO BATTING CENTER AND AUTHORIZATION FOR UPSET BID PROCESS

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-269, propose to accept the offer reflected by the Purchase and Sale Agreement, in substantial form, between Greensboro Batting Center, Inc. and Guilford County for approximately 6.65 acres of property located at 5009 NC Highway 150 E in Brown Summit, North Carolina, for \$100,000, require the offeror to deposit 5% of its offer with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners within five (5) business days of this action, and, if met, publish notice of the offer and follow the statutory upset bid process.

[Legislation Text](#)

[2022 tax value Monticello property](#)

[Monticello GIS-06222022162649](#)

[Monticello PSA EXHIBIT A \(JTH v1\)](#)

[Monticello PSA Exhibit B County Redline \(JTH rev1\)](#)

[Monticello GIS](#)

[RM Monticello GBC Offer To Purchase 8-21-22](#)

[Signed RM Monticello GBC Offer to Purchase Appendix AB 8-22-22](#)

Eric Hilton, Facilities and Property Management Director, introduced the agenda item and stated the property is the former site of an older elementary school. He confirmed that over time, the school structure was removed, and the only remaining facility is the gymnasium. Hilton stated Brown Summit-Monticello Youth Association leased the property from the County for \$1.00 annually from 2015-2021, but ended the lease as they have no further interest in use. He shared the property is in need of repair, but costs are excessive for the value it might bring. Hilton confirmed they did receive an offer from Greensboro Batting Center to purchase the property for \$100,000 and noted the tax value of the land is slightly over \$100,000 and the building is approximately \$136,000. He shared staff recommend selling the property.

Commissioner Kay Cashion confirmed the property will now go through the upset bid process and questioned if staff post the property when it is available for sale. She noted she has received a call from a citizen regarding this property who questioned why it was not posted.

Hilton noted this was an unsolicited offer and no official decision had been made to place the property for sale.

Commissioner Cashion recommended when the County has properties for sale we notify the public via public notice and posting the property.

Chairman Alston questioned the type of notice that will be posted on the property during this process.

Richard Mosher, Property Manager, shared the requirements to post a notice on the County's legal notices website, per state statute. He explained how the bid was submitted and the 10-day upset bid process that started with its submission.

Commissioner Perdue emphasized the importance of notifying the public via signage on the property and informing the community that the County is selling this property.

Mosher reiterated the property was not initially for sale, but an offer was received which started the upset bid process.

Chairman Alston requested a recommendation from the County Attorney.

County Attorney Andrea Leslie-Fite confirmed the minimum requirements for legal notice but noted these do not prohibit the County from above and beyond the statute by posting the property.

Hilton stated he has no problem posting the property.

Commissioner Cashion expressed her support for posting the property in the interest of the public.

Chairman Alston questioned the language on the sign.

Leslie-Fite noted it would be appropriate to use the language listed on the public notice posted the County's legal notices website.

Chairman Alston questioned the earnest money deposit and means for refund.

Mosher confirmed once the earnest money deposit is received, the upset bid process will begin and a notice will be posted on the site. He explained the earnest money deposit requirements and options allowed by the statute for refunds.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carly Cooke, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-269, to propose to accept the offer reflected by the Purchase and Sale Agreement, in substantial form, between Greensboro Batting Center, Inc. and Guilford County for approximately 6.65 acres of property located at 5009 NC Highway 150 E in Brown Summit, North Carolina, for \$100,000, require the offeror to deposit 5% of its offer with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners within five (5) business days of this action, and, if met, publish notice of the offer and follow the statutory upset bid process.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

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NOES: None

IX. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

A. 2022-441 UPDATE ON FOSTER CARE COST RATES AND PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS FOR FY 2022-23

Receive the update on FY 2022-23 foster care rates and providers participating in cost modeled-rates.

[Legislation Text](#)

[CWS 41 22 - FOSTER CARE-COST RATES AND PROVIDERS PARTICIPATING IN COST MODELED RATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.pdf](#)

[2022-2023 FC-CMR Agency List.pdf](#)

Barlow provided an annual update on foster care rates Foster Care rates and participating providers. She discussed the cost model rates and noted they are determined by the state.

B. 2022-442 UPDATE ON ENHANCED MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES

Receive update on changes to Enhanced Medicaid 75/25 funding claiming and reimbursements.

[Legislation Text](#)

[BG-06-2022 - Updated Guidance on Enhanced Medicaid Claiming.pdf](#)

Barlow introduced the updated and noted this item is of some concern to the county, as it will impact reimbursements for Social Services. She shared that the State initially implemented the 75/25 reimbursement revenue model in 2014, they believed it was in accordance with an approved cost allocation plan, which they believed was in substantial conformity. Barlow shared additional information was requested from the state regarding compliance and they worked with a subset of counties to collect sample evidence demonstrating the state's compliance the 75/25 reimbursement model.

Barlow stated the federal government provided new information regarding compliance and established new reporting requirements, requiring all 100 counties to make changes to their systems in order to provide the required data. She noted the state currently does not have a state-wide process in place and shared that, based upon testing estimates, Guilford County could lose between \$400,000 to \$600,000 in annual reimbursements, changing the cost allocation to a 50/50 model. Barlow confirmed this direction was just received from the state in July 2022.

C. 2022-443 UPDATE ON EMERGENCY RENTAL AND UTILITIES ASSISTANCE (ERUA) PROGRAM

Receive update on ERUA Program status.

[Legislation Text](#)

Barlow introduced the update and confirmed they are on target to complete spending ERA1 funding. She shared they are almost finished processing applications from the City of Greensboro and continue to spend the majority of their time working with the mediation courts through eviction processes in both High Point and Greensboro. Barlow stated that, to date, they have expended approximately \$40 million, and have about \$8 million in funds remaining.

Vice Chair Foster questioned if staff are still working to clear up the backlog of applications.

Barlow stated they are no longer receiving new applications through the portal but are receiving new eviction applications through the court system.

Vice Chair Foster questioned the impact and if landlords are willing to work with the program.

Barlow confirmed they are seeing impacts throughout the community and many landlords are willing to work with the County to support tenants.

Commissioner James Upchurch questioned the status of applications once all funding has been expended.

Barlow noted the City of Greensboro is ending their program and the County is working to clear up all applications with approximately two weeks of remaining funds.

X. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2022-406 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The following appointments and reappointments are presented for Board consideration and approval:

Guilford County Planning Board

Appoint Dr. Nho Thi Bui to 1st term in District 1 Designee position (September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2025)

Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee

Reappoint Lorraine Neill to 2nd term (October 18, 2022 - October 17, 2025)

[Legislation Text](#)

[NBui_App_08.02.22.pdf](#)

[NBui_Resume_08.02.22.pdf](#)

[LNeill_Reapp_07.23.22.pdf](#)

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NOES: None

XI. COMMISSIONER LIAISON UPDATES

Commissioner Perdue shared his and Commissioner Cashion's attendance at last week's Sandhills Center breakfast and discussed the great provider report and work being done to change the tailored plan.

Commissioner Carly Cooke shared events for Ready for School Ready for Life sponsored this week. She discussed the Duke Endowment Board of Trustees visit in Guilford County to discuss early childhood education and noted Ready Ready staff planned simulations and panels that exhibited early childhood education activities in the area.

Commissioner Cashion shared her attendance at the Juvenile Crime Commission Council and expressed her appreciation for community volunteers and partner agencies who serve on the council. She noted her presentation to the council on the NACo annual conference activities and spoke to the importance of the Sandhills Center and learning about statewide prevention and intervention efforts. Cashion shared her attendance at the Kiser Middle School groundbreaking and her attendance at the National Institute of Economic Development meeting at Bennett College, where they designated their Business Center as an important destination for innovative resources for small and MWBE businesses. She shared her attendance at the United Way's Kick-off breakfast and Centennial Campaign and noted they unveiled their Centennial monument.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Halford shared Guilford County was awarded a GREAT grant of approximately \$564,000 through AT&T, one of our service providers, to improve broadband services in the area. He noted approximately 250 households will be impacted by this funding.

Halford thanked the Board for working through the Community Engagement plan for ARPA funding and shared Guilford County was recognized by the US Treasury as one of four entities undergoing this initiative.

XIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Alston introduced County Attorney Andrea Leslie-Fite and offered her the opportunity for remarks.

Leslie-Fite thanked the Board for allowing her to join the Guilford County team and expressed gratitude for everyone being so welcoming since her arrival.

Chairman Alston noted she is the first African-American to sit in this seat and the second female in the County's history to work in this role.

Commissioner Perdue extended condolences to the Forsyth County Emergency Services department in the recent loss of their director.

Commissioner Justin Conrad thanked the Board for allowing him to participate virtually, welcomed all Guilford County students and teachers back to school and congratulated Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy on her new position at Grimsley High School.

Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr. thanked staff for participating in the Southeast Greensboro Coalition event last weekend and thanked Debra Mack for her assistance. He thanked Cynthia Barnes for participating in MWBE Day at the Swarm Field House and shared his attendance at the United Way Kick-Off Breakfast for their Centennial Campaign. Jones also shared his attendance at the Bennett College Women's Business Center Tour and congratulated Dr. Treana Bowling on being named Chair of the GTCC Board of Trustees. He extended congratulations on the recent school groundbreaking ceremonies and thanked citizens for passing two bond referendums that will assist in renovating and building schools.

Vice Chair Foster shared her attendance at recent school groundbreaking ceremonies and a football jamboree on Thursday and Friday night. She congratulated Dr. Whitney Oakley on becoming the new Guilford County Schools (GCS) Superintendent and shared her attendance at a recent groundbreaking for Mindful Innovations, a minority-owned business focused on mental and behavioral health for children and adults in High Point. She spoke to the importance of mental health within the County and extended sympathy to the family of Heddie Dawkins on her recent passing. Foster thanked the emergency service and law enforcement teams who assisted in the search for Ms. Dawkins and welcomed the new County Attorney. She invited everyone to attend the John Coltrane Festival in High Point this weekend.

Commissioner Cashion welcomed Leslie-Fite to Guilford County and extended congratulations to Dr. Oakley on her appointment.

Commissioner Cooke welcomed Leslie-Fite and echoed Commissioner comments in welcoming students, teachers and parents to a new school year. She echoed congratulations to Dr. Whitney Oakley in her new role as GCS Superintendent and discussed groundbreaking events she attended at Claxton Elementary and Kiser Middle School.

Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy welcomed students and teachers back to school and echoed congratulations to Dr. Oakley. She shared that she was unable to attend recent groundbreaking ceremonies as she was preparing her classroom for the upcoming school year and expressed her excitement to see these projects get underway. Commissioner Murphy welcomed Leslie-Fite to Guilford County.

Chairman Alston expressed his support for Dr. Oakley and thanked Dr. Sharon Contreras for her service to Guilford County and her vision to rebuild our school system. He noted the true heroes are the citizens who voted for \$2 billion in bonds to rebuild our schools. Alston shared his experience during a ride-along with Guilford County Sheriff Danny Rogers and confirmed he plans to ride-along with our Fire and EMS units.

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

Chairman Alston confirmed there was no business requiring a closed session this evening.

XV. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:38PM.

Melvin "Skip" Alston, Chairman

Robin Keller, Clerk to Board