

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
June 18, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on June 18, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston, presiding; Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster; Commissioners Kay Cashion, Brandon Gray-Hill, Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman, and Alan Perdue.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Victor Isler; Deputy County Manager Toy Beeninga; County Attorney Carolyn Thompson; Clerk to the Board Robin Keller; Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board Ariane James; Deputy Clerk to the Board T'ebony Rosa; Assistant County Manager Natalie Craver; members of staff, media, and the public. Virtual participation was made available to members of the public and media partners.

Chairman Alston introduced Terrance Ward, United States Army Veteran, who would lead the Pledge of Allegiance following the invocation.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplain Ben Chavis offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Ward led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alston welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Kathy Wheeler shared her support for Guilford County's transition to 100% clean energy in county operations by 2050. She encouraged the Board to consider passage of the resolution.

2. Elizabeth Chartrand, an active member of Third Act, described how the organization focuses on protecting our climate and democracy. She shared an understanding that fully electric may not be possible, but we hope to see all vehicles as fuel-efficient, if not electric.
3. Beth Crise, The Out of the Garden Project President and Executive Director, recognized how Boards support to help transport food throughout the county to ensure that families have access to healthy food.
4. Rebekah Dobbins, Greater High Point Food Alliance Executive Director, noted food insecurity impacts every area of our community.
5. Brian Cockman noted the systemic issue of food insecurity.
6. John Evans spoke in support of Legal Aid's T.E.A.M. program to keep our neighbors housed. He noted that the funding helps keep individuals from falling through the cracks and connects them to resources.
7. Charles McCloud spoke in support of legal services.
8. Marilyn Lacunza spoke in support of the Family Justice Center. She opined on the population being left out of service delivery. She noted that more than 10% of Guilford County residents are Spanish-speaking or non-English speaking. She asked that all departments have access to certified language translation services.
9. Iris Sunshine, Children's Law Center Executive Director, shared that our custody advocacy team is appointed by the courts to help in complex cases where domestic violence and high conflict occur. She noted that the Board's funding helps provide efficiencies in the courthouse.
10. Terrell Dungee shared that the moratorium is creating an \$83M loss to our funding. He spoke in support of a veto override from the Governor.
11. Gail Dunham shared her support for honest, cost-effective needs. She noted that the Town of Summerfield has not yet approved its budget and noted that it does not balance. She noted that the acquisitions of easements will not be completed timely.
12. Cindy Jarrell, Children's Law Services Chair, thanked the Board for their past funding. She noted the ongoing challenges to secure revenue streams. She noted that they have a very active and diverse board of directors along with a strong staff invested in the mission.

V. PRESENTATIONS

- A. 2026-183 PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING JOSEPH HEWES, WILLIAM HOOPER AND JOHN PENN - DELEGATES TO THE 1ST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS FROM THE COLONY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Adopt proclamation commemorating Joseph Hewes, William Hooper and John Penn as North Carolina's delegates to the 1st Continental Congress on July 4, 1776.

[Legislation Text](#)

Commissioner Tillman noted that as we approach the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, our semiquincentennial, our country was also divided. He noted that North Carolina played a pivotal role in the fight for independence, including the adoption of the Halifax Resolves – the first official call for independence among the American colonies. He welcomed members of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Commissioner Tillman read the Proclamation.

Betty Franken shared that their D.A.R. Committee is hosting the July 4th celebration of the North Carolina delegates at the 1st Continental Congress. She noted that Guilford County has the only monument that recognizes these three North Carolina founding fathers at the grounds of the Guilford Courthouse battlefield.

B. 2026-297 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH

Receive resolution recognizing the 160th anniversary of Providence Baptist Church.

[Legislation Text](#)

This item was removed from the agenda and rescheduled due to no recipients in the audience.

C. 2026-255 PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING JUNE 19, 2026 AS JUNETEENTH IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Adopt a proclamation celebrating June 19, 2026 as Juneteenth in Guilford County.

[Legislation Text](#)

Vice Chairwoman Foster noted that Juneteenth is recognized as the oldest national celebration marking the end of slavery in the United States and serves as a reminder of our nation's journey toward freedom and justice. She stated that it is important that, as we reflect on our shared history as we approach our nation's 250th anniversary, we reaffirm our commitment to the ideals of liberty, equality, and opportunity for all people.

Vice Chairwoman Foster welcomed community leaders to receive the proclamation.

Small Business and Entrepreneurship Department Director Shaunne Thomas thanked the Board for their commitment to entrepreneurship. She recognized community partners, including the Triad Black Faith Leaders and Triad Black Farmers, as they work to address food insecurity in Guilford County. She noted celebrations occurring on June 19th.

D. 2026-280 PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2026 AS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

Approve proclamation recognizing June 2026 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

Legislation Text

Commissioner Cashion noted that this evening, we will recognize June 2026 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month and reaffirm our commitment to protecting the dignity, safety, and well-being of older adults throughout Guilford County. She personally commended the Family Justice Center's Elder Justice Committee and its many community partners for their collaborative work to educate the public, support victims, and hold offenders accountable. She shared that on June 5th, the FJC and DSS team received the Dorothy R. Crawford Award for developing innovative strategies relating to, or having a significant impact on, the lives of older adults.

FJC Director Sonya Desai thanked Commissioner Cashion for consistently lifting up the FJC. She noted that Guilford County is emerging as a leader in the nation for protecting vulnerable populations.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Alston introduced the consent and addendum agendas. He opened the floor for any items to be pulled for separate consideration. Hearing none, he entertained a motion.

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to adopt the consent and addendum agendas.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill

NOES: None

Note: The approval of the addendum agenda adjusted the agenda as follows:

- *Add to the Consent Agenda – Item 2026-288 APPROVE CONTRACT FOR VOTING SYSTEMS EXTENDED WARRANTY MAINTENANCE, AND LICENSING FEES*
- *Add to the Consent Agenda – Item 2026-301 FIX AND APPROVE BOND RATE FOR INTERIM FINANCE OFFICER (CFO)*
- *Add to the Consent Agenda – Item 2026-306 APPROVE FY 2026-27 PROPERTY, EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND OTHER INSURANCE COVERAGE*
- *Add to New Business – Item 2026-302 ARPA ENABLED ALLOCATION FOR INTERACTIVE RESOURCE CENTER*
- *Add to New Business – Item 2026-305 HHS-DSS UPDATE ON SUBSIDY CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE (SCCA) PROGRAM*

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

B. CONTRACTS

1. 2026-259 SUBLEASE RENEWAL FOR OFFICE SPACE AT 2301 WEST MEADOWVIEW ROAD FROM THE CITY OF GREENSBORO

Authorize staff to enter into the requested sublease agreement, in substantial form, with the City of Greensboro for the +/- 8,219 sq. ft. portion of the 2301 W. Meadowview building for the purposes of housing Veterans Services and Juvenile Justice, and provide the required security for the building.

[Legislation Text](#)

[PROPOSED 90260272 City of GBO_SUBL_3-24-26_v4 tf ins revs.JAD Comments and Recommended Revisions \(1\)](#)

2. 2026-269 RENEW AND AMEND THE CONE HEALTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT

Authorize staff to take any and all necessary steps to execute the amendment to, and acknowledge renewal of, the Cone Health Behavioral Health Services Agreement for one additional five year term to run from July 2026 to June 2031 with a FY 2026-27 funding amount of \$4,215,914, and acknowledge the renewal of the lease of the Behavioral Health Center to Cone as outlined in the lease agreement.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Cone Behavioral Health Center Services - June 2026 - Amend 2](#)

3. 2026-284 HHS-PUBLIC HEALTH - NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT (\$80,000)

Approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Waste Management, in substantial form, for annual funding of \$80,000 for a five-year term effective upon execution.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Proposed Contract 20260506 DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING](#)

4. 2026-275 AUTHORIZE CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR ATTORNEY SERVICES WITH TEAGUE CAMPBELL DENNIS & GORHAM, LLP

Authorize contract amendment for legal services with Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham, LLP for a total contract amount not expected to exceed \$240,000 and

authorize the County Manager to take any and all necessary steps to execute the amendment.

[Legislation Text](#)

5. 2026-288 APPROVE CONTRACT FOR VOTING SYSTEMS EXTENDED WARRANTY, MAINTENANCE, AND LICENSING FEES

Approve Elections Systems & Software contract renewal for one (1) year effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, in substantial form, in the amount of \$229,409.91.

[Legislation Text](#)

[2026-288 PE 90270068 Election Systems -Software LLc 6-3-26](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2026-278 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2026

Accept and approve the tax collection report and beverage licenses issued for month ending May 31, 2026.

[Legislation Text](#)

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[Bev 5-31-2026 Detail.pdf](#)

2. 2026-279 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2026

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending May 31, 2026.

[Legislation Text](#)

[May 2026 NCVTS Rebates and Releases.pdf](#)

[May 2026 Rebates and Releases.pdf](#)

3. 2026-281 SELECT VOTING DELEGATE TO REPRESENT GUILFORD COUNTY AT 2026 NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Appoint Vice Chair J. Carlvena Foster as voting delegate to represent Guilford County during the 2026 NACo Annual Conference.

Legislation Text

4. 2026-303 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT REGARDING PROPOSED INTERSECTION REALIGNMENT SUMMIT AVE TO CHICKASHA DR., BROWNS SUMMIT

Adopt resolution of support regarding the proposed intersection realignment of SR 2526 (Summit Ave) to SR 2515 Chickasha Dr. in Browns Summit.

Legislation Text

DOT Project Map Brown Summit Road Chicksha Rd

5. 2026-287 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review and approve the following sets of draft meeting minutes:

06/04/2026 BOC Work Session

06/04/2026 BOC Regular Meeting

Legislation Text

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6. 2026-301 FIX AND APPROVE BOND RATE FOR INTERIM FINANCE OFFICER (CFO)

In accordance with North Carolina Statutes, Approve and Fix bond rate for newly appointed Interim Finance Director, Kimberly Slusher, reflecting the \$1,000,000 bond issued by Traveler's Insurance, in said amount.

Legislation Text

7. 2026-306 APPROVE FY 2026-27 PROPERTY, EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND OTHER INSURANCE COVERAGE

Authorize County staff to take all necessary actions to execute agreements with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services LLC for insurance coverage for Guilford County beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at a not expected to exceed cost of \$1,052,895 for insurance premiums paid binding coverage.

Legislation Text

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026-239 FY 2026-27 ANNUAL BUDGET AND BUDGET ORDINANCE - TO BE RESCHEDULED

Set a Special Meeting date for the purpose of considering FY 2026-2027 Budget Adoption and to conduct any other necessary business.

[Legislation Text](#)

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., to set a Special Meeting date for June 25, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering the FY 2026-2027 Budget Adoption.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill

NOES: None

B. 2026-302 ARPA ENABLED ALLOCATION FOR INTERACTIVE RESOURCE CENTER

Approve the reallocation of ARPA Enabled funds within the Homelessness Taskforce budget to allocate \$30,000 to the Interactive Resource Center for this purpose and authorize staff to take all necessary action to enter into an agreement with IRC for these funds.

[Legislation Text](#)

Assistant County Manager Natalie Craver introduced the agenda item.

Commissioner Jones questioned the status of the City of Greensboro's contributions.

ACM Craver reported that the city has allocated their funding.

Commissioner Tillman shared that he had hoped these funds could be better used to feed individuals. He shared that he would not be able to support the item.

Chairman Alston noted that the fencing is to support safety.

ACM Craver noted that they have experienced individuals congregating in the parking lot, as well as the train tracks behind the center, which proves to be a safety issue.

Commissioner Cooke noted that there is also support from community businesses to improve safety at the IRC and limit those who are not seeking services by impeding those who are.

Vice Chairwoman Foster echoed Commissioner Cooke's comments. She noted the additional contributing stakeholders and highlighted that these ARPA funds were already allocated through the Homelessness Taskforce.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carly Cooke, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to adopt the reallocation of ARPA Enabled funds within the Homelessness Taskforce budget to allocate \$30,000 to the Interactive Resource Center for this purpose and authorize staff to take all necessary action to enter into an agreement with IRC for these funds.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 1

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill

NOES: Pat Tillman

C. 2026-305 HHS-DSS UPDATE ON SUBSIDY CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE (SCCA) PROGRAM

Receive HHS-DSS departmental update on the Subsidy Childcare Assistance (SCCA) program and approve the Guilford County local waiting list prioritization policy.

[Legislation Text](#)

[SCCA Wait List Letter](#)

[DCDEE-0475 Local Policy Form- Waiting List Prioritization](#)

Social Services Department Director Sharon Barlow noted that the need for childcare is a necessity for working families in North Carolina. She shared that the childcare subsidy has evolved over the years, and recent state policy changes have altered the eligibility for these funds. She explained that the NC Division of Child Development has issued several directives to offer services without spending limitations. She noted that we have cleared our childcare waiting list as of 2026. She highlighted that this achievement has improved access to childcare assistance. She noted that strong partnerships and community involvement continue to play a vital role in providing quality childcare in our community. She described how local policies include that the childcare wait list is reviewed on occasion. She explained that the policy determines the order in which children are eligible, and whether we should go back to a waiting list.

Due to a conflict of interest, it was noted to recuse Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster from voting on this item.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to recuse Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster from voting on agenda item 2026-305.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill
NOES: None

Motion was made by Commissioner Carly Cooke, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to receive the HHS-DSS departmental update on the Subsidy Childcare Assistance (SCCA) program and approve the Guilford County local waiting list prioritization policy.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill
NOES: None

VIII. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2026-289 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Consider and approve the following appointments and reappointments to various boards & commissions:

Fire District Commission - Alamance

Appoint Ronald E. Harris to 1st term (June 18, 2026 - June 17, 2028)

Guilford County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Reappoint Francina D. Parrish to 2nd term in LME/MCO Designee position (July 18, 2026 - July 17, 2028)

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VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill

NOES: None

IX. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

There were no Commissioner Liaison Reports for this agenda.

X. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY

A. 2026-266 RECEIVE FY26 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT THROUGH APRIL 2026

Receive FY2025-26 Budget Performance Report through April.

[Legislation Text](#)

[FY26 April BPR Presentation](#)

[FY2026 Budget Performance Report - April](#)

County Manager Victor Isler noted that the County will be celebrating their employees in an upcoming event in July.

County Attorney Carolyn Thompson thanked Attorney Matthew Mason for his ongoing support and clarified that the County only has 15 attorneys and 10 are assigned to the Department of Social Services.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Murphy noted a few updates from the Parks and Recreation Board and noted that they are hopeful to get some item updates. She noted an upcoming annual Fireworks Extravaganza. She noted additional events such as the "Walk with Friends" on July 9th at the County Farm.

Commissioner Cooke provided an update on her attendance at the NCACC County Advocacy Day at the Capitol Building. She noted all the great graduation celebrations.

Commissioner Cashion shared the celebration of the 5th anniversary of the Behavioral Health Center. She shared her appreciation of our Veteran Services. She expressed appreciation for the Jet Zero event. She shared her attendance at the Sternberger School topping-off ceremony. She shared that the Dolley Madison Women's Group presented checks to the Family Justice Center to cover Camp Hope scholarships.

Commissioner Perdue announced the arrival of his new grandson early this morning and sent support to his daughter and son-in-law.

Commissioner Jones congratulated all our local graduates. He reminded everyone to attend the Juneteenth Farmer's Market at Hayes Taylor YMCA.

Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster noted her attendance at the 120th year of Marsh Furniture as well as the Jet Zero Groundbreaking. She noted the groundbreaking of 138 new apartment units in High Point. She announced the Juneteenth celebration on Sunday in High Point.

Chairman Alston thanked Jet Zero for choosing Guilford County. He noted that there were more than 700 people in attendance.

XII. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND TO CONSIDER A POTENTIAL ECONOMIC INCENTIVE FOR THE PURPOSES OF A BUSINESS EXPANSION OR RELOCATION

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to hold a closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 for the purpose of consulting with the County Attorney and to consider a potential economic incentive for the purposes of a business expansion or relocation.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Pat Tillman, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill
NOES: None

The Board recessed the meeting and entered into closed session at 7:22 p.m.

The Board reconvened from closed into open session at 9:28 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the regular meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:28 p.m.

Melvin “Skip” Alston
Chairman

Robin Keller
Clerk