

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
July 23, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on July 23, 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., and Alan Perdue (via virtual communication).

ABSENT: Commissioner Pat Tillman.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Victor Isler; County Attorney Carolyn Thompson; Clerk to the Board Robin Keller; Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board Ariane James; Deputy County Manager Toy Beeninga; Assistant County Manager Natalie Craver; Planning and Development Director J. Leslie Bell; Social Services Director Sharon Barlow; members of staff, media, and the public. Virtual participation was made available to members of the public and media partners.

Chairman Alston introduced Carla Williams, a United States Army and Gulf War veteran, who would lead the Pledge of Allegiance following the invocation.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplain Ben Chavis offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Alston 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 5:35 p.m.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Gail Dunham thanked the Board for revoking funding with the Town of Summerfield and hopes that the funds can be used for other projects. She questioned how the town spent those funds.

2. David Gilbert, Guilford Clean Power Now representative, expressed hope that the Board would continue to work towards a 2050 clean energy commitment. He spoke to operational policy and looking to the future of resource sustainability.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2026-296 PROCLAIM JULY 2026 AS PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Proclaim July 2026 as Parks & Recreation Month in Guilford County.

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Commissioner Murphy shared that we are proud to recognize our parks and recreation programs that help improve both quality of life and our economic health. She thanked everyone who helps make our parks welcoming, vibrant, and accessible spaces. She encouraged the community to get outside and enjoy all that Guilford County has to offer. She welcomed Parks Director Dwight Godwin and his staff members to come forward to receive the proclamation.

Commissioner Murphy read the proclamation.

Administrative Officer Shannon Menefee thanked the Board for the recognition. She spoke to the statistics on annual attendance and the staff's efforts to provide exceptional amenities and a variety of programs to enhance their quality of life.

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

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

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Commissioner Jones invited the Clergy, staff, and congregants to come forward to receive the resolution. He shared that Providence is the first Black brick-and-mortar Baptist church in North Carolina. He noted that the church has embodied its commitment to loving without limits, serving with purpose, and uplifting generations of families throughout Guilford County.

Commissioner Jones read the proclamation.

Senior Pastor, Reverend Darryl Aaron, thanked the Board for their recognition.

C. 2026-324 RESOLUTION CELEBRATING COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND THE LAUNCH OF THE S.T.A.R. EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION PROGRAM

Adopt resolution celebrating Guilford County Employees and the launch of the S.T.A.R. Employee Appreciation Program.

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Vice Chairwoman Foster welcomed the County Manager, HR Director, and Committee members to receive the resolution. She applauded our dedicated employees who serve Guilford County each day. She highlighted that their professionalism, compassion, and commitment are the foundation of the high-quality services our residents depend on. She thanked every employee for making Guilford County a better place to live, learn, work, and play.

Vice Chairwoman Foster read the resolution celebrating county employees and the new S.T.A.R. program.

HR Director Jaime Joyner explained the nomination process and recognized the top five winners:

- Outstanding Volunteer or Humanitarian of the Year – Laniya Pinkston-Jones, Public Health Social Worker
- Above and Beyond Award for Remarkable Commitment – Nakai Fludd, Public Health Vital Records Deputy Registrar
- Trailblazer of the Year – Joshua Avalos, Hagan-Stone Park Supervisor
- Teambuilder of the Year – Sherri Malpass, Social Services Program Manager
- Employee of the Year – Christol Murphy, Assistant Purchasing Manager

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Alston introduced the consent agenda. 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 Kay Cashion, to adopt the consent agenda.

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

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2026-315 GRANT AWARD: NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (NCDEQ) COMMUNITY WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING GRANT

Accept the NCDEQ Community Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant Award in the amount of \$5,900; authorize staff to take any all necessary actions to receive the grant and approve a budget amendment to increase the appropriation to Planning and Development by \$5,900, with \$5,900 in Federal/State Revenue.

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[NCDEQ\) COMMUNITY WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING GRANT AWARD
#101259-00](#)

[SimpliGov Grant Award Approval](#)

[NCGS 130A-309.10](#)

B. CONTRACTS

1. 2026-312 INFOR/LAWSON ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Approve, in substantial form, the renewal of the software license subscription agreement with Infor/Lawson in the amount of \$671,706.

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[Infor Signed - PROPOSED R5 90004374 Infor US LLC \(003\)](#)

2. 2026-276 APPROVE INSTALLMENT FINANCING RESOLUTION FOR IN CAR & BODY WORN CAMERAS

1. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing and approving installment payments, as required by the Local Government Commission (LGC) as part of their consideration of the item on their August 4, 2026 agenda, for a not to exceed amount of \$13,317,704.64 towards the acquisition of Sheriff's Office in-car and body worn cameras and associated data subscriptions.

2. Upon approval by the LGC, authorize staff to execute a Master Services and Purchase Agreement (MSPA) for in-car and body worn camera equipment and associated data subscriptions for a period of ten-years in the amount of \$13,317,704.64 with Axon Enterprises as authorized by the cooperative purchasing exemption of G.S. 143-129(e)(3) from Sourcewell cooperative contract #101223-AXN.

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[Guilford Piggyback CSO \(NC\) - Axon Sourcewell #101223 - Piggyback27](#)

[Guilford CSO \(NC\) MSPA - Axon MSPA35](#)

[Approval Resolution-Guilford 2026 Purchase Agreement\(19144990](#)

[Axon - FINAL Guilford Q2](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2026-321 HHS-DSS FY 2026-27 ENERGY PROGRAMS OUTREACH PLAN

Approve the Guilford County Health & Human Services Agency - Department of Social Services Programs Outreach Plan in substantial form as attached.

[Legislation Text](#)

[EFS-FNSEP-06-2026](#)

[Energy Outreach plan 2026](#)

2. 2026-316 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

Accept and approve the tax collection report and beverage licenses issued for month ending June 30, 2026.

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[401C All Guilford 6-30-2026.pdf](#)

[Bev 6-30-2026 Detail.pdf](#)

3. 2026-317 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending June 30, 2026.

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[June 2026 NCVTS Pending Refund Report.pdf](#)

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

4. 2026-318 FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 TAX COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL SETTLEMENT REPORT

Accept and approve the fiscal year 2025-2026 Tax Collector's Annual Settlement Report.

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[Collector's Annual Settlement 2025-2026 Sworn Statement.pdf](#)

[Collector's Settlement Report Memo Addendum to FY 2025-2026.pdf](#)

[Collector's Annual Settlement - Resolution Establishing Insolvent List 2025-2026.pdf](#)

[Annual Settlement - Unpaid REI 2025-2026.pdf](#)

[Annual Settlement - Unpaid IPP 2025-2026.pdf](#)

[Annual Settlement - Unpaid BUS 2025-2026.pdf](#)

[Annual Settlement- Unpaid PUB 2025-2026.pdf](#)

5. 2026-319 ORDER THE COLLECTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 TAXES

Adopt an order directing the Guilford County Tax Collector to collect fiscal year 2026-2027 taxes as charged in the tax records and receipts.

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[Commissioners 2026-2027 Tax Collection Order.pdf](#)

6. 2026-308 REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review and Approve the following sets of minutes:

June 18, 2026 Work Session

June 18, 2026 Regular Meeting

June 25, 2026 Special Called Meeting - Adoption of the FY26-27 Budget

[Legislation Text](#)

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[062526 SpecialMeeting](#)

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2026-251 LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON WHETHER TO CONDITIONALLY REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7930 NC HIGHWAY 150 E FROM AG, AGRICULTURAL TO CZ-RS-30, CONDITIONAL ZONING- RESIDENTIAL: CASE #26-02-PLBD-00008

Conduct required legislative hearing to approve/deny the rezoning of the said property located at 7930 NC Highway 150 E (Guilford County Tax Parcel #242017 in Washington Township) approximately 6,100 feet north of the intersection of Osceola-Ossipee Road and NC Highway 150 E comprising approximately 121.87 acres from Agricultural (AG) to Conditional Zoning - Residential (CZ-RS-30) and associated land use classification change in the Guilford County Comprehensive Plan's Future Land

Use Map (FLUM) from Working Farm/Agricultural to Residential located in the Northeast quadrant, as presented herein with the following use and development conditions:

Use Conditions:

1) All uses in the RS-30 district are permitted, except for the uses struck through on the attached use matrix. The attached use matrix identifies the following uses to be prohibited: Athletic Fields, Club or Lodge, Country Club with Golf Course, Golf Course, Paintball Field, Public Park or Public Recreation Facility (incl. Indoor Batting Cages), Swim and Tennis Club, Place of Worship, Elementary School, Secondary School, Daycare Centers in Residence (in-home) (12 or less), Emergency Services, Cemetery or Mausoleum, Beneficial Fill Area, Wireless Communication Tower - Stealth Camouflage Design, Utilities - Major, Utilities - Minor, Construction or Demolition Debris Landfill - Minor, Land Clearing and Inert Debris Landfill - Minor, Temporary Events/Uses.

Development Conditions:

- 1) Lot size minimum shall be 40,000 sf.
- 2) Dwellings shall have exterior finishes with a combination of cementitious siding, brick, and/or stone. Vinyl siding may be used on the sides and rear of houses, but not the front of the house, other than in the soffit, fascia, and eaves.
- 3) A maximum of 90 lots.

If the decision to deny the rezoning request is overturned, the rezoning will be deemed approved, and a land use classification change in the Guilford County Comprehensive Plan's Future Land Use Map (FLUM) from Working Farm/Agricultural to Residential will be required. In connection with either decision, adopt corresponding reasonableness and consistency statements.

[Legislation Text](#)

[1 26-02-PLBD-00008- 7930 NC Highway 150 - Appeal](#)

[2 26-02-PLBD-00008 Amended Application-3-25-26](#)

[3 26-02-PLBD-00008 Application Use Matrix](#)

[4 NCSOS 26-02-PLBD-00008](#)

[5 00008 -Staff Report BOCC](#)

[6 Decision Matrix 00008-BOCC](#)

[7 Adjacent Properties 26 02 PLBD 00008 Rock Par](#)

[8 Aerial 26 02 PLBD 00008 Rock Par](#)

[9 Zoning 26 02 PLBD 00008 Rock Par](#)

[10 Topo 26 02 PLBD 00008 Rock Par](#)

[11 Map-1000 26 02 PLBD 00008 Rock Par](#)

[12 FLUM 26 02 PLBD 00008 Rock Par](#)

[PB Minutes 03-25-26 \(Special Meeting\)](#)

Director Leslie Bell introduced the agenda item, noting that the request is to rezone 121.87 acres located at 7930 off Highway 150.

Director Bell reviewed the proposed conditions and the amended development conditions. He noted that while inconsistent with the current land use designation, the rezoning request is consistent with the Guilford County Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Perdue questioned if one of the goals of our Comprehensive Plan is to preserve farmland to meet the needs of our future.

Director Bell stated that was correct.

Chairman Alston opened the public hearing and reviewed the public hearing procedures. He opened the floor and called forth the proponents of the item.

Attorney Marc Isaacson, the developer's representative, reviewed the property site location. He noted that the proposed zoning is conditional RS30 with additional conditions applied to the Planning Board that limit them to RS40 lot sizes. He noted that the site is constrained by topography, streams, and some utility easements. He noted that there were several neighborhood meetings held, with the most recent meeting held in June. He offered new conditions that they would like to add:

Attorney Isaacson requested that the following 6 conditions be added to the request:

Use Conditions

1. All uses in the RS-30 district are permitted, except for the uses struck through on the attached use matrix.

Development Conditions

1. Lot size minimum shall be 40,000sf [this was the only original development condition]
2. Dwellings shall have exterior finishes with a combination of cementitious siding, brick, and/or stone. Vinyl siding may be used on the sides and rear of houses, but not the front of the house, other than in the soffit, fascia, and eaves. [added at the 3/26/26 Planning Board meeting per community input]
3. A maximum of 90 lots. [added at the 3/26/26 Planning Board meeting per community input]

NEW/PROPOSED CONDITIONS [resulting from additional communications with neighbors since the Planning Board meeting including Neighborhood Meeting on 6/11/26]

Development Conditions

4. Revise Development Condition #3 to a maximum of 80 lots.
5. Street lighting will be full cutoff type fixtures on decorative poles offered by Duke Energy.
6. A Street Planting Yard per Guilford County UDO Table 6-2-1 shall be provided along the entirety of the lot frontage along NC Hwy 150 E. The Street Yard shall be located entirely within the common area and maintained by the Home Owner's Association (HOA). The Street Yard width will be doubled to a minimum of 16' instead of the 8' min. width requirement listed in the UDO. The planting rate will be doubled to be 4 canopy trees and 34 shrubs per 100lf instead of the UDO listed minimum planting rates of 2 canopy trees and 17 shrubs per 100lf.

County Attorney Carolyn Thompson noted that at this time they can consider materials and additional evidence. She clarified that if the request is reviewed, the Board would be bound by the conditions.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., and seconded by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, to adopt the proposed conditions as presented.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

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

NOES: None

The Board accepted the conditions unanimously.

Attorney Isaacson proceeded with his presentation. He reviewed the concept sketch plan with no more than 80 single-family homes. He noted that the planning staff is recommending approval for the proposed zoning and there are similar zonings in the vicinity of this area. The approval would help address a critical housing shortage in Guilford County and in the Triad area. He noted that he realized that farmland is a topic for this property. He noted that this property is no longer farmland and was removed from the AG district zoning by the current owner. He opined that there is ample farmland in Guilford County. He noted the critical housing need and this serves as an opportunity to meet the needs. He emphasized that the site is along a major highway and is within 6 miles of the City of Greensboro.

There being no other proponents, Chairman Alston opened the floor for opponents.

Mike Isley spoke in opposition, noting that he is an adjoining property owner. He noted that there is a high-volume transmission line for petroleum products which bisects the property. He noted that it transmits high pressure and a high volume of gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel. He noted

that in order to prepare the lots, you need heavy machinery. He expressed concerns about direct impacts, soil stress, and vibrational stress on the pipeline.

Isley noted a pipeline rupture occurred in 1987, releasing 17,000 gallons of fuel that seeped into the soil and local waterways before containment. He noted that the neurotoxins contained in the product cause cancer. He noted that the pipeline running through the property and into Virginia was installed in 1964, making it 62 years old. He further shared that there is an aging high-volume pipeline, which is a situation ready for disaster.

Laura Smith noted handouts provided to the Board. She shared that her farm property is adjacent to the subject acre. She shared her opposition to the rezoning. She noted that the Northeast area has the highest concentration for farming in the county. She noted that several farms raise bees and noted the rural nature, as a bear recently got into one of the bee hives. She noted adjoining active farm properties. She noted the Carolina Equine Center and the frequency of the community riding horses on Highway 150.

Smith reviewed the Guilford County Farm fact sheets. She spoke to the loss of farm acres due to urban sprawl. She noted that Highway 150 is designated as a historical scenic highway. She emphasized that this development would be the first instance of urban sprawl in this part of the county. She noted that the site lies within the Haw River basin and added that development would increase pollution.

Hearing no additional opponents, Chairman Alston opened the floor for rebuttal.

Director Bell confirmed that staff noted that they reached out to the pipeline owners. He noted that they offered a few comments, noting that some items, such as shrubbery within the 30-foot easement, any developer would need to go through a Technical Review Process.

Proponent in rebuttal, Attorney Isaacson, noted that the pipeline is one of several utilities that runs throughout the county. He explained that there is a rigorous review process for any development that is to work near a utility easement. He noted that all safety concerns would be addressed during the development process. He noted that the hearing is based on whether it is a reasonable land use for the property. He noted that traffic is mentioned, and this proposal does not trigger a traffic impact study as this is only an 80-single-home development, and he noted that the concerns raised are speculative. He shared that the average price of the proposed homes would be \$400K.

Opponent in rebuttal, Mr. Isley, noted that the matter of the pipeline was not mentioned in their initial proposal, only in rebuttal. He noted that in his conversations with the pipeline, they indicated they do not get involved in rezoning but would impose restrictions on development and roads. He shared that the pipeline is working on many repairs in North Carolina and up through Virginia and Maryland. He implored the Board to vote no on this request.

Opponent in rebuttal, Ms. Smith, noted that every so often we get a notice from the pipeline, and the last pamphlet received was that any well drilling could compromise the pipeline.

Amy Hinson, Greensboro resident, also spoke in opposition. She voiced concern regarding rezoning farmland.

There being no additional rebuttal comments, Chairman Alston closed the public hearing. He opened the floor to entertain a motion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., and seconded by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, to adopt the proposed conditions as presented.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0

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

NOES: None

Commissioner Jones presented a motion, with the caveat to include any additional findings of fact, based on the answers to questions we may hear.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to adopt the proposed zoning map amendment from AG to CZ-RS-30 and adopt the following plan consistency and reasonableness statements:

1. As to plan consistency, this motion incorporates by reference the consistency statement contained in the staff report, which notes that the proposed rezoning is inconsistent with the Future Land Use Map but consistent with the Planning Theme of Attainable Housing's Goal Statement and Policy 1. This approval would therefore amend the Future Land Use Map from Working Farm/Agricultural to Residential.

2. The amendment is reasonable for reasons which include but are not necessarily limited to the following:

a) First, for the reasons set out in the Staff Report under "Reasonableness," which I incorporate into this Motion.

b) And for the following reasons:

1) Guilford County's need for additional housing is significant.

2) The subject property has direct access to a North Carolina Highway.

3) The shape of the property reduces impact on the visual character of the area.

4) The conditions requiring a minimum lot size of 40,000 square feet and further limiting the number of lots to 80 lots further mitigate density concerns. The additional development conditions contained in the application as amended further buffer this impact.

5) The approximately 20 uses that are excluded by the applicant are all potentially currently allowable under this tract's current existing AG zoning; the requested rezoning would benefit neighboring properties by preventing these potential higher intensity uses.

6) The zoning that is proposed is especially limited and is a relatively low intensity residential zoning classification, and is made even less intense here by the significant use of development conditions.

7) The proposed amendment advances goals and policies of the County Comprehensive Plan, as referenced in connection with plan consistency.

8) The proposed plan balances private property rights on mitigating impacts on neighboring properties' density and development conditions.

9) The reduced density more accurately reflects the topography, streams, and other site constraints, and is even less from a density perspective than the AG low density one unit per acre. Active farming has not been occurring on the property since coming under bank ownership, at least three years ago.

10) Rigorous review of any activity near high-volume pipelines will be required. Heavy equipment and digging associated with the daily activity of farming will present as much as, if not more threat, than the initial construction of the homes, which that initial construction, will be limited in time, and subject to substantial oversight.

11) While the stated concerns regarding the pipeline are not to be overlooked, considering the totality of the positives and the negatives in the particular circumstances here, the positives outweigh the negatives and thus the request is reasonable.

Chairman Alston opened the floor for discussion. He reiterated that the Board must review findings of fact in the motion, whether it was to approve or deny. He explained the counsel from the County Attorney.

Commissioner Murphy noted that Commissioner Jones clarified her question as to the last time the land was farmed. She noted that the land has not been used for several years and was not being used at the time of purchase as farmland. She questioned Director Bell when the Voluntary Ag District designation was removed.

Director Bell noted that it has been requested to be removed but is unclear as to whether it has been finalized.

Kirkman, developer representative, noted that they have submitted a request to the board of AG for removal and has since been approved.

Commissioner Murphy noted that she has heard several concerns regarding the pipeline and, through the TRC process, how they plan to ensure safety through the process.

Kirkman noted that they will have to go through a very rigorous process with the utilities company and only cross the pipeline wherever absolutely necessary.

Commissioner Murphy hoped that if this project moves forward, there would be transparency and clarity as to the risk in this community.

Attorney Isaacson noted that the easements will be recorded on every survey and plat so it would be of record.

Commissioner Murphy noted that she has received calls from the public regarding safety. She noted that Kinder Morgan has very rigorous safety guidelines for developers and will send staff to be on-site during the development process.

Commissioner Cooke asked staff to clarify if the utilities could be considered for land use decisions.

County Attorney Thompson noted that the scope of this hearing is not considered in rezoning but would be considered in development approval.

Commissioner Cooke questioned which agency oversees the regulations and safety for public utilities.

County Manager Victor Isler confirmed that the North Carolina Utilities Commission would oversee utilities safety.

Commissioner Cooke wanted to ensure that they are involved in the Technical Review Committee Process to ensure that safety and community concerns are addressed. She spoke to the concerns for the loss of farmland. She requested a future work session to better understand what programs exist to support and sustain our farmland to continue to lift that up as a priority. She noted that in this instance, this property is no longer being used as farmland.

Commissioner Cashion noted that, as one who grew up on a farm, it is disheartening to see changes and development to that land. She expressed concerns that there is only one entrance/exit road, which would limit access in the event of an emergency. She voiced concern regarding the limited calls and emails from residents regarding this request.

Commissioner Perdue expressed concerns with the one-way in for Fire and EMS for 80 homes. He recommended the county's TRC system consider additional requirements, especially for school bus traffic or power outages.

Chairman Alston questioned if there are any contingencies on the purchase of the property.

Attorney Isaacson noted that the property owner has already purchased the land.

Chairman Alston questioned whether there is a proposed layout for the property.

Attorney Isaacson noted that it is just a concept plan and there are several ongoing reviews with the county and state departments. He stated that they will consider public safety regarding emergency vehicle access.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 1

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

NOES: Alan Perdue

The Board recessed the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:48 p.m.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026-323 REVISION TO LOCAL WAITING LIST PRIORITIZATION POLICY FOR THE SUBSIDY CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE (SCCA) PROGRAM

Approve the State requested revision to the Guilford County local waiting list prioritization policy for the Subsidy Childcare Assistance (SCCA) program.

[Legislation Text](#)

[SCCA Wait List Letter](#)

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Chairman Alston opened the floor to entertain a recusal vote before considering Item 2026-323.

Chairman Alston stated:

Pursuant to Session Law 2021-191 specifically, Section 14-234.3, which prohibits public officials who also serve as directors, officers, or governing board members for non-profits from participating in making or administering any contracts with those non-profits.

When a governing board considers a contract with a non-profit, including any award of money, board members involved with that non-profit must recuse themselves from any deliberation and record their recusal with the clerk. This recusal process meets the governing board members' duty to vote and recusal procedure requirements.

The recusal vote will excuse the impacted board member from deliberation and voting on appropriations and expenditures for the non-county, economic development, and social impact agencies due to a conflict of interest; it specifically excuses Commissioner Carlvena Foster as she is employed by an agency that may receive funds through the Child Care Assistance Program.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carly Cooke, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to recuse Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster from voting on New Business Item A: Revision to Local waiting list prioritization policy for the subsidy childcare assistance (SCCA) program.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0
AYES: Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill, Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster
NOES: None

Vice Chairwoman Foster left the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

DSS Director Sharon Barlow introduced the agenda item. She noted that the state has made some additional changes after the Board adopted the waiting list prioritization. She reviewed the red-lined changes that the state has asked us to change.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carly Cooke, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to adopt the State-requested revision to the Guilford County local waiting list prioritization policy for the Subsidy Childcare Assistance (SCCA) program.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 0
AYES: Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill, Melvin "Skip" Alston
NOES: None
RECUSE: J. Carlvena Foster

Vice Chairwoman Foster returned at 7:54 p.m.

B. 2026-327 SELECT A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE TO REPRESENT GUILFORD COUNTY AT THE 2026 NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Select voting delegate, Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston, and alternate voting delegate, Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, to represent Guilford County during the 2026 NCACC Annual Conference.

[Legislation Text](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to select voting delegate, Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston, and alternate voting

delegate, Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, to represent Guilford County during the 2026 NCACC Annual Conference.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0

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

NOES: None

IX. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2026-290 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO GUILFORD COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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

Fire District Commission - Pleasant Garden

Reappoint Edward Hampton III to 2nd term (October 3, 2026 - October 2, 2028)

Guilford County Behavioral Health Oversight Board

Reappoint Madonna Greer to 2nd term as NAMI Representative (August 3, 2026 - August 2, 2029)

Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission

Appoint John Mark Van Eerden to 1st term in BOCC Designee position (July 23, 2026 - July 22, 2030)

Guilford County Planning Board

Appoint Amy Kemp to 1st term in At-Large Designee position (August 14, 2026 - August 13, 2029)

GTCC Board of Trustees

Appoint Monica F. Walker to 1st term in BOCC Designee position (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2030)

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[06.05.26 Reapp_MGreer](#)

[03.12.26 App_JVan Eerden](#)

[06.18.26 App_AKemp](#)

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Chairman Alston noted the Addendum Agenda addition to the Appointments and Reappointments.

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Appoint John Mark Van Eerden to 1st term in BOCC Designee position (July 23, 2026 - July 22, 2030)

Guilford County Planning Board

Appoint Amy Kemp to 1st term in At-Large Designee position (August 14, 2026 - August 13, 2029)

GTCC Board of Trustees

Appoint Monica F. Walker to 1st term in BOCC Designee position (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2030)

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0

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

NOES: None

B. 2026-314 APPOINTMENT TO THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Appoint Mr. Larry Standley (alternate Board of Adjustment member) as a regular member to the Guilford County Board of Adjustment.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Standley BoA Regular Member Recommendation 07 2026](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to appoint Mr. Larry Standley (alternate Board of Adjustment member) as a regular member to the Guilford County Board of Adjustment.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0

AYES: Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy,
Brandon Gray-Hill, Melvin "Skip" Alston, J. Carlvena Foster
NOES: None

Note: Technical issues prevented Commissioner Perdue from voice casting his vote.

X. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

There were no Commissioner Liaison Reports for this agenda.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY

There were no comments from the County Manager.

County Attorney Carolyn Thompson congratulated the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated for their successful conference in Las Vegas, Nevada this past weekend. She noted their Guinness Book of World Records accomplishment of preparing over 2900 bags for the homeless community, and the over 29K conference attendees added over \$72M to the city's revenue.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Murphy congratulated Commissioner Cooke on her appointment as the next Chair of the National Mid-Size Caucus.

Commissioner Cooke recognized Director Jim Albright for speaking on a NACo panel regarding Rural Fire District challenges.

Commissioner Cashion noted that during our NACo conference, she spent a full day at the JCPC Steering Committee. She co-sponsored two resolutions, including the streamlining of FEMA to support individuals to get assistance. She noted that the second resolution was for investing in safer communities through local solutions. She urged Congress and federal agencies to prioritize direct county funding and data sharing and partnerships to support safety threats, behavioral health and youth services, and public health and safety programs. She noted that she was reappointed as vice-chair for the Arts and Culture committee.

Commissioner Cashion shared her thanks to the Manager and the S.T.A.R. committee for their recognition program and support of our county employees.

The Board congratulated Commissioner Cashion for her *Profile in Service* article featured in the County Quarterly magazine published by the NCACC.

Vice Chairwoman Foster represented the Board for the new Bluford Dorm at the NC A&T State University Campus. She shared that it was her honor to serve as the voting delegate for the County at our annual national conference. She echoed congratulations to Commissioner Cooke

for her appointment to serve as the Chair for the National Board for Mid-Size Counties. She echoed congratulations to S.T.A.R. award recipients.

Chairman Alston shared that it was his honor to give remarks at the employee appreciation events today. He recognized the County Manager and his team. He suggested that the acknowledgements occur annually.

Vice Chairwoman Foster offered congratulations to Chairman Alston, who will be assuming the role of Chair of the North Carolina Real Estate Commission.

XIII. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a) (3 & 6) FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, to hold closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a) (3 & 6) for the purposes of consulting with the County Attorney and to discuss a personnel matter.

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

The Board recessed the meeting and entered into closed session at 8:14 p.m.

The Board reconvened from closed into open session at 9:47 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, to adjourn the regular meeting.

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

There being no further business, the regular meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:47 p.m.

Robin Keller
Clerk

Melvin "Skip" Alston
Chairman