

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
March 5, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on March 5, 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; County Attorney Carolyn Thompson; Clerk to the Board Robin Keller; Deputy Clerk to the Board T'ebony Rosa; Deputy County Manager Toy Beeninga; Assistant County Manager Natalie Craver; Planning and Development Director J. Leslie Bell; Public Health Director Courtney McFadden; members of staff, media, and the public. Virtual participation was made available to members of the public and media partners.

Chairman Alston introduced Commissioner Pat Tillman, United States Marine Corps combat veteran, who would lead the Pledge of Allegiance following the invocation.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplain Ben Chavis offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Tillman 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.

Chairman Alston noted an adjustment to the agenda to recognize the Grimsley High School football team before Speakers from the Floor. He spoke to an email for public feedback and a web page for accessing information regarding the tax reappraisal. He announced upcoming Budget Town Halls in April and livability forums.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2026-171 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 2025 CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON FOR GRIMSLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

Adopt resolution recognizing the 2025 Championship season for the Grimsley High School Football Team.

[Legislation Text](#)

Commissioner Murphy welcomed the students of the Grimsley High School Football team on their third State Championship within 6 years.

Head Coach Darryl Brown expressed appreciation to the Board for the recognition and highlighted team accomplishments.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

1. House Representative Alan Branson urged the Board to cut the tax rate to revenue-neutral. He expressed his support for funding essential services but raised concerns about local businesses and the impact on residential property owners.
2. Aiden Loretz, Environmental Justice representative, spoke in support of clean energy now and the utilization of clean energy by 2050.
3. James Steber spoke on the tax rate in Guilford County. He spoke in support of lowering the tax rate to a revenue-neutral level. He expressed concerns about rising gas prices and the cost of living.
4. Deanna De'Liberto, Greensboro resident, expressed concerns about the impact of the tax assessments and spoke in support of a revenue-neutral tax rate.
5. Linda Plummer expressed concerns about the rise in taxes as a result of the appraisal.
6. Christie Bledsoe, Climax, NC, shared the astonishment of her revaluation.
7. Michael Perdue reviewed the property tax revenue in adjoining communities. He shared that both the City and the County will need to reduce the tax rate to help the property owners.
8. George Tourgie, new resident of Guilford County, shared that the average age of a first home buyer is 40 years old. He shared that in his opinion, this is not forward thinking.
9. Kelly Perdue shared his concerns regarding his ability to pay should the county not be able to pay, should the tax rates not come down.

10. Louis Thibodeaux echoed concerns about the tax revaluation. He spoke to the ability to pay for those on disability and on a fixed income. He shared that we need help.

11. Greg Drumwright shared his advocacy for all those impacted by the escalated tax revaluation.

12. Clay Troxler spoke to his family owning property in Guilford County from the late 1800s and urged the board to reduce taxes

(No number) Speaker spoke to the raised taxes and impacts on Downtown Greensboro.

13. Tony Greesom shared that his doublewide trailer appreciated \$100K. He spoke in support of a revenue-neutral property. He expressed concerns regarding messaging for the revaluation meetings and the lack of community awareness.

14. Jeanette Davidson-Mayer voiced opposition to property tax increases. She shared that as a member of the military community, she urged the Board to reduce the taxes. She noted that any entity receiving funds, including towns and schools, must receive audits before being allowed funding.

Chairman Alston thanked all who spoke tonight and those who spoke for those who could not come to the podium.

The Board took a recess.

The Board recessed the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

B. 2026-172 RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARCH 2-6, 2026 AS READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Adopt resolution celebrating March 2-6, 2026 as Read Across America Week in Guilford County.

[Legislation Text](#)

Commissioner Cashion noted that this is Read Across America Week. She noted that the Dolley Madison Women's Club will host a reading at Bessemer Elementary and at Bluford Elementary. She invited the Vice Chairwoman of the Dolley Madison Women's Club to come forward.

Lisa McMillian shared that in honor of Read Across America Week, the civic club selected a book authored by Margo Ford Crosby to read to students.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to adopt the consent agenda.

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

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2026-160 HHS-PUBLIC HEALTH CHANDLER DENTAL CLINIC DONATION - \$3,500

Approve the Increase of \$3,500 in Other revenue and in Appropriation to Health and Human Services by the same amount to allocate the funds received by Jeffrey and Paige Chandler. The budget adjustment will support facility improvements and space modifications at the Chandler Dental Clinic.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Chandler approved donation 1.20.26](#)

2. 2026-161 HHS-PUBLIC HEALTH WOMEN'S INFANT & CHILDREN (WIC) BUDGET AMENDMENT - \$16,686

Amend the General Fund Budget Ordinance to Increase the Appropriation to Health & Human Services by \$16,686 and increase Federal/State revenue by \$16,686.

[Legislation Text](#)

3. 2026-157 BUDGET AMENDMENT: ALIGN ARPA ENABLED BUDGET AFTER FISCAL YEAR 2025 YEAR END

Amend the ARPA Enabled Fund to decrease Infant Mortality in the amount of \$8,900 with \$8,900 in Appropriated Fund Balance.

[Legislation Text](#)

B. CONTRACTS

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2026-142 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider and approve the following sets of draft meeting minutes:

01/30/2026 BOC Budget Retreat

[Legislation Text](#)

[Retreat_Budget_Minutes 1.30.26](#)

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. 2026-153 TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #25-12-PLBD-00151: AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 5 (DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL USES) OF THE UDO TO ADJUST DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE WAREHOUSE, SELF STORAGE USE IN THE GB AND HB DISTRICTS

Hold a legislative hearing, adopt the text amendments as proposed in Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment Case #25-12-PLBD-00151, and adopt the aforementioned statement of plan consistency, as presented herein, to increase the height development standard for the Warehouse, Self-Storage use when located in the GB and HB zoning district.

[Legislation Text](#)

[3 BCC TA 25-12-PLBD-00151](#)

[4 BCC HB and GB District Standards \(attachment\)](#)

[2 BCC Staff Report 25-12-PLBD-00151](#)

[PB Minutes 01-14-26](#)

Planning and Development Director J. Leslie Bell introduced the item and spoke to the development standards in Article 5.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., and seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to adopt this text amendment as proposed in Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment Case #25-12-PLBD-00151, and adopt the aforementioned statement of plan consistency, as presented herein, to increase the height development standard for the Warehouse, Self-Storage use when located in the GB and HB zoning districts.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0

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

NOES: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026-159 BUDGET AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO PAY STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR JUVENILE DETENTION BED STAYS

Amend the General Fund budget ordinance to increase the appropriation to Juvenile Detention by \$250,000 and \$250,000 in appropriated fund balance; and authorize the Purchasing Department to pay invoices submitted by the State of North Carolina for juvenile detention bed stays at State facilities.

Legislation Text

Assistant County Manager Natalie Craver introduced the agenda item.

Vice Chairwoman Foster questioned the associated funding.

Deputy County Manager Toy Beeninga noted that due to the “Raise the Age” we have seen an increase in housing individuals over 16 and 17 years of age. He noted the use of department funds to cover the costs until we could bring this action to the Board.

Vice Chairwoman Foster questioned an estimated amount.

DCM Beeninga noted that they anticipate total costs to be over \$400K. He shared that this item covers the costs that the department was unable to absorb through cost savings.

Vice Chairwoman Foster questioned how many more Juveniles we have in-house now.

DCM Beeninga reviewed the bed capacity at 44 with a current number of 26. He noted that there is an average of 14 youth per month who are over 16 years old, who are going out of the County to a State facility.

Commissioner Tillman questioned the impacts on cost savings for personnel and operations.

DCM Beeninga spoke to an average of 30 youth and noted a staffing model based on that capacity.

Commissioner Cashion voiced concern regarding the consideration for older inmates to move to another facility to separate them from the younger offenders.

DCM Beeninga noted that the goal is rehabilitation for youth offenders. He shared that our current staff runs a tremendous program in turning lives around.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to amend the General Fund budget ordinance to increase the appropriation

to Juvenile Detention by \$250,000 and \$250,000 in appropriated fund balance; and authorize the Purchasing Department to pay invoices submitted by the State of North Carolina for juvenile detention bed stays at State facilities.

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

IX. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

A. 2026-101 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE - PUBLIC HEALTH MEASLES

Receive HHS-Public Health Division Measles Update.

Legislation Text

Public Health Director Courtney McFadden introduced the update and her team members.

Medical Director Dr. Candice McNeil noted that measles is a highly contagious disease. She noted that prevention relies on vaccination. She highlighted that two doses prevent the disease in 97% of those who are vaccinated.

Dr. McNeil reviewed that in South Carolina, at the time of the data check, there were 90 confirmed cases. She noted 24 confirmed cases in North Carolina. She shared increased awareness. She reviewed cases by vaccination status and cases by age group.

Clinical Services Division Director LaTanya Pender noted risk considerations for Guilford County.

Director McFadden reviewed the proactive steps taken to prepare. She noted that the Guilford County Public Health Measles Response Team was created to provide information and education. She noted that training has been conducted with Guilford County Schools, and outreach letters with measles preparedness were distributed to the community at large, the school system, charter schools, and community medical partners. She shared that they have pre-ordered vaccines and have started a vaccination awareness campaign.

Director McFadden shared that regional measles activity has escalated, and North Carolina cases remain limited but serious, and that continued vigilance and vaccination are critical. She concluded the presentation by stating that the goal is to keep our residents informed and protect the overall health of our community.

X. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2026-117 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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

Guilford County Board of Equalization & Review
Reappoint Jasmine Quick-Miller to 2nd term in Alternate position (March 16, 2026 - March 15, 2029)

[Legislation Text](#)

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Motion was made by Commissioner Pat Tillman, and seconded by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., to consider and approve the following appointments and reappointments to various boards & commissions:

**Guilford County Board of Equalization & Review
Reappoint Jasmine Quick-Miller to 2nd term in Alternate position (March 16, 2026 - March 15, 2029)**

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

XI. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Jones shared his attendance at the Greensboro Sports Foundation meeting. He shared that there are a significant number of events coming here in 2026 and 2027, including the Men's ACC tournament in 2027. He noted that the Norwegian soccer team will be based out of UNCG and will be holding private practices here, while some will be open to the public, in preparation for the FIFA World Cup.

Commissioner Jones noted major future upgrades coming to the coliseum in the near future, thanks to limited obligation bonds (LOBs).

XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY

A. 2026-156 RECEIVE FY26 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT THROUGH JANUARY 2026

Receive FY2025-26 Budget Performance Report through January.

[Legislation Text](#)

[FY26 January BPR Presentation](#)

[FY2026 Budget Performance Report - January](#)

County Manager Isler shared that the attached Budget Performance Report is for Board review.

County Attorney Carolyn Thompson spoke to relationship building with the High Point Bar Association and spoke to the One Guilford approach.

XIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Murphy shared that she was able to participate with several members of this board to complete our NACo legislative conference and spend time on Capitol Hill advocating with our congressional legislators.

Commissioner Cooke echoed her attendance at the NACo legislative conference and understanding the challenges impacting all of us across the county to bring solutions. She noted that on our last day, we met with our Congressional Delegation and were able to have great meetings with our representatives. She noted the ability to continue to build upon those relationships, as we know those Federal decisions have a great impact on the local level.

Commissioner Cashion reviewed her work on the Justice and Public Safety committee and the work discussed on immigration. She noted work going on regarding the reconsideration of disaster management and the FEMA review. She shared her attendance at a fundraiser for Family Service of the Piedmont and their work in supporting survivors of domestic violence and child abuse.

Commissioner Perdue noted that as we go through this process of developing the budget, we are really taking a hard look at our tax deferment process and what we could change to support and enhance that program to protect individuals' homes. He asked for Board support to direct staff to assess that program.

Commissioner Tillman echoed Commissioner Cooke's comments on how receptive our congressional staff was to working with us. He stated that we are one of 11 states that have to execute Medicaid. He spoke to the collaborations we can build in Washington with other states to build time or resources for states like NC, and how we would be negatively impacted by the Big Beautiful Bill. He shared the support of our community, who came out tonight to discuss their concerns on the tax revaluation, and shared that it will take some creative work. He noted that, unlike Wake County or Mecklenburg, we do not have additional revenues such as the quarter-cent sales tax and other mechanisms to offset the burden on our property owners.

Commissioner Jones noted that it is great to have all the civic participation this evening, and the other elected officials who took the time to come out this evening. He shared that inflation is impacting us all, and we are excited to hear the focus from our representatives on support programs that are under consideration at the General Assembly. He shared that it was helpful to see at least two members of the General Assembly here tonight to see how we can partner with them for solutions.

Vice Chairperson Foster shared her attendance at the NACo legislative conference. She expressed appreciation to the staff who assisted in helping and scheduling the NC Association of Black County Officials meeting. She congratulated all the candidates who were successful in the recent primary election.

Chairman Alston thanked the residents for coming out tonight and making their voices heard and encouraged all to continue to participate in the budget process.

XIV. 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 REQUEST

Motion was made by Commissioner Carly Cooke, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, 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 request.

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

The Board recessed the meeting and entered into closed session at 7:40 p.m.

The Board reconvened from closed into open session at 9:35 p.m.

XV. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the regular meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:35 p.m.

Melvin "Skip" Alston
Chairman

Robin Keller
Clerk