

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
February 19, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on February 19, 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; Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board Ariane Webb; 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 Carter Clendenin, United States Army Reservist and retired Sheriff's Deputy, who would lead the Pledge of Allegiance following the invocation.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplain Ben Chavis offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Clendenin 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 5:40 p.m.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Elizabeth Chartrand, District 5 resident and Greensboro's Sustainability Council member, came in support of Greensboro's Clean Power Now. She shared that they are eager for the Board to adopt a resolution to transition to 100% clean energy by 2050. She commended County Manager Isler and his team for doing their due diligence and assessment of opportunities.

2. Bronni VanDerwerker expressed concerns regarding tax revaluations that were recently distributed. She encouraged the Board to consider a revenue-neutral approach to support property owners and reduce the tax burden.

3. John Henry Bohlken suggested residents file a class action lawsuit as a result of the reappraisal.

4. Mark Gerber spoke in opposition to tax increases and spoke to the unfair tax burdens.

Taking a point of personal privilege, Commissioner Tillman recognized State Representative John Blust from House District 62 in the audience.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2026-145 PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 20, 2026 AS GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATORS DAY IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Proclaim February 20, 2026 as Government Communicators Day in Guilford County.

Legislation Text

Vice Chairwoman Foster welcomed our county communicators and invited them to come forward for recognition. She noted that one of Guilford County's core values is Transparency and Communication. She expressed appreciation for their dedication to stakeholder collaborations, community engagement, and for keeping county services accessible to the public. She read the proclamation into the record.

Creative Services Manager Casside Butler thanked the Board for the recognition.

B. 2026-167 RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REVEREND JESSE LOUIS JACKSON, SR.

Adopt a resolution honoring the life and legacy of Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr.

Legislation Text

Chairman Alston recognized the Board's meeting addendum and accepted the changes.

Chairman Alston called for a moment of silence.

Chairman Alston read the resolution honoring the life and legacy of Reverend Jesse L. Jackson Sr. and called for the resolution to be incorporated into the minutes.

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REV. JESSE LOUIS JACKSON, SR.

WHEREAS, Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr. devoted more than six decades of his life to the pursuit of justice, equality, and human dignity for all people; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jackson attended North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, where he distinguished himself as a student leader and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree, and where his time in this historic institution helped shape his lifelong commitment to civil rights, civic engagement, and economic empowerment; and

WHEREAS, as a protégé of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Reverend Jackson served on the front lines of the Civil Rights Movement, advocating for nonviolence, voting rights, economic justice, and equal opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jackson founded Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity) and later the Rainbow Coalition, expanding economic opportunity, corporate accountability, voter participation, and educational access for marginalized communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, his historic campaigns for President of the United States in 1984 and 1988 broadened the American political landscape, inspired millions to participate in the democratic process, and elevated issues of fairness, inclusion, and economic justice; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980's and 1990's, Reverend Jackson's diplomatic influence secured the release of captured American pilot, Navy Lt. Robert Goodman, from Syria (1983), facilitated the release of American prisoners from Cuba (1984) and negotiated the release of US POW's during Kosovo War (1999); and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Reverend Jackson maintained strong ties to Greensboro and Guilford County, including his support of the International Civil Rights Center & Museum, which stands as a sacred place of conscience and courage in our community and a national symbol of the struggle for freedom and equality; and

WHEREAS, his message of hope, reminding generations that "You are somebody", uplifted countless young people and strengthened communities facing systemic barriers; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jackson's life reflects the values of faith, perseverance, bridge-building, and public service that continue to guide Guilford County in its commitment to justice and opportunity for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Guilford County Board of Commissioners hereby honors and celebrates the extraordinary life, leadership, and legacy of Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., and expresses its profound gratitude for his unwavering commitment to justice, equality, and human rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board encourages all residents of Guilford County to use this time to reflect upon Reverend Jackson’s example of courage, faith, and service, and to recommit themselves to civic engagement, economic empowerment, and community unity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk to the Board is directed to incorporate this resolution into the official minutes of the Guilford County Board of Commissioners in honor of Reverend Jesse Jackson’s enduring contributions to this nation and to generations yet unborn.

Adopted this 19th day of February 2026, by the Guilford County Board of Commissioners.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the County of Guilford to be affixed, this the 19th day of February 2026.

Melvin “Skip” Alston, Chairman

Guilford County Board of Commissioners

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 Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, 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 Presentations – Item 2026-167 RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF REVEREND JESSE LOUIS JACKSON, SR.*
- *Amenda Consent Agenda Motion Language – Item 2026-141 GUILFORD COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN*

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2026-140 BUDGET AMENDMENT: FY26-28 FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER ENHANCED COORDINATION GRANT

Approve receipt of the first year of the FY26-28 GCC Family Justice Center Enhanced Coordination Grant in the amount of \$41,666. Amend the FY26-28 GCC Family Justice Center Enhanced Coordination Grant ordinance in the Grant Projects Fund to decrease appropriation to the project by \$92,976 and decrease Transfer from Other Funds (General Fund) by \$92,976. Authorize the transfer of one (1) FTE from the Grants Projects Fund to the General Fund.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Award Letter Agreement 2000080869](#)

[FY26 FJC Enhanced Coordination Grant - AMEND 26.02.19](#)

2. 2026-151 BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 26 NC DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS GRANT - \$20,000

Accept receipt of the NC Department of Military and Veterans Affairs grant funding. Adopt a grant project ordinance for FY26 Veterans Services Grant in the amount of \$20,000, with \$20,000 in Federal/State funds.

[Legislation Text](#)

[26.02.19- FY26 Veteran Services Grant](#)

[Guilford County Executed Grant Contract PMT](#)

B. CONTRACTS

1. 2026-126 APPROVE CONTRACT WITH THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOARD OF EDUCATION) ON BEHALF OF THE GUILFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SROs)

Approve interlocal agreement, in substantial form, with the Guilford County Board of Education on behalf of the Sheriff's Office for the provision of School Resource Officer Services in the total amount of \$4,445,013 (Year 1 \$1,433,464; Year 2 \$1,481,115; Year 3 \$1,530,434) to be retroactive as of July 1, 2025 for a term of three (3) years.

[Legislation Text](#)

[FINAL CONTRACT - 90007437 GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS \(SRO AGREEMENT\)](#)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2026-143 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2026

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

[Legislation Text](#)

[401C All Guilford 1-31-2026.pdf](#)

[Bev 1-31-2026 Detail.pdf](#)

2. 2026-144 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2026

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

[Legislation Text](#)

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

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

3. 2026-137 APPROVE RESOLUTION TO REALLOCATE \$125,580 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDS FROM 2018 PROGRAM YEAR ALLOCATION TO THE CITY OF GREENSBORO AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GREENSBORO AND GUILFORD COUNTY HOME CONSORTIUM FOR AFFORDABLE, PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Approve Resolution to reallocate Guilford County's \$125,580 HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds from its 2018 Program Year allocation to the City of Greensboro as HOME Consortium Program administrator to support development of a

10-Unit Affordable, Permanent Supportive Housing Project, located at 817 Summit Ave.

[Legislation Text](#)

[14 Friends Place Resolution City of Greensboro 1-20-2026](#)

[817 Summit Ave Resolution Guilford County](#)

4. 2026-141 GUILFORD COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Adopt the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and associated resolution, to be effective February 19, 2026, for a term of five (5) years.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Guilford County MJHMP DRAFT 010626](#)

[Guilford HMP Adoption Resolution](#)

5. 2026-136 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider and approve the following sets of draft meeting minutes:

February 5, 2026 Work Session Minutes
February 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

[Legislation Text](#)

[dmwsx020526](#)

[dmx020526](#)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2026-134 BUDGET AMENDMENT: CITY OF GREENSBORO'S HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION GRANT ISSUED THROUGH THE HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Approve the interlocal agreement and subrecipient agreement, in substantial form, that would allow for the receipt of the FY26 City of Greensboro's Homelessness Prevention Grant award amount of \$51,140 and adopt a project ordinance for FY 26 City of Greensboro's Homelessness Prevention Grant in the amount of \$51,140 with \$51,140 in Federal/State funds.

[Legislation Text](#)

[FY25-26 Interlocal Agreement](#)

[FY25-26 Subrecipient Agreement \(Proposed by COG\)](#)

[FY26 City of GSO Homelessness Prevention Grant- ADOPT -26.02.19](#)

Guilford County Sheriff Office Captain Mecham introduced the agenda item.

Captain Mecham was granted a moment of personal privilege to announce his retirement. He reflected on his past twenty-eight (28) years and thanked the Board for their support and encouragement.

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to approve the interlocal agreement and subrecipient agreement, in substantial form, that would allow for the receipt of the FY26 City of Greensboro's Homelessness Prevention Grant award amount of \$51,140 and adopt a project ordinance for FY 26 City of Greensboro's Homelessness Prevention Grant in the amount of \$51,140 with \$51,140 in Federal/State funds.

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. 2026-163 TRANSCO PIPELINE EASEMENT

Authorize the County Manager to execute the Additional Line Receipt and Easement Agreement, Temporary Access Road Easement Agreement, and Purchase and Construction Agreement with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC for the Southeast Supply Enhancement Project at Triad Park; and authorize staff to take any and all necessary action to execute the agreements including any necessary budget amendments for the \$55,000 received by the county.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Access Road Easement Agreement - 183](#)

[Additional Line Receipt and Agreement - 183 and 186.1](#)

[Additional Line Receipt and Agreement - 183 and 186.1](#)

County Manager Isler introduced the agenda item. He noted that FERC has approved them to move forward with the expansion project. He noted that if the county does not move forward with the easement, they do have the authority to continue to move forward with eminent domain.

County Deputy Attorney Tina Flowers reviewed the easement documents and associated contracts for temporary access onto the county property during the construction.

Motion was made by Commissioner Pat Tillman, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to authorize the County Manager to execute the Additional Line Receipt and Easement Agreement, Temporary Access Road Easement Agreement, and Purchase and Construction Agreement with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC for the Southeast Supply Enhancement Project at Triad Park; and authorize staff to take any and all necessary action to execute the agreements including any necessary budget amendments for the \$55,000 received by the county.

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

VIII. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

There were no Health and Human Services Updates presented on this agenda.

IX. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2026-152 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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

Commission on Aging

Appoint Sharon D. Garrett to 1st term (February 19, 2026 - February 18, 2029)

Fire District Commission - Friedens District #28

Appoint Ryan Chambers to 1st term (February 19, 2026 - February 18, 2028)

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[01.15.26 App RChambers D4](#)

[01.15.26 Resume RChambers D4](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to consider and approve the following appointments and reappointments to various boards & commissions:

Commission on Aging

Appoint Sharon D. Garrett to 1st term (February 19, 2026 - February 18, 2029)

Fire District Commission - Friedens District #28

Appoint Ryan Chambers to 1st term (February 19, 2026 - February 18, 2028)

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

X. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Cooke shared her recent attendance at a Ready for School/Ready for Life Board meeting. She highlighted RS/RL's new efforts to re-engage parents and the community.

Commissioner Cashion shared her attendance at the Continuum of Care (CoC) business meeting and a recent tour of the Women's Recovery Center with Trillium representatives. She noted her attendance at the NAMI Resource Center ribbon-cutting ceremony. She highlighted medical resources for mental health awareness. She shared her participation at the Prince Graves Residential Treatment Center ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Vice Chairwoman Foster shared her attendance at the High Point Economic Development Commission Meeting and the Visit High Point Board Meeting.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY

There were no comments from the County Manager.

There were no comments from the County Attorney.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gray-Hill shared his attendance at the Prince Graves Residential Treatment Center ribbon-cutting ceremony and a recent visit to the Toyota Battery plant.

Commissioner Murphy shared her recent attendance at the Prince Edward Graves Treatment Center, which will be a great asset to the community. She recognized all those in the community who have reached out to her and shared that they are heard and will welcome ongoing engagement as we work through this budget process.

Commissioner Cooke echoed the congratulations for the Prince Edward Graves ceremony. She shared her participation in the Toyota Battery tour and was able to learn a lot about the process. She shared her recent attendance at the NCACC Board of Directors meeting in Winston-Salem, noting a lot of discussion across the state on the tax revaluation process. She reiterated comments made by Commissioner Murphy, noting that no decision has been made yet, and work needs to be completed to balance the needs and the costs to the residents.

Commissioner Cashion spoke to the community who have been reaching out to her as a result of receiving their tax revaluation letters.

Commissioner Perdue shared his attendance at the groundbreaking for the new Ahold Delhaize facility as well as his attendance at the Toyota Battery Plant. He echoed that he appreciates the communication from the community and shared that it is imperative for this Board to take into consideration the impact that tax increases have on our community.

Commissioner Tillman shared his participation at UNCG and the launch of their new Spark Hub program to offer STEM-related opportunities for students in K-8 grades. He also shared his attendance at the NAMI ribbon-cutting ceremony. He spoke to all the unsung heroes who help support our community.

Commissioner Jones shared his attendance at the opening of the Reverend Graves Center as well as the Toyota Battery tour. He noted that Toyota has been very engaged in sharing its progress and support with our community. He noted that while this is a complicated process, he expressed frustrations with those using political positions to spread misinformation and fuel emotions rather than offering education and the process of reevaluation.

Vice Chairwoman Foster shared that she was recently awarded the Vanguard Award at the United Negro College Fund Gala last weekend.

Chairman Alston shared his participation at the Food Lion distribution center, which is creating an additional 500 jobs for our community. He thanked everyone for their support and participation in the Prince Edward Graves Recovery Center ceremony.

XIII. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a) (3) and (6) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND TO CONDUCT EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to hold a closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a) (3) and (6) for the purpose of consulting with the County Attorney and to conduct employee evaluations.

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 6:49 p.m.

The Board reconvened from closed into open session at 7:58 p.m.

Motion was made by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to set the annual salary rates for the following positions:

- 1. County Manager 3%**
- 2. Clerk to Board 3%**
- 3. Tax Director 3%**
- 4. Sheriff 3%**
- 5. Elections Director 3%**
- 6. Register of Deeds 3%**

The salary adjustments will be effective in accordance with the County's 2026 performance schedule.

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

XIV. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, to adjourn the regular meeting.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Melvin "Skip" Alston
Chairman

Robin Keller
Clerk