

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

Greensboro, North Carolina
May 7, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on May 7, 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. (entered at 5:51 p.m.), Pat Tillman, and Alan Perdue.

ABSENT: None.

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 Clerk to the Board T'ebony Rosa; Deputy County Manager Toy Beeninga; Assistant County Manager Natalie Craver; Planning and Development Director J. Leslie Bell; Social Services Director Sharon Barlow; 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 Rickey Terry, a 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. Terry 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 5:36 p.m.

Chairman Alston noted an adjustment to the agenda to recognize the Northern Guilford High School Girls' Varsity Basketball Team before Speakers from the Floor.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2026-227 RECOGNIZE NORTHERN GUILFORD HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM AS 2026 NCHSAA 6A STATE CHAMPIONS

Adopt resolution celebrating Northern Guilford High School's Girls Varsity Basketball Team as 2026 NCHSAA 6A State Champions.

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Commissioner Cooke welcomed the Northern Guilford High School Girls' Basketball Team and coaching staff.

Assistant Coach Leah Turner thanked the Commissioners.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Scott Jones, Tiny House Community Executive Director, spoke to the organization opening its first veterans supportive housing program. He noted a future 6-acre property located on Freeman Mill Road for housing and workforce training. He noted the first phase of the community is in progress. He encouraged the County to place a mental health support staff at the new High Point Hope Center.

2. Gail Dunham expressed concerns that the Town of Summerfield is going to bid on the water tower project and expressed concerns that the Summerfield Fire Department is not involved.

Commissioner Jones entered the regular meeting at 5:51 p.m.

3. David Smith, High Point resident, spoke in support of the Guilford Clean Power Now organization's commitment to 100% clean energy by 2050.

4. Joanna Pendleton, Guilford County Association of Educators President, thanked the Commissioners for their support of educators. She noted the ongoing work to be done to prioritize public education. She spoke to challenging times and the work to balance the many needs of our community.

B. 2026-197 PROCLAIM MAY 2026 AS AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS) AWARENESS MONTH IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Proclaim May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month in Guilford County.

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Commissioner Gray-Hill noted that ALS currently has no known cause, prevention, or cure. He welcomed Public Health Director Courtney McFadden and her team to receive the Proclamation.

Commissioner Gray-Hill read the proclamation.

Director McFadden thanked the Board for the recognition. She noted that this Proclamation recognized those suffering from ALS and the caregivers and providers who are working on advancing treatment.

C. 2026-244 RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HONORING SUSAN FITZGIBBON SHUMAKER UPON HER RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT OF CONE HEALTH FOUNDATION

Adopt resolution honoring Susan Fitzgibbon Shumaker upon her retirement as the President of the Cone Health Foundation.

[Legislation Text](#)

Commissioner Jones welcomed Susan Shumaker, her family, and friends. He shared that it is an honor to recognize members of the community for their work in helping others.

Commissioner Jones read the Resolution.

Shumaker thanked the Board for the recognition. She noted that it takes a team to accomplish great things.

Cone Health Foundation representatives presented Shumake with a special retirement gift.

D. 2026-224 PROCLAIM MAY 2026 AS INTERNAL AUDIT AWARENESS MONTH

Proclaim May 2026 as Internal Audit Awareness Month in Guilford County.

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Commissioner Cashion welcomed the County's Internal Audit team. She noted that staff play a vital role in Guilford County. She read the Proclamation.

Ryan Kildoo, Information Technology Auditor, representing Director Chad Muhlestein, thanked the Board for their ongoing support. He recognized Commissioner Cashion for chairing the Audit Committee.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chaiman 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 Mary Beth Murphy, to adopt the consent agenda.

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

A. CONTRACTS

1. 2026-209 PURCHASE SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS

Approve the purchase of thirteen self-contained breathing apparatus and accessories as authorized by the cooperative purchasing exemption of G.S. 143-129(e)(3) from Rhinehart Fire, from the NC Sheriff's Association contract # 26-03-0521 in a total amount of \$146,860.

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[Bid Waiver Request # 05863948](#)

B. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2026-223 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY:
MOTOROLA RADIOS AND ACCESSORIES

WHEREAS, the County has accumulated item(s) of personal property exceeding \$30,000 in value; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to dispose of such items by offering them for sale to the public by electronic auction,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF GUILFORD:

1. Pursuant to G.S. 153A-176, the Purchasing Manager for the County is hereby authorized and directed to hold a public sale of those items of surplus County property listed below:

ES Motorola Radio Surplus Totals

Radios - 981

Chargers - 463

Microphones - 252

Batteries - 1,142

Holsters - 333

Antennas - 400

2. Such sale may be conducted by the County in accordance with County policies.
3. This resolution, or a notice summarizing its contents, shall be advertised at least once and not less than two days before the date of the public sale, in accordance with G.S. 153A-176.
4. This resolution shall be effective on its adoption.

[Legislation Text](#)

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2. 2026-233 RESOLUTION REVISING DATES FOR THE AUTHORIZED OPEN DISPLAY AND DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AT TRIAD PARK UNDER LIMITED CEREMONIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF GUILFORD COUNTY

Direct staff to authorize the open display and discharge of firearms specifically modified to only discharge blank rounds at The Carolina Field of Honor located at Triad Park, 9652 W. Market Street, Kernersville, NC during the Memorial Day event on May 25, 2026 and require the supervision of Forsyth or Guilford County Law Enforcement during the event, as it will be conducted by The War Memorial Foundation, a non-profit organization.

[Legislation Text](#)

3. 2026-221 2ND QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT
- Receive quarterly investment report.

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[Quarterly Investment Report for 12312025 - Final03222026_ADA](#)

4. 2026-222 3RD QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT
- Receive quarterly investment report.

[Legislation Text](#)

[Quarterly Investment Report for 03312026 - Final04142026_ADA](#)

5. 2026-232 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review and approve the following sets of minutes:

April 16, 2026 Work Session
April 16, 2026 Regular Meeting

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VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. 2026-218 TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #26-03-PLBD-00016 TO AMEND SUBSECTION 10.06 (CIVIL PENALTIES - ASSESSMENT AND PROCEDURES) OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO) TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC CIVIL PENALTY AMOUNTS FOR VIOLATIONS OF UDO REGULATIONS

Hold a legislative hearing and adopt the amendments proposed in UDO Text Amendment Case #26-03-PLBD-00016 and the aforementioned statement of plan consistency, as presented herein, to amend Subsection 10.06: Civil Penalties - Assessment and Procedures to establish specific civil penalties (monetary) for violations of UDO regulations that do not currently have a specified civil penalty amount and amend the fee schedule to incorporate same; effective July 1, 2026.

[Legislation Text](#)

[02 Text Amendment - Civil Penalties \(ADA\)](#)

[03 Staff Report \(ADA\)](#)

[04 Jurisdiction Comparison Table \(ADA\)](#)

[April 8 2026 Planning Board Meeting Minutes_DRAFT](#)

Planning and Zoning Director Leslie Bell introduced the item. He noted that the text amendment proposes and clarifies the county's civil penalties. He noted that the proposed amendments are in alignment with what other counties are doing.

Commissioner Jones questioned when matters like this come to the Planning Board first, and then to the Board of Commissioners, based upon their approval.

Director Bell confirmed.

Commissioner Cashion questioned the maximum penalty amounts.

Director Bell noted that staff work to bring about compliance, starting with lower offenses. He noted that each day may be considered a separate offense.

Commissioner Perdue noted that we have passed animal shelter fees in the past, but it removed the department's ability to waive fees based on extenuating circumstances.

Director Bell noted that they did include that option as well in working with counsel.

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 Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, to adopt the amendments proposed in UDO Text Amendment Case #26-03-PLBD-00016 and the aforementioned statement of plan consistency, as presented herein, to amend Subsection 10.06: Civil Penalties - Assessment and Procedures to establish specific civil penalties (monetary) for violations of UDO regulations that do not currently have a specified monetary civil penalty amount and amend the fee schedule to incorporate same; effective July 1, 2026.

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. 2026-228 UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO) TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #25-12-PLBD-00152: AN AMENDMENT TO SUBSECTION 2.8 (FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR), SUBSECTION 3.5 (PROCEDURES FOR SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS), SUBSECTION 9.3 (FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION), SUBSECTION 12 (DEFINITIONS) AND ADOPTION OF UPDATED FLOOD MAPS

Hold a legislative hearing and adopt Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment Case #25-12-PLBD-00152 and the proposed amendments and the aforementioned statement of plan consistency, as presented herein, to adopt the new Flood Maps/Flood Study and amend the Guilford County UDO's Floodplain Damage Prevention provisions to align with the most recent North Carolina Model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

[Legislation Text](#)

[2 TA UDO 2.8 Administration - Floodplain Administrator \(ADA\)](#)

[3 TA UDO 3.5.F Permits & Procedures - Cert of Floor Elev - Floodproofing \(ADA\)](#)

[4 TA UDO 3.5.I Permits & Procedures - Floodplain Development Permit \(ADA\)](#)

[5 TA UDO 3.5.W Permits & Procedures - Variance \(ADA\)](#)

[6 TA UDO 9.3 Flood Damage Prevention \(ADA\)](#)

[7 TA UDO 12 Definitions \(ADA\)](#)

[8 2025.12.10 FEMA Letter of Final Determination - Guilford County \(ADA\)](#)

[9 TA 25-12-PLBD-00152 Floodplain Staff Report for BOCC \(ADA\)](#)

[April 8 2026 Planning Board Meeting Minutes DRAFT](#)

Watershed Engineer Brent Gatling introduced the item. He reviewed the proposal to adopt the FEMA's required new flood insurance study to become effective June 10, 2026. He shared the new rate maps and text amendments that must be approved by the Board before the June deadline to allow Guilford County residents to remain eligible for flood insurance and maintain eligibility for FEMA assistance in the event of a natural disaster. He reviewed the County's community outreach efforts to inform the community how the flood maps impact properties. He reviewed the flood plain updates and the text amendment summary.

Commissioner Foster questioned whether the impacted properties are countywide.

Engineer Gatling noted that there are about 46 structures across the county. He noted additionally, there were some structures that were in the flood plain and are now excluded. He shared that our map is specific to the unincorporated areas, and each jurisdiction must adopt similar map updates.

Commissioner Tillman questioned the reasoning for removing a site from the flood plain.

Engineer Gatling noted that it has been some time duration, additional construction, perhaps bridges, or re-routing of water streams.

Director Bell noted the staff recommendations before the Board.

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 Pat Tillman, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to adopt the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment Case #25-12-PLBD-00152 and the proposed amendments and the aforementioned statement of plan consistency, as presented herein, to adopt the new Flood Maps/Flood Study and amend the Guilford County UDO's Floodplain Damage Prevention provisions to align with the most recent North Carolina Model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

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

Chairman Alston relinquished the presiding chair position to Vice Chairwoman Foster to continue this portion of the regular meeting.

Chairman Alston and Commissioner Jones left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to recuse voting on Item 2026-204 Greensboro/Guilford County Tourism Development to recuse Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston as he serves in his official capacity on the CVB Board and Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., as he serves in his official capacity on the Greensboro Sports Foundation.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0
AYES: J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Pat Tillman, Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill
NOES: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026-204 GREENSBORO/GUILFORD COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FY 2026-27

Approve the Greensboro/Guilford County Tourism Development Authority's (the Authority) proposed budget ordinance for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

[Legislation Text](#)

[BUD 27](#)

[FY 2027 County Ordinance](#)

Tourism Development Authority Chief Operating Officer James Watterson introduced the agenda item.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carly Cooke, and seconded by Commissioner Pat Tillman, to adopt the Greensboro/Guilford County Tourism Development Authority's (the Authority) proposed budget ordinance for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 0

AYES: J. Carlvena Foster, Alan Perdue, Pat Tillman, Kay Cashion, Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy, Brandon Gray-Hill
NOES: None

B. 2026-213 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH PIEDMONT TRIAD REGIONAL COUNCIL TO ADMINISTER NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES THROUGH THE GREAT TRAILS STATE PROGRAM GRANT AWARD OF \$500,000 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PIEDMONT REGIONAL GREENWAY

Authorize the County to enter into an Interlocal Agreement, in substantial form, with the Piedmont Triad Regional Council to administer a \$500,000 award from the Great Trails State Program for the development of the Piedmont Regional Greenway. Amend the Trails Development capital project ordinance to reduce the appropriation to the project by \$130,000 and reduce Other Revenue (Bond Proceeds) by \$130,000 and adopt a grant project ordinance in the amount of \$130,000 with \$130,000 in Other Revenue (Bond Proceeds).

[Legislation Text](#)

[Interlocal Grant Agreement](#)

[Guilford County Resolution for PRTC - Piedmont Greenway](#)

[Trails Development - AMEND 26.05.07](#)

[FY26 Great Trails State Grant - ADOPT 26.05.07](#)

Chairman Alston and Commissioner Jones returned to the regular meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Chairman Alston resumed the presiding chair position and continued with the agenda.

Parks and Recreation Director Dwight Godwin introduced the agenda item. He highlighted the regionalism approach to greenways.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carly Cooke, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to authorize the County to enter into an Interlocal Agreement, in substantial form, with the Piedmont Triad Regional Council to administer a \$500,000 award from the Great Trails State Program for the development of the Piedmont Regional Greenway. Amend the Trails Development capital project ordinance to reduce the appropriation to the project by \$130,000 and reduce Other Revenue (Bond Proceeds) by \$130,000 and adopt a grant project ordinance in the amount of \$130,000 with \$130,000 in Other Revenue (Bond Proceeds).

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 at 6:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 6:57 p.m.

C. 2026-237 COUNTY MANAGER'S FY 2026-27 BUDGET MESSAGE

Receive the County Manager's FY 2026-27 budget message, to be filed with the Clerk to Board for public inspection, and schedule a public hearing on the Manager's FY 2026-27 Recommended Budget and proposed economic development incentive grants for June 4, 2026 at 5:30PM in the Commissioners Chamber, located on the second floor of the Old County Courthouse, 301 W. Market Street, Greensboro, NC.

[Legislation Text](#)

Chairman Alston recognized County Manager Victor Isler.

Manager Isler shared that it is a great honor to be here to share the Manager's Recommended Budget. He reviewed the standards used to design this year's budget. He noted that this budget preserves fund balance, maintains employer competitiveness, sustains a multi-year capital plan, and sustains the school capital debt services plans.

Manager Isler noted that the revaluation of properties has created understandable concerns. He noted that the recommended property tax rate is 61.9 cents, the lowest property tax rate in over 20 years. He noted that this recommendation is responsible and above the revenue-neutral rate to maintain services.

Manager Isler noted that the recommended tax rate provides operating support for core services, county capital needs, strategic priorities, and K-12 funding for operations and debt services. He noted that the proposed budget recognizes cost of living and inflation, navigating the loss of federal and state revenues, compounded capital expenses, public safety, and health-related positions. He shared how the proposal addresses housing, homelessness, and advances our fire rescue goals.

Manager Isler shared that Guilford County is growing, as we are one of the largest counties in the state. He explained that we have grown 5% since 2020 and are projected to add 86K residents in the next 20 years, as a result of our economic development success.

Manager Isler emphasized that Guilford County is truly at the center of it all, with more than 138K people flowing into Guilford County each day, which increases service demand. He noted that Guilford County's growth requires infrastructure, workforce skill development, housing, and service capacity. He shared that our budget must strategically align with this context.

Manager Isler explained that growth means that we need to have a clear framework. He noted that we have a very uncertain economy. He urged consideration that economic distress increased the demand for safety nets and economic services. He shared that residents have clearly expressed that inflation is impacting their daily lives.

Manager Isler noted that Guilford County shows up in times of need. He reviewed examples of cross-system collaboration, such as the Adult Resource Team, The One Guilford Support our Pantries Program, and data intelligence work that we are using to guide resident engagement based on high utilization of services.

Manager Isler noted that Guilford County has the third-highest poverty rate at over 30%. He shared that low wealth has a direct and measurable impact on public education at the local level. He highlighted that 65% of schools are designated as Title 1; a higher concentration than other peer jurisdictions.

Manager Isler emphasized thinking about the fiscal health in building a budget, which means we must have strong debt ratios and structurally balanced budgets. He noted that Guilford County is financially well-managed, as we maintain the highest credit rating on outstanding general obligation debt.

Manager Isler shared that the debt to assessed value measure shows that our existing and proposed debt remains well below both the state cap and the County's more restrictive policy. He noted that his budget recommends a reduction in the use of fund balance.

Manager Isler noted that our revenue outlook outlines the county's revenue sources. He shared that budget projects show \$13M of natural recurring growth. He shared that as we look at sales tax, growth has slowed over the last few years. He explained that we are looking at a 0% growth over the prior year budget to next year.

Manager Isler shared that federal and state revenues are also constrained. He noted that the implementation of HR-1 has reduced the federal cost share for food and nutrition services from 50% to 25%, a \$3.1M shortfall. He noted that the budget reduces the appropriated fund balance by \$7.8M, ensuring the county has sufficient unassigned reserves to weather changes in federal funding or economic shocks. He noted that the County has increased public school funding at a rate greater than the state.

Manager Isler noted items in the continuation budget, including Jail Medical Services, Foster Care Room and Board, prioritized mandates, and Board commitments. He noted the mandated services, which represent 86% of the county's services.

Manager Isler reviewed the County's key investments in core services. He noted that we must plan for our future growth. He explained that for rural fire districts, this budget caps their budgets at 16% above revenue neutral as responsible measures to limit the burden placed on property owners.

Manager Isler reviewed additional positions included in his recommended budget. He noted that the budget adds capacity in the County Attorney's Office, Information Technology, Human Resources, County Administration, and the Budget team. He spoke to funding technology modernization. He noted that the budget offers an additional \$1M to enhance street outreach and emergency sheltering, while continuing eviction mediation and landlord engagement programs with an additional \$0.4 million in county funds.

Manager Isler noted that several requested positions and enhancements are not included in the recommended budget: (1) 51 positions requested by county departments are not funded including Clerk's Office, Information Technology, Sheriff's Office, Veteran's Services, Planning and Development, Tax, Social Services, Family Justice Center, and Public Health, (2) \$6.2M in additional operating funding, (3) \$9.6M in additional vehicle funding requests from Emergency Services and Sheriff's Office, and (4) \$2.6M in additional opportunities to enhance technology infrastructure.

Manager Isler shared that the County has funded the construction of over 20 schools and provided school safety and security improvements across all schools. He noted that Guilford County continues to demonstrate an impactful local funding effort, fostering positive outcomes by ranking in the top 10 school districts statewide in key areas: 5th in principal supplements, 3rd in assistant principal supplements, and 9th statewide in calculated level of funding effort based on population demographics and level of social service supports provided. He emphasized that teacher supplements rank 23rd.

Manager Isler shared that the budget offers a 2.8% increase for local current operating, \$9M in recurring funding to fund a 5-year phased pay plan for classified staff, \$1.8M in recurring funding for safety and security enhancements, \$5M for one-to-one technology, and \$1.3M for non-bond eligible capital needs, specifically activity buses.

Manager Isler noted that this budget addresses the Board's established funding priorities. He noted that when we look at the total budget of \$925,455,000, it checks all the essential, community, and strategic investment boxes.

Manager Isler shared his recommended property tax rate of 61.9 cents. He emphasized that the county would continue to meet its core responsibilities. He noted the impact of the property tax moratorium by identifying Senate Bill 889, which was recently approved by the NC Senate and has moved to the House. He explained that Guilford County would be impacted if a moratorium were imposed: (1) No new funding for GCS, (2) Limited school capital debt service capacity, (3) No merit or compensation adjustments for county staff, (4) Flat rural fire district tax rates, and (5) Revisions to future economic incentive participation. He urged consideration to recognize that the trade-offs regarding revenue restrictions are real and must be considered.

Manager Isler advised that the public hearing is scheduled for June 4th.

Manager Isler expressed appreciation to the Board, county staff, community partners, school and college leadership, and residents who contributed to this process. He stated that I am proud to serve as County Manager and proud to work with this Board as we are moving forward.

IX. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

A. 2026-230 HHS CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION TEAM

Receive HHS Child Fatality Prevention Team Annual Update.

[Legislation Text](#)

Public Health Director Courtney McFadden noted the purpose and role of the Child Fatality Prevention Team. She noted that this team was established in accordance with NC General Statute §7B-1406.5.

Director McFadden noted that preliminary data is provided by the state: 2024 numbers were 73 total deaths in Guilford County. She noted the preliminary data on the 2024 leading causes of child deaths.

Social Services Director Sharon Barlow noted prevention recommendations such as strengthening systems, supporting early and continuous prenatal care, and safe sleep education. She noted that they hope to continue to purchase safe sleep equipment such as pack and plays and cribs.

Commissioner Jones thanked staff for the somber reminder that not all of our children make it through childhood. He questioned if the team had identified any metrics and geographic data to help identify locations in general for those deaths to add context.

Director McFadden confirmed data collection and advised on confidentiality parameters.

Commissioner Tillman sought clarification regarding the age of the child for this data.

Director McFadden confirmed the age range of birth to 17 years.

B. 2026-231 HHS - DSS & CHILD SUPPORT MANDATED PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Receive quarterly data regarding the mandated performance measures as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between Guilford County's DSS & Child Support departments and NC DHHS.

[Legislation Text](#)

[MOU Update 4.15.26](#)

[Dashboard_Quarterly MOU_Med Benchmark Results_January February March_2026](#)

[Quarterly Med Benchmark Results_January_February_March 2026](#)

[Quarterly MOU Benchmark Results January February March 2026](#)

Director Barlow noted the quarterly report for the memorandum of understanding (MOU) metrics.

Child Support Manager Victoria Spach advised that Social Services has met all its benchmarks.

X. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A. 2026-226 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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

Guilford County Behavioral Health Center Oversight Board

Appoint Shela Williams-Stacey to 1st term in Mental Health Services Provider

Representative position (May 7, 2026 - May 6, 2029)

Appoint James Stull to 1st term in CIT Sworn Officer position (May 7, 2026 - May 6, 2029)

Guilford County Health & Human Services Advisory Committee

Appoint Bruce Sherman to 1st term in Greensboro Resident position (May 7, 2026 - May 6, 2029)

Appoint Brooklyn LaFoon to 1st term in Veterinarian position (May 7, 2026 - May 6, 2029)

Appoint Dr. Shontria Carrington to 1st term in Social Work position (May 7, 2026 - May 6, 2029)

Appoint Latasha Lovette to 1st term in High Point Resident position (May 7, 2026 - May 6, 2029)

Appoint Latasha Riddick to 1st term in County Resident position (May 7, 2026 - May 6, 2029)

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[01.22.26 App_SWilliams-Stacey](#)

[01.22.26 Resume_SWilliams-Stacey](#)

[02.05.26 App_JStull](#)

[01.17.25 App_BSherman](#)

[01.17.25 Resume_BSherman](#)

[04.01.25 App_BLaFoon](#)

[04.01.25 CV_BLaFoon](#)

[04.29.25 App_SCarrington](#)

[08.15.25 App_LLovette](#)

[08.15.25 Resume_LLovette](#)

[08.20.25 App_LRiddick](#)

Vice Chairwoman Foster requested to pull the application associated with Shela Williams-Stacey to 1st term in Mental Health Services Provider Representative position from the list.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, seconded by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., to remove Shela Williams-Stacey from consideration.

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 Vice Chairwoman J. Carlvena Foster, and seconded by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., to consider and approve the following amended appointments and reappointments to various boards & commissions:

Guilford County Behavioral Health Center Oversight Board

Appoint James Stull to 1st term in CIT Sworn Officer position (May 7, 2026 - May 6, 2029)

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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

B. 2026-234 EXCEPTION REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Consider and approve the following exception reappointment to the Jury Commission:

Jury Commission
Reappoint April O. Coleman to third term in BOCC Designee position (February 4, 2025 - June 30, 2028)

[Legislation Text](#)

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[11.12.24 Resume_AColeman](#)

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to consider and approve the following exception reappointment to the Jury Commission:

Jury Commission

Reappoint April O. Coleman to third term in BOCC Designee position (February 4, 2025 - June 30, 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

XI. COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Perdue provided an update on the Oversight Board and noted that we are approaching our 5-year anniversary for our Behavioral Health Building. He thanked all the volunteers who serve on that board.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY

There were no comments from the County Manager.

There were no comments from the County Attorney.

XIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gray-Hill thanked the County Manager and his team for the budget work. He noted his attendance at the Sandy Ridge Road Bridge Naming for the late Sgt. Dale Nix.

Commissioner Murphy thanked the County Manager for his presentation.

Commissioner Cooke echoed her appreciation for the County Manager. She shared her participation in the NCACC special-called meeting and their new building updates. She noted the work that PTRC did on a local housing summit.

Commissioner Cashion echoed her attendance at the most recent Behavioral Health Oversight committee.

Commissioner Perdue shared his opportunity for the Lumentum Grand Opening last week.

Commissioner Tillman echoed his participation in the Lumentum ribbon cutting and recognized Vice Chairwoman Foster for representing the Board at that event. He noted the wonderful day of remembrance for late Sergeant Dale Nix.

Commissioner Jones thanked the Family Justice Center Staff. He noted his participation in recognizing May 1st as Law Day. He noted his recent attendance at Mr. T.O. Stokes, Jr.'s memorial services and looks forward to the Board formally recognizing his life and legacy.

Vice Chairwoman Foster shared her attendance at the Lumentum ribbon cutting. She congratulated all the High Point University graduates. She recognized the High Point Furniture Market's successful spring market. She thanked the Manager for the comprehensive and detailed recommended budget presentation.

On behalf of the Chairman, Vice Chairwoman Foster recognized the Clerk's Office for National Clerk Appreciation Week. She shared that they manage our meetings, preserve the official history of Guilford County, maintain our records for future generations, help ensure transparency and access to public information, and serve as trusted liaisons across county government.

Chairman Alston thanked the County Manager for serving with him at a presentation for the Greensboro Realtors' Association.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, 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: 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 8:20 p.m.

The Board reconvened from closed into open session at 9:10 p.m.

XV. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, 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 regular meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:10 p.m.

Melvin "Skip" Alston
Chairman

Robin Keller
Clerk