

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

Greensboro, North Carolina  
March 19, 2026

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on March 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 (via virtual communication); Commissioners Kay Cashion, Brandon Gray-Hill, Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy, Frankie T. Jones, Jr., Pat Tillman (via virtual communication), and Alan Perdue (via virtual communication).

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Victor Isler; Deputy County Manager Toy Beeninga; County Attorney Carolyn Thompson; Clerk to the Board Robin Keller; Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board Ariane 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 Gary Morton, 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**

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 5:37 p.m.

**IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR**

1. Cabell Lambeth spoke to the recent property revaluation. She urged that all property tax appeals be considered. She noted that even if the requested reduction is under 10%, it still requires careful consideration. She spoke in support of a revenue-neutral tax rate.

2. Susan Lindsay spoke in support of a Clean Energy Resolution and a goal to reach 100% of clean energy by 2050.

3. Sam Bridges voiced concern regarding property tax revaluations resulting in a legal issue.

4. Leisa Bridges noted that for over 38 years, they have been loyal taxpayers. She voiced concern regarding a recent legal issue.

Chairman Alston asked the County Manager and County Attorney to look into the matter and bring an update to the Board.

5. Phil Byrd spoke in opposition to the recent tax revaluation process and urged the Board to represent the people.

6. Calvin Henderson shared a draft resolution for a 100% property tax exemption for our most severely disabled veterans. He noted the current program with a flat cap. He spoke in support of Senate Bill 228.

7. Michael Bronowicz voiced support for his property value to go up as it is the American Dream. He shared that the issue is not the assessments, but lies in who is in control of the taxes. He noted that we, the people, are in control and that as elected leaders, you represent us. He requested a resolution where the citizens have to vote to approve a tax increase during a revaluation.

8. Representative John Blust provided an update on upcoming legislative items. He shared that he is hopeful that the General Assembly will mandate a revenue-neutral rate during a tax revaluation year. He noted that the revaluation is based on inflation and is a tax on unrealized capital gain. He emphasized that renters also pay property taxes.

9. Zoe Langley, Weaver Academy High School student, spoke to students who do not have access to stable housing or regular meals. She noted that over 3,000 students are listed as homeless. She spoke to shelter limitations for homeless youth.

10. Luther Falls, Jr. shared his appreciation for attending Bluford Elementary with Governor Josh Stein, and extended his appreciation to Commissioners Cashion and Jones for their service to the County.

11. Iris Sunshine, Executive Director of the Children's Law Center, noted that they have been advocating for children since early 2019. She thanked the Board for its investment in the Children's Law Center. She spoke to their partnership with Camp Hope to help mitigate negative effects of trauma and adversity on children impacted by domestic violence. She thanked the Board for its positive community impact.

12. Abigail Seymour, CLC Board member and Family Law Attorney, highlighted the work of the Children's Law Center.

13. Camille Jurman, YMCA Teen Mental Health Advisory Council (TMAC), noted that teens need places to move and connect and places to belong when they are out during the summer. She spoke to the low- and no-cost summer programs offered at the Y. She noted that they are lacking visibility on programs offered for teenagers.

Taking a moment of personal privilege, Chairman Alston reminded the community that we are holding several community Town Halls that will allow residents to share their thoughts and concerns. He noted that the County Manager will present his recommended budget in May, with a public hearing on June 4th.

## V. PRESENTATIONS

### A. 2026-177 PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026 AS SOCIAL WORKER APPRECIATION MONTH IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Proclaim the month of March 2026 as Social Worker Appreciation Month in Guilford County.

#### Legislation Text

Commissioner Cooke recognized a group of remarkable individuals whose compassion, dedication and service make a meaningful difference in the lives of our residents each and every day. She welcomed social workers in the audience and invited them to come forward for the recognition.

Commissioner Cooke read the Proclamation declaring the month of March 2026 as Social Worker Appreciation Month in Guilford County.

DSS Director Sharon Barlow noted that each day, social workers help millions of residents in the United States. She shared that Guilford County employs more than 320 social workers. She spoke to this year's theme: "*Social Workers: Uplift. Defend. Transform.*" to transform compassion into tangible action.

Director Barlow noted that social workers work tirelessly to build a more just society. She shared that the Board of County Commissioners has been a huge support in recognizing the scope of work that your teams engage in every day. She thanked the Board for its ongoing support.

### B. 2026-180 PROCLAIM MARCH 23-27, 2026 COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS WEEK IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Proclaim the week of March 23-27, 2026 as Community Champions Week in Guilford County.

#### Legislation Text

Commissioner Jones noted that Community Champions Week gives us a chance to support our local Meals on Wheels programs and recognize our Senior Resources program and our volunteers. He welcomed representatives to come forward and receive the proclamation.

Commissioner Jones read the Proclamation declaring March 23-27 as Community Champions Week in Guilford County.

The Senior Resources Director shared statistics around hunger in our community. She thanked the Board for helping raise awareness. She noted that we serve 600 clients every day for meal services. She spoke to the number of malnutrition hospital stays for our senior population. She honored the volunteers who make this work possible.

C. 2026-186 RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' SUPPORT FOR PIEDMONT TRIAD REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY'S (PTRWA) MASTER PLANNING STUDY AND THE STUDY'S PRIORITIZATION OF A RECOMMENDED REGIONAL WASTEWATER CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES

Approve a resolution of support for the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority's Master Planning Study.

[Legislation Text](#)

Commissioner Cashion noted that Guilford County has collaborated with cities, towns, businesses, and residents to strengthen our local economy. She urged that reliable infrastructure is essential to sustaining the momentum of job growth, new investments, and supporting affordable housing development. She highlighted that water and sewer are critical resources fundamental to public health, economic development, and community competitiveness. She read the resolution into the record.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to adopt a resolution of support for the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority's Master Planning Study.**

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

**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 Carly Cooke, and seconded by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, to adopt the consent and addendum agendas.**

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

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

- *Add to the Consent Agenda – Item 2026-170 CONTRACT WITH UHS HIGH POINT OUD LLC dba FOUNDATIONS HEALTH – HIGH POINT FOR THE COSSUP GRANT SITE-BASED PROGRAM*

**A. CONTRACTS**

1. 2026-176 PROCURE DELL DESKTOPS, LAPTOPS, AND DOCKING STATIONS FOR HHS-DSS REPLACEMENTS

Approve the purchase of laptops, desktops, and docking stations, as authorized by the state contract exemption of G.S. 143-129(e) (9) for a total cost of \$178,204 from Dell Technologies Inc. off NC State Contract 204A.

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[Bid Waiver Approval\\_Dell Technologies](#)

2. 2026-170 CONTRACT WITH UHS HIGH POINT OUD LLC dba FOUNDATIONS HEALTH - HIGH POINT FOR THE COSSUP GRANT SITE-BASED PROGRAM

Approve the contract with UHS High Point OUD LLC dba Foundations Health - High Point, in substantial form, for a period of two (2) years and six (6) months effective April 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027 with the option to extend the contract to September 30, 2028 contingent upon receiving a No Cost Extension from the USDOJ for an additional year.

[Legislation Text](#)

[PE 90260256 COSSUP -UHS HIGH POINT OUD 3-18-26](#)

**B. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. 2026-175 GUILFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY SERVICES - TITLE VI PLAN

Approve and adopt the Guilford County Transportation and Mobility Services Title VI Plan.

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[2025 Title VI Program Plan for Guilford County Transportation and Mobility Services](#)

[Guilford County TAB Bi-Laws Member Manual](#)

2. 2026-169 REALIGNMENT OF FY26 JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL (JCPC) FUNDING

Approve the attached revision to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) funding plan for FY 2025-2026.

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[Guilford County Funding Plan 25-26FY 2.23.26](#)

[Operation Homework 1.16.26](#)

3. 2026-173 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS FOR MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Accept and approve the tax collection report and beverage licenses issued for month ending February 28, 2026.

[Legislation Text](#)

[401C All Guilford 2-28-2026.pdf](#)

[Bev 2-28-2026 Detail.pdf](#)

4. 2026-174 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES FOR MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the month ending February 28, 2026.

[Legislation Text](#)

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

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

5. 2026-147 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Review and approve the following sets of minutes:

Regular Meeting February 19, 2026

Regular Meeting March 5, 2026

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[dmx030526](#)

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. 2026-184 AMENDMENT TO FY 2026 FLEET PURCHASES

Approve the amended purchase of two (2) Toyota Camry Hybrid vehicles, one (1) Toyota Corolla Hybrid vehicle, three (3) Toyota Corolla Cross Hybrid vehicles and five (5) Toyota Tacoma trucks, as authorized by the cooperative purchasing exemption of G.S. 143-129(e)(3) for a total cost of \$339,603.18 from Toyota of Greensboro through NC Sheriff's Association Cooperative Contract 26-12-0909.

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[2026-103](#)

DCM Beeninga noted that back in January, the Board approved the fleet replacement schedule. He noted that, as a result of the snowstorm, the County recognized that the motor pool lacked enough All-Wheel Drive vehicles to improve the resilience of our fleet. He noted that there are additional costs for the hybrid models, but no additional county funds were needed.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Mary Beth Murphy, and seconded by Commissioner Carly Cooke, to adopt the amended purchase of two (2) Toyota Camry Hybrid vehicles, one (1) Toyota Corolla Hybrid vehicle, three (3) Toyota Corolla Cross Hybrid vehicles and five (5) Toyota Tacoma trucks, as authorized by the cooperative purchasing exemption of G.S. 143-129(e)(3) for a total cost of \$339,603.18 from Toyota of Greensboro through NC Sheriff's Association Cooperative Contract 26-12-0909.**

**VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0**

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

**NOES: None**

**VIII. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

A. 2026-154 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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

Fire District Commission - Oak Ridge  
Reappoint Johnnie Lee Stafford to 16th term (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2027)

Guilford County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council  
Reappoint Jenny Caviness to 2nd term as Chief of Police Designee (May 16, 2026 - May 15, 2028)  
Reappoint Bethany Van Wyk to 2nd term as Public Health Director Designee (May 16, 2026 - May 15, 2028)

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[02.13.26\\_Reapp\\_BVanWyk\\_D3](#)

[02.13.26\\_Resume\\_BVanWyk](#)

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

**Fire District Commission - Oak Ridge  
Reappoint Johnnie Lee Stafford to 16th term (January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2027)**

**Guilford County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council  
Reappoint Jenny Caviness to 2nd term as Chief of Police Designee (May 16, 2026 - May 15, 2028)  
Reappoint Bethany Van Wyk to 2nd term as Public Health Director Designee (May 16, 2026 - May 15, 2028)**

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

## **IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER / COUNTY ATTORNEY**

There were no comments from the County Manager.

There were no comments from the County Attorney.

## **X. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Gray-Hill shared his attendance at the Servant Center ribbon-cutting ceremony. He encouraged the public to come out to our Budget Town Halls.

Commissioner Murphy echoed the comments of Commissioner Gray-Hill regarding ongoing community engagement and encouraged residents to attend our Town Hall meetings.

Commissioner Cooke echoed encouragement for high attendance at our community events. She noted attendance at several North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) steering committees. She spoke to the work of the Tax and Finance Committee as well as the Justice and Public Safety Committee as they prepare legislative goals. She noted that next week, Guilford County is hosting the Health and Public Safety Committee meeting at Fairview Elementary. She congratulated the Northern Basketball Women's team on winning the state championship.

Commissioner Perdue left the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Commissioner Cashion shared her attendance at a recent Joint Capital/School Facilities meeting. She noted that she and the County Manager recently toured The Forge in downtown Greensboro.

Commissioner Jones noted continuing to hear from the community regarding the revaluation.

Vice Chairwoman Foster echoed comments regarding the upcoming Budget Town Halls. She shared her recent attendance at the Servant Center grand opening. She shared that the High Point University men's basketball team won the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Chairman Alston echoed his attendance at the Servant Center and the great turnout to support our homeless and our veterans. He noted the work being done with the veteran and homeless communities, in addition to the Women and Children's Recovery Center.

## **XI. 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 BUSINESS RELOCATION OR EXPANSION REQUEST**

There was no Closed Session held for the agenda.

## **XII. ADJOURN**

**There being no further business, Chairman Alston entertained a motion to adjourn.**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Frankie T. Jones, Jr., to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:56 p.m.**

**VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0**

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

**NOES: None**

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Melvin "Skip" Alston  
Chairman

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Robin Keller  
Clerk