The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on August 23, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro, North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston, presiding; Vice Chairman Kirk Perkins; Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman, Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, John Parks, Linda Shaw, Mike Winstead Billy Yow.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Brenda Fox, County Manager; Sharisse Fuller, Assistant County Manager/Human Resources Director; Mark Payne, County Attorney; Effie Varitimidis, Clerk to Board; and Crystal Maurer, Deputy Clerk to Board.

I. INVOCATION

Ben Chavis, Tax Director and Board Chaplain, provided an invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board 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.

IV. PRESENTED THE DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD TO THE BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Brenda Fox, County Manager, presented the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation award to Michael Halford, Budget Director.

Michael Halford accepted the award on behalf of the County and the public.

V. PRESENTED RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENT JOHN THOMPSON
Commissioner Davis read the resolution in honor of Corporal John Thompson. He thanked Mr. Thompson for his honorable service as a Marine and he also presented Mr. Thompson with a coin from the War Memorial Foundation.

Mr. Thompson thanked the Board for the recognition and he urged citizens to find out more history about the Montford Point Marines.

VI. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Sam Funchess, President and CEO of the Nussbaum Center, provided the Board an update on the renovations of the Carolina Steel facility which is their new home. He invited the Board to the open house in September.

Aaron Harris, Southeast Guilford Community Association, spoke about the upcoming Southeast Community Funfest at Hagan-Stone Park in October.

Linda Kellerman introduced herself as a candidate running for District 6 on the Guilford County Board of Commissioners.

James Osbourn spoke about his concerns with the lack of animal control laws in Guilford county.

Kristin Weldon from Youth Focus spoke about the Act Together Crisis Shelter and the types of youths they serve. She asked for the Board's support for the request for additional funds.

Darryl Kosciak, Partners Ending Homelessness, spoke in support for the Act Together Crisis Shelter. He presented the Board with additional demographic information on the homeless youth that were served in the last fiscal year. He pointed out this is the only homeless shelter for youth in the County.

Adrienne Johnson stated that she worked at Act Together Crisis Shelter and she spoke in support of funding for the shelter.

VII. APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Alston asked if Commissioners would like to remove any items from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

Commissioner Gibson asked to remove Item B. (3).

Commissioner Cashion asked to remove Item A. (4)

Commissioner Coleman asked to remove Item C. (3).

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Perkins, and seconded by Commissioner Parks to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE: Motion to approve consent carried 8 - 3
AYES: Commissioners Alston, Cashion, Coleman, Davis, Parks, Perkins, Shaw,
A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. Approved Public Health’s request to increase the FY 2013 budget by $89,489. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS. (Merle Green) Adult Services: $2,489 Approve a $2,489 increase in Other receipts (drug refund) to reflect funds received from Johnson and Johnson Pharmaceuticals. Funds will be utilized to purchase new medications with extended expiration dates (shelf-life). Community Services: $87,000 Approve $87,000 increase in Other receipts (community grant) to reflect funds received from United Way of Greater Greensboro. This grant will fund a Nurse Specialist II position (vacant position #6242 will be reclassified for this purpose) and operational expenses (including laptop with appropriate software) to enhance our Universal Newborn Home Visitation Program.

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2. Approved increase in State/Federal Revenue in the amount of $59,790 and increase the Coordinated Services Budget in the amount of $59,790 to reflect the final Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) County Funding Plan for FY 2012-2013. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS.

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3. Approved an increase of $92,150 to the FY 12-13 Capital Outlay (Technology Funds) budget and decreases to the FY 12-13 Social Services and Other Protection budgets of $90,650 and $1,500, respectively, to reflect the transfer of technology funds to the general technology needs accounting unit. The FY 12-13 budget allocated these funds to the departments for technology purchases expected to be made during the current fiscal year. However, because of project timing issues, the purchases were made late last fiscal year. As a result, the departments’ FY 12-13 budgets need to be adjusted and the
technology funds made available for other county technology needs. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS.

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B. CONTRACTS

1. Approved the purchase of three (3) complete 650 Transport Ambulances at ($173,850 ea.) and three (3) Medic/Transport Ambulance Boxes ($102,755 ea) for total award of $829, 815 to Northwestern Emergency Vehicles, 1056 Hwy 194 N, West Jefferson, NC 28640. The Emergency Services Department has been approved to purchase under Capital Outlay Listing for FY12-13, three (3) complete F650 transport ambulance units under Bid Event 276- Contract Period -which began February 13, 2012 and ends February 12, 2014, with one year renewal optional at the same price, Terms and conditions; and, three (3) medic/transport ambulance boxes bid under Event 283 - Contract began May 7, 2012 and ends May 6, 2014 with one year renewal option at same price, Terms and conditions) to support their ambulance operations. During FY12 Bid Events 276 and Event 283 were released to establish Price Only Contracts with established prices for ambulances as well as options. The initial term of the Price Only Contracts is for a period of two years with the option to renew for one (1) additional year at the same price, and terms and conditions. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS.

2. Approved purchase of three (3) Cab/Chassis from North Carolina State Contract 070G from Piedmont Ford, 412 S. Regional Rd., Greensboro, NC 27409. The three (3) Ford F450 Cab/chassis will be for use by Emergency Services as medic/transport chassis. Contract amount is $135,315.00. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS.

4. Approved Price Only Contract with lowest responsive bidder Patterson Dental Supply, 4260 Piedmont Parkway, Greensboro, NC for various (272) dental supplies for the Guilford County Health Department. Contract amount not expected to exceed $116,482. The contract period will begin on September 1, 2012 and end on June 30, 2013 with the option to renew for one (1) additional year at the same price, terms and conditions. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS.

5. Approved the following Agreements to be signed by Guilford County and effective as of November 1, 2012:
a.) The First Amendment to the Managed Pharmacy Benefit Services (Consumer Card Program) Agreement with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and CareMark, which also automatically became part of the County's contract. This first amendment changed the expiration date to 11/30/2014, authorized Caremark to contract as a group purchasing organization for customers with pharmaceutical companies for rebates agreement to disclosure of manufacturer fees, use of de-identified data, and pricing assumptions in the event of government imposed or industry wide changes and pricing benchmarks. NO COUNTY FUNDS.

b.) The Amended and Restated Managed Pharmacy Benefit Services (Consumer Card Program) Agreement without the optional Rider. Signing of this Agreement will enable the County to continue participation in the Prescription Drug Discount Program and will extend the contract term through December 31, 2016. This Amended and Restated Agreement incorporates changes from the first amendment and states that program participants will receive an average 22% discount on prescription drug transactions. The optional Rider to the Agreement for participating Counties to receive a marketing reimbursement fee of $1.00 per prescription will not be signed, thus enabling participating residents to receive a slightly higher discount of approximately 2% to 2.5% per prescription. NO COUNTY FUNDS.

c.) The Dental Discount Card Program Agreement with NACo and Careington International Corporation, entered into on December 1, 2011, for an initial term of 36 months with automatic one year renewals. This contract includes Membership Plan Pricing for customers of $59.00 annually for an individual or $69.00 annually for a customer plus 1 or family, or monthly rates of $6.95 for an individual or $8.95 for a customer plus 1 or family. The initial non-refundable $20.00 processing fee for new members has been waived for residents of participating member counties. (Note that the Dental Discount Card will be separate from the Managed Pharmacy Benefit Services Consumer Card.) The actual list of member discounts available under this contract is forthcoming from Careington. The County will receive 9% of gross revenue collected as the Client Marketing Fee, based on the number of customers. NACo indicated that the standard one-time Set-Up Fee of $4,500 will not apply to Guilford County. NO COUNTY FUNDS.

6. Approved Price Only Contract Renewal with US Foodservice Inc., 125 Fort Mill Parkway, Fort Mill, SC, with no price increases and not expected to exceed $109,124. The contract provides various Food Service Products for Guilford County. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2012 and end on June 30, 2013 with no additional renewal options. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS.

7. Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Guilford and the Town of Oak Ridge regarding Voluntary Agricultural Districts. The purpose of the Memorandum is to continue to develop and expand a framework of cooperation between the County and the Town to develop mutually beneficial Voluntary Agricultural District Programs. The Memorandum sets out the responsibilities of both the County and the Town and allows the County to exercise authority to administer this program over the owners of qualified land wishing to participate in the program when such lands are located within the incorporated limits of the Town. Further ensure that farmland,
horticultural land and forestland in the County's operated Voluntary Agricultural District remains such when transferred to the Town upon annexation of that land by the Town without loss of benefits to the landowner.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Adopted Joint Resolution to Approve the Formation of a Nine County Area Authority to Operate as Sandhills Center for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services in Anson, Guilford, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph and Richmond Counties.

2. Approved the preliminary draft of the quarter ending June 30, 2012 financial report for the Guilford County Guilford Center in accordance with North Carolina General Statute.

4. Approved the Tax Department's Rebate and Release reports.

Ben Chavis, Tax Director, submitted lists of corrections of clerical errors and assessments made in connection with taxes and assessments for the year 2011 and prior years, and lists were approved and ordered filed with these minutes.

5. Approved the Tax Department's Beverage Licenses and Collection Reports.

Ben Chavis, Tax Director, submitted lists of applications for beverage licenses, which he stated, had been approved by the Sheriff's Department and the North Carolina ABC Board. The Board adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that beverage licenses be issued to applicants as shown by lists filed with these Minutes and that said partied be and they are hereby granted licenses in accordance with their applications effective upon the payment of the licenses tax, said licenses to be signed in the name of Guilford county by the Tax Supervisor or one of this assistant and delivered to the applicants upon receipt of the licenses tax as provided by law.

TAX COLLECTION REPORTS FILED

Ben Chavis, Tax Director, filed reports of tax collections for the period ending July 31, 2012 for the Greensboro, High Point, Jamestown and Countywide collections offices, and a back year financial report.

6. Approved the following sets of Minutes: 05/03/12 - Regular Meeting, 05/03/12 - Closed Session, 05/10/12 - Budget Work Session, 05/24/12 - Budget Work Session, 06/07/12 - Regular Meeting, 06/21/12 - Work Session, 06/21/12 - Regular Meeting, 07/10/12 - Jail Committee Meeting, 07/19/12 - Audit Committee Meeting, 07/19/12 - Regular Meeting
B. 3. **Approved Price Only Contract with lowest responsive bidder Best Uniforms, Inc. 1424 Center Park Drive, Charlotte, NC for Law Enforcement Battle Dress, Class A Uniforms, Uniform Jackets and all alterations. The department requesting these uniforms and services is the Guilford County Sheriff's Department. Contract amount not expected to exceed $284,260. The contract period will begin on/before September 1, 2012 and end on June 30, 2013 with the option to renew for two (2) additional one year periods. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson, and seconded by Chairman Alston to approve Item B.3.

Commissioner Gibson expressed disappointment that a company that pays County taxes was not given more consideration for this contract. He said he understood the rules and regulations but he thought Guilford County businesses should have some benefit during the process.

Commissioner Shaw agreed with Commissioner Gibson. She asked the County Attorney for his opinion on the Board’s options.

Mark Payne, County Attorney, stated there was little the Board could do without enabling legislation from the General Assembly. He said this was discussed before and as a result the County and other local jurisdictions had a forum for local companies to encourage bidders and explain the purchasing process. He explained there were non-financial factors that could be considered during the bid process but there must be compelling reasons to overturn a low bid.

Commissioner Yow said he brought information from the State regarding their ability to choose a contract if the difference between bids is less than 5%. He said he asked the County Attorney to research and bring back information to the Board. He stated he would like another tool in the toolbox to help local businesses.

Commissioner Cashion said this issue has been a concern of hers as well. She added she would like the County to be able to look at other factors besides price when considering bids.

Mr. Payne explained the business community has expressed concerns that other counties could reciprocate with a similar local preference policy which would give advantages to their companies and Guilford County businesses that do business in other counties could be negatively impacted. He said the State is able to adopt executive orders to give preference to North Carolina businesses. He added he did provide some information to the Board but he would double check to see that he sent all the information that was requested.

Commissioner Gibson mentioned the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Legislative Goals process will begin soon and he would like the Board to ask the Association to develop fair legislation to give in-county companies some leeway in bidding.
Commissioner Yow said the County gives consideration for MWBE contractors and it is the right thing to do. He agreed with Commissioner Gibson about pursuing some legislation and he asked the Attorney to put together some information.

Vice Chairman Perkins asked about next lowest bidder on this contract

Bonnie Stellfox, Purchasing Director, said the difference was about $500 and she explained Law Enforcement put together an evaluation committee and recommended the award.

Chairman Alston corrected that the difference was $1500 between contracts.

Vice Chairman Perkins said competition should bring the lowest bidder and if the policy is changed there could be unintended consequences.

VOTE:

Motion to approve carried 10 - 1

AYES: Commissioners Alston, Bencini, Cashion, Coleman, Davis, Gibson, Parks, Perkins, Shaw, Winstead.

NOES: Commissioner Yow

4. Approved decrease to the Transportation FY 2012-13 budget in the amount of $37,971 to reflect the NC Department of Transportation’s revised funding plan for the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Grant for Guilford County. The reduction in state funds for the ROAP grant will result in a reduction of approximately 815 vehicle revenue hours for FY 13; this reduction will result in no longer being able to take some clients off the waiting list for services. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Shaw to approve Item A. (4).

Commissioner Cashion asked if this grant will allow Transportation to continue serving the current clients.

Myra Thompson, Assistant Director of Social Services/Transportation, confirmed the department will continue serving the citizens they are serving now.

Commissioner Cashion asked how many people were on the waiting list. Ms. Thompson responded there were about 40 on the ROAP grant waiting list. She said she would get Commissioner Cashion the figure on the total number of clients they serve.

VOTE:

Motion to approve carried 11 - 0

AYES: Commissioners Alston, Bencini, Cashion, Coleman, Davis, Gibson, Parks, Perkins, Shaw, Winstead, and Yow.

NOES: None.

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3. Approved the Guilford County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council's (JCPC) recommended reallocation of JCPC funds to Youth Focus as follows: reduce JCPC funding for the Family Preservation Program by $25,000, reduce JCPC funding for the Mell Burton Structured Day Program by $35,000, and increase JCPC funding for the Act Together Crisis Care Program by $60,000 to initiate a program that provides temporary shelter for up to two weeks for court-referred youth as an alternative to detention. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman, and seconded by Chairman Alston to approve Item C. (3).

Commissioner Coleman asked about the reduction in funding for the Mell Burton Structured Day Program.

Michael Halford, Budget Director, explained this is a reallocation of JCPC funds. He said JCPC funds can only be used for youth that have been adjudicated or are at-risk and these are restrictions mandated by the State. He stated the County cannot reallocate to those not in the court system.

Chairman Alston clarified this program is a new service.

Commissioner Coleman asked about at-risk homeless students. She also asked if the court system is key to those programs that can use the funds.

Chuck Hodierne, Youth Focus, said they have three programs and they are asking to reduce funds from two of the programs so they can be provided to the Act Together Crisis Care Center. He said they will serve court referred youth as an alternative to detention.

Commissioner Coleman asked if any of the funds can be utilized for homeless or run away youth.

Mr. Hodierne confirmed the program was only for court referred children but it will assist the Crisis Care facility as a whole since it is providing additional funds this year.

Chairman Alston clarified this program is a new service.

VOTE: Motion to approve carried 10 - 1
AYES: Commissioners Alston, Bencini, Cashion, Coleman, Davis, Gibson, Parks, Perkins, Shaw, Winsted.
IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Denied Resolution Supporting Piedmont Triad Regional Council Building Acquisition Project.

Commissioner Coleman said the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC) has sent a request for the County to adopt a resolution to approve PTRC’s lease to purchase plan for a new building. She read the resolution and explained this resolution is not binding the County in any way. She added the lease to purchase plan will increase the cost of the building by $1 million but the PTRC plans to apply for a loan to buy the building outright.

Chairman Alston clarified that the last in the Whereas in the resolution Commissioner Coleman read the word “recommendation” but the resolution states “accommodation”. Commissioner Coleman agreed to the correction.

David Harris, PTRC, explained the reason for lease to purchase is because it is taking time to get financing for the building. He said the resolution presented for consideration is required by the Local Government Commission (LGC) to get approval for an installment loan. He added this does not affect the voluntary membership in the PTRC and it no way encumbers member governments.

Chairman Alston asked about the language in the resolution that states it is the County's "intent" to remain a member. He said he did not want to bind future Boards.

Mark Payne, County Attorney, stated this is a resolution and not a contract so it only refers to the Board’s present intent.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Gibson to adopt the Resolution Supporting Piedmont Triad Regional Council Building Acquisition Project.

Commissioner Shaw asked how much the building will cost. Mr. Harris replied $4 million to purchase the building outright and the lease to purchase price is $5.4 million.

Commissioner Yow asked if a property has been identified.

Mr. Harris explained the process used to determine the space needed and the preferred location. He said PTRC found a piece of land in Kernersville and they went out to bid and three local companies bid on the project.

Commissioner Yow asked how much space PTRC needs. Mr. Harris responded 25,000 square feet.

Vice Chairman Perkins asked about financing. Mr. Harris explained the lease to purchase agreement and the timeframe for approvals.
Commissioner Coleman said the contract with lease to purchase is with the Arden group and they will finance the building. She said in 15 years the PTRC would own the building under lease to purchase.

Mr. Harris said PTRC wants to get into one building as rapidly as they can. He said they will contract with the Arden group in order to start the building very quickly but as soon as the LGC approves financing PTRC will buy the building.

Vice Chairman Perkins said he was concerned there were two plans for financing for the building.

Commissioner Winstead said he cannot support the resolution and he would prefer a lease instead of a buy and build situation.

Commissioner Bencini asked for available lease rates for Class A office space in the area. Mr. Harris replied PTRC is paying $13.79 a square foot in Greensboro and the office in Winston-Salem is paying $8.52 per square foot.

Commissioner Bencini asked if other member jurisdiction have passed this resolution. Mr. Harris said they have not taken it to other counties yet.

Commissioner Bencini asked if PTRC considered purchasing other buildings. Mr. Harris said they looked at some existing buildings but the building committee and Board of Delegates decided to build in Kernersville.

Commissioner Cashion asked about creating resources for debt service and whether dues will be affected in the future. Mr. Harris said according to the Board of Delegates this will not impact Guilford County financially at all.

Commissioner Davis asked how long it would take to get the financing. Mr. Harris said he did not have a specific date but he thought it might take about 90 days to get all the approvals in place.

Commissioner Davis expressed concern with moving the project so quickly. Mr. Harris responded that the intent is to get it built quickly so they can consolidate.

Commissioner Yow asked about the monthly payments for the two buildings. Mr. Harris said last year they paid $809,000 for the Winston-Salem Office and $107,000 for the Greensboro office.

Commissioner Yow asked how many employees are with the PTRC. Mr. Harris replied they have 200 employees.

Commissioner Gibson said he supports the PTRC and would like to support this item but he has too many questions remaining.
Commissioner Bencini asked if the City of High Point has considered this item. Mr. Harris said City of High Point passed a resolution asking the PTRC Board of Delegates to delay until they had more information.

Commissioner Bencini said he was a supporter of PTRC but he had concerns about the size and cost of this building.

Chairman Alston said this is being called a lease purchase but it is really a construction loan. He asked about the interest on the construction and the difference between the lease amount and construction amount. Mr. Harris replied he did not have the information to answer that question.

Vice Chairman Perkins again expressed concern with the financing plan.

VOTE: Motion to approve failed 9-2
AYES: Commissioners Coleman and Shaw
NOES: Commissioners Alston, Bencini, Cashion, Davis, Gibson, Parks, Perkins, Winstead, and Yow.

Commissioner Shaw said she hit the incorrect voting button asked her vote to be recorded as a No therefore the motion failed 10-1.

The Board took a short recess at 7:15 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

B. Approved request from Youth Focus, Inc. for an additional appropriation of $70,000 to support the Act Together Crisis Care facility, a 12 bed facility for youth who have run away, are experiencing a family crisis, are the victims of abuse or neglect, or become homeless for other reasons.

Marilyn Cahoon, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Youth Focus, said Act Together and Youth Focus have filled the gaps in the community and asked the Board to give consideration to the request.

Chuck Hodierne, Executive Director of Youth Focus, explained Act Together is the only shelter for homeless youth in Guilford County and it is a vital, unduplicated service. He spoke about the youth they serve including homeless children and children in crisis. He said he understood the Department of Social Services actions to find a less expensive way to care for their children but as a result of them not retaining their contract with DSS they have a $250,000 budget shortfall, which amounts to 45% of their budget. He explained the steps they have taken reduce their budget and said they have solicited donations from the community as well but the remaining money is not enough to keep serving community youth. He said even if they were forced to close the need for the service is not going away. He asked for the Board’s support for this request for funding.

Motion was made by Chairman Alston, and seconded by Commissioner Parks to approve the request.
Commissioner Gibson asked how much money they are requesting. Mr. Hodierne replied the original request was for $75,000 but they have reduced the request to $70,000 and they will ask the City of Greensboro for $70,000 as well.

Commissioner Gibson asked about non-Guilford County children being served at the shelter. Mr. Hodierne explained that if the children are from other counties and are involved with DSS the shelter receives payment from that county’s DSS.

Commissioner Coleman asked about the budget for the shelter. Mr. Hodierne said the budget is $560,000 this year but they were recently able to reduce it by $50,000.

Commissioner Coleman asked how many Guilford County children were served this year at the shelter. Mr. Hodierne replied 53 children.

Commissioner Coleman said she understood that there were times when DSS requested a bed at the shelter they were told none was available.

Mr. Hodierne said if the four reserved beds for DSS were full then they could not take additional children. He said there were times when children were referred to the shelter but did not accept them because they had to consider the safety of the children especially if they are dangerous to themselves or dangerous to others.

Robert Williams, Social Services Director, said when staff considered putting the contract to bid the purpose was to look at the children they were responsible for and look at cost. He said they had concerns about placing foster children in the general shelter and the department paid for the beds at Act Together whether they were occupied or not. He said they have gone to a more controlled system and they believe they will see fewer kids that need sheltered beds.

Commissioner Coleman said she would like to see the program funded. She suggested a committee to look at homeless children.

Commissioner Cashion said she sees this as two separate issues, the DSS contract for DSS referred children and the Act Together Crisis Shelter. She stated she has received several calls chiding the Board for not funding Act Together when in reality the County did not renew the contract for DSS. She expressed support for the request for the shelter for homeless youth and said she felt this was a better approach.

Commissioner Yow asked about the RFP process. Mr. Williams explained the DSS children are now placed in therapeutic foster homes.

Commissioner Yow asked when Youth Focus was aware they would not receive the contract. Mr. Hodierne explained they developed their budget for the shelter before they knew for sure they would not receive the contract.

Commissioner Yow asked why Act Together did not apply through the CBO process. Mr. Hodierne said they were optimistic that they would retain some or all of the funds through the
contract and they weren’t aware they did not receive the contract until after the County budget was adopted.

Commissioner Yow said he could not support this request because Youth Focus did not follow the established CBO policy and if the Board approves this request they should expect other agencies to come and ask for money outside the budget process.

Commissioner Gibson said he would support this request. He agreed with Commissioner Coleman about studying the total group of children in crisis and how best to address the problem.

Chairman Alston thanked Youth Focus for their work with homeless youth and he said he understood Youth Focus did not apply for the CBO because the process ended in March but the RFP process did not end until May. He said he toured Act Together and was very impressed and he asked for the Board’s support for this request.

Commissioner Winstead said he will support the request. He asked if there were other alternatives for homeless children.

Mr. Williams said homeless children normally do not come to DSS. He said he did believe that there were services needed for homeless children.

Commissioner Shaw said she would definitely support this request and she thanked Mr. Hodierne for providing this type of shelter. She asked how school age children are handled.

Mr. Hodierne responded Guilford County Schools has a staff person to coordinate services to homeless youth and the shelter works to get the children back into public schools.

Commissioner Davis asked about counseling services at the shelter. Mr. Hodierne said they provide counseling and case management.

Commissioner Davis said although he was concerned this was one-time funding for an on-going need he would support the request.

Vice Chairman Perkins said he visited the shelter and was impressed with the staff and will support the request. He asked Mr. Hodierne to keep the County updated on the children being served at the shelter and the funding needed throughout the year so they can be better prepared during the next budget process.

VOTE:    Motion carried 10 - 1
AYES:    Commissioners Alston, Bencini, Cashion, Coleman, Davis, Gibson, Parks, Perkins, Shaw, Winstead.
NOES:    Commissioner Yow.

Brenda Fox, County Manager, clarified the funds would come from the Reserve For Contingency fund.
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C. Approved County match of North Carolina State special leave provision and authorized County Manager to sign County/Tribal Partner Decision on Fiscal Year 2012-13 Special Leave Award by the State of North Carolina for NC Cooperative Extension Employees at NC State University and NC A&T University. Approved special leave with the same conditions to all county employees on a one-time basis and employees retiring this year must use the leave by Feb. 1, 2013 and those not retiring must use the leave by June 30, 2013.

Wick Wickliffe, Cooperative Extension Director, explained Cooperative Extension Administration in Raleigh is asking all counties to affirm this leave. He said the situation is covered in the Memorandum of Understanding that anything granted by the State will be granted by the County.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Perkins, and seconded by Commissioner Parks to approve County match of North Carolina State special leave provision and authorize County Manager to sign County/Tribal Partner Decision on Fiscal Year 2012-13 Special Leave Award by the State of North Carolina for NC Cooperative Extension Employees at NC State University and NC A&T University.

Substitute Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman, and seconded by Chairman Alston to approve special leave for Cooperative Extension employees and authorize County Manager to sign County/Tribal Leave Decision and grant special leave to all County employees on a one-time basis and employees retiring this year use the leave by Feb. 1, 2013 and those not retiring must use the leave by June 30, 2013.

Commissioner Coleman said the County did not grant raises to employees so she would like to let employees to know the Board is concerned about them. She asked the Budget Director if there were costs associated with the special leave.

Michael Halford, Budget Director, said the cost to the County would be when an employee leaves. He said in his opinion they would be able to handle any leave scheduled without any additional funding.

Commissioner Coleman asked Sharisse Fuller, Assistant County Manager/Human Resources Director, if there were any additional costs she was aware of.
Sharisse Fuller, Assistant County Manager/Human Resources Director, said there would be no cost associated because they are requiring employees to take the leave within the period of time.

Mark Payne, County Attorney, clarified that one of the conditions of the State leave is that if employees take any leave other than sick leave employees must use the special leave first. He said if a County employee has scheduled vacation leave between now and February they would have to use the special leave first if the Board adopts the same requirement.

Chairman Alston restated Commissioner Coleman’s substitute motion to add granting special leave to all County employees based on the same conditions as the State except that County employees retiring must use the leave before February 1st. He asked to make it clear that this leave would not be made a part of retirement.

Ms. Fuller replied that the County has done this with previous leave and the condition that it must be used by a certain period of time is stated in the substitute motion.

Commissioner Gibson asked to clarify that this leave will not be paid out with retirement.

Ms. Fuller explained it can be set up that the employees must use the special leave or lose at the time of retirement.

Commissioner Gibson asked a dollar figure for the cost of the special leave.

Mr. Halford said he didn’t have an answer in real dollars. He explained that if the County were to pay all employees for five days it would cost the County $2 million. He said he believed in practice the leave would probably replace vacation time for a number of employees and in the end that employees would have five days additional leave when they depart the County.

Commissioner Gibson said he wanted to get a solid cost figure on this leave. Mr. Halford explained for this fiscal year it will even out but the cost will probably be paid out in the future since employees will have five more days of leave.

Sharisse Fuller pointed out that sick leave is not paid when employees leave the County.

Commissioner Gibson asked why this leave was offered by the State. Wick Wickliffe said it was his understanding this was considered a low-cost means to give employees something without impacting the budget.

Vice Chairman Perkins said he was not opposed to the leave but he asked for true costs since this is a cost to services. He pointed out the County has cut staff so it is difficult for some employees to take their leave as it is. He said he did not have enough information and asked for a report back from the Manager.

Substitute Motion was made by Vice Chairman Perkins, and seconded by Commissioner Cashion to approve the requested leave for Cooperative Extension employees and the Board discuss special leave for all County employees at the September Board meeting.
Commissioner Cashion asked for more in-depth discussion on this before a decision is made.

Brenda Fox, County Manager, explained that if the leave replaces a week of vacation and an employee does not use it by the end of the year then excess vacation over 240 hours goes into sick leave which is not paid out.

Commissioner Coleman said the Board didn't give employees raise in June so in her opinion this is a great way to do right by the employees.

Vice Chairman Perkins said he is not opposed to time off but he needs information to make a better decision.

Ms. Fuller added that she was invited last week to the employee Incentive Council Meeting and she said the majority of the questions that came up were about the ability to get more leave time. She felt it would be very meaningful to employees to receive this leave.

**VOTE:** Substitute Motion to approve for Cooperative Extension and come back to the Board in September to discuss cost failed 7-4

**AYES:** Commissioners Bencini, Cashion, Gibson, Perkins

**NOES:** Commissioners Alston, Coleman, Davis, Parks, Shaw, Winstead, and Yow

**VOTE:** Substitute Motion approve special leave for Cooperative Extension employees and authorize County Manager to sign County/Tribal Leave Decision and grant special leave to all County employees with the same conditions as the State except employees retiring this year use the leave by Feb. 1, 2013 and those not retiring must use the leave by June 30, 2013 carried 9 - 2

**AYES:** Commissioners Alston, Cashion, Coleman, Davis, Gibson, Parks, Shaw, Winstead, and Yow.

**NOES:** Commissioners Perkins and Bencini.

(Under Comments from the County Manager, Vice Chairman Perkins asked to change his vote to yes so the motion carried 10-1)

Commissioners Shaw, Winstead, and Yow left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

**D.** Heard Presentation on Regional Sustainable Communities Project

Dick Hails, Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation, presented the Regional Sustainable Communities Project. He provided information about jobs, transportation, housing and health, and rural areas in the Piedmont Triad Region. He spoke about the community forums and discussed the top strengths and top challenges discussed by participants. He also discussed strategies to build a stronger region.

Chairman Alston thanked Mr. Hails for the presentation.
E. **Heard Presentation on Guilford County MWBE Report for FY 2011/2012**

Shayla Parker, MWBE Coordinator/Purchasing, presented the Guilford County MWBE report for FY 2011-12. Ms. Parker said the goal is 10% in total purchases from MWBE’s and they are just at 10% for this year.

Commissioner Coleman complemented staff on reaching the MWBE goal and she hopes they can maintain the number.

F. **New Business from County Commissioners.**

**Changed September meeting date to September 11th at 4:00 p.m.**

Commissioner Davis asked to change the September meeting date due to a scheduling conflict. The consensus of the Board was to reschedule the meeting from September 20th to September 11, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Chairman Alston, and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve setting the meeting for September 11th at 4:00 p.m. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Bonnie Stellfox, Purchasing Director, reported on the RFP for the search for the County Manager. She said the County received two bids and the committee reviewed the bids and recommended Springsted Incorporated. She said staff has developed a contract not to exceed $24,000 to begin on September 1st.

Commissioner Coleman asked who served on the Committee. Ms. Stellfox replied the Committee consisted of herself, Martha Rogers from Internal Audit, Sharisse Fuller, Jordan Smith from Finance, and Commissioners Alston, Davis, and Shaw.

Commissioner Gibson asked about the company.

Ms. Stellfox explained Springsted specializes in public sector recruitment.

Commissioner Davis added the company did work for the City of Greensboro recently.

Motion was made by Chairman Alston, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to contract with Springsted for the County Manager search.

**VOTE:** Motion to approve carried 8 - 0

**AYES:** Commissioners Alston, Bencini, Cashion, Coleman, Davis, Gibson, Parks, and Perkins.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Yow, Winstead, and Shaw.

Commissioner Gibson stated that he would like the Board to place on the next agenda a resolution to submit to the NCACC’s Legislative Goals process to give counties the flexibility in
the purchasing process. He said he would also like the Board to consider any other goals they would like to forward to the Association on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Coleman said she wanted to ensure that there was a provision for MWBE’s.

Commissioner Gibson said he would discuss with Purchasing and the goals will go through a rigorous review process at the NCACC.

X. MADE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Commissioner Cashion read the recommendations for appointment and reappointment.

Commissioner Coleman asked if they were maintaining a minority presence on the Boards and Commissions. The Clerk to Board confirmed staff was working to maintain the representation on all the Boards.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve appointments and reappointments.

VOTE: Motion to approve carried 7 - 0
AYES: Commissioners Bencini, Cashion, Coleman, Davis, Parks, Perkins, Shaw
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioners Yow, Winstead, Shaw, and Alston.

ADULT CARE HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Reappointed Maureen O-Hanlon (term expiring 8/31/2015)
Appointed Masetta Dorley (term expiring 8/31/2013)
Reappointed Tina Ntuen (term expiring 08/31/2015)

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Appointed George Ragsdale as a regular member (term expiring 04/01/2014)

CITY/COUNTY INSURANCE ADVISORY
Reappointed David Landon (term expiring 09/30/2015)

HIGH POINT CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU
Reappointed Mena Parrish (term expiring 09/30/2014)
Reappointed Bruce Davis (term expiring 09/30/2014)

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL
Appointed Anne Kimball (Guilford Center representative) (term expiring 07/01/2013)

NURSING HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Reappointed James Roane (term expiring 08/31/2015)
Reappointed Mona Lisa Leath(term expiring 08/31/2015)
XI. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Parks congratulated those involved with the Wyndham Golf Tournament and he also congratulated Caroline Lind for winning a gold medal in rowing at the London Olympics.

Commissioner Cashion said she attended the reception for Steve Allen at the Greensboro Library and she thanked him for his service on the Board of Trustees. She also spoke about attending the recent NCACC Annual Conference in Wake County. On behalf of the NCACC, Commissioner Cashion presented Chairman Alston with his plaque for 20 years of service as a County Commissioner.

Vice Chairman Perkins congratulated the Mount Hope Community on a recent softball tournament which benefitted the Shiners’ Burn Hospital. He added he had an opportunity to tour the new jail and was very impressed by the staff.

Commissioner Davis reminded everyone of the John Coltrane Jazz and Blues Festival on September 1st.

Commissioner Gibson said the Committee he co-chairs regarding recidivism will meet on September 14th at 4:00 p.m. He said they will also get input on community people to invite onto the committee. He asked for names to serve on the Committee to be submitted on or before September 14th. He also commended a new company called Mattress Go Round that is recycling old mattresses. He added he also attended the NCACC association and the speakers and work sessions were well done.

Commissioner Cashion announced the Guilford County Citizens Academy is on schedule to start on September 10th.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

Brenda Fox, County Manager, mentioned the Succession Planning Academy is meeting and she invited Commissioners to attend. She said the NCACC has chosen Guilford County as the host for the Annual Conference in 2013.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson, and seconded by Commissioner Parks to approve committing the County to host the 2013 NCACC Annual Conference.

The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Vice Chairman Perkins asked to change his vote to yes to grant special leave to all County employees.

XIV. HELD CLOSED SESSION TO CONSULT WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY
Motion was made by Chairman Alston, and seconded by Commissioner Parks to enter closed session to consult with the County Attorney.

The Board entered closed session at 10:05 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 10:15 p.m.

XV. ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

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Chairman

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Deputy Clerk