MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
OF GUILFORD COUNTY

Greensboro, North Carolina
October 20, 2011

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on October 20, 2011 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 Linda Shaw, Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman, Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, John Parks, Kirk Perkins, Mike Winstead, and 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

Pastor John Otis provided the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Williams Memorial Girl Scout Troop #41232 led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Davis recognized the new regional director for the Girl Scouts, Ms. Lakesha Franklin.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alston called the meeting to order

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mark Bacon presented a check from Republic Waste Services for recycling contests in elementary schools throughout Guilford County.

Commissioner Perkins thanked Mr. Bacon.

Luther Falls spoke about good things going on in the County. He said he was an advocate of small businesses and entrepreneurship.
Aaron Harris spoke about the UNCG Bridgestone Collegiate Golf Tournament at Forest Oaks on October 29th and October 30th.

Jodi Riddleberger spoke about the upcoming municipal elections. She presented a video encouraging citizens to vote for fiscally conservative City Council candidates.

Chairman Alston stated that he did not like unpaid commercials for candidates and he hoped in the future the videos could be screened before they were presented at meetings.

Commissioner Yow stated the video was part of free speech during Speakers from the Floor.

Chairman Alston asked the County Attorney to look into the matter.

Commissioner Bencini said the video was no different than someone reading a letter.

Mr. Payne stated that Speakers from the Floor is created as a public forum and he will look into it to make sure they are following the policy.

Chairman Alston again asked the County Attorney to look into the issue.

**PRESENTED RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF REV. JEROME LEE JR. OF ST. JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH**

Chairman Alston read the resolution which he will present at Rev. Jerome Lee’s installation ceremony on Oct. 22nd.

**V. APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Alston asked if any Board members wished to remove an item from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

Commissioner Bencini asked to remove Item B.1. for separate consideration.

Motion was made by Commissioner Parks, and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the consent agenda

**VOTE: Motion to approve carried 7 - 2**

**AYES:** Commissioners Alston, Cashion, Davis, Parks, Perkins, Winstead, Yow.

**NOES:** Commissioners Bencini and Gibson

**A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

1. Approved decrease to Public Health’s FY 11-12 budget by ($990,378) as detailed below (includes a reduction in Fund Balance Appropriated of $9,421). NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED FOR ANY OF THESE ITEMS. Adult Services: ($942,156)
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(a) Approved a $1,802 increase in state receipts and a ($332) decrease in appropriated fund balance in our Medication Assistance Program to reflect additional funding to be received from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services to cover program operating expenses.
(b) Approved a $44,768 increase in other receipts (expired drug refund from Cardinal Drugs) in our Pharmacy Program to be used for the purchase of "replacement "drugs for vaccines that have expired or will be expiring in the next couple of months.
(c) Approved a ($1,000,000) decrease in user charges (Medicaid) in our Community Alternatives Program (CAP) to reflect a much lower than anticipated demand from clients for Medicaid funded home and vehicle modifications (those services allowing individuals to remain in their home instead of being resettled in a nursing home).
(d) Approved a $6,498 increase in federal receipts and a ($13) decrease in appropriated fund balance in our STD Training Center Program to be used for program operational expenses (i.e. training materials, etc.).
(e) Approved a $14,089 increase in federal receipts and a ($8,968) decrease in appropriated fund balance in our Syphilis Elimination Program to be used for program operational expenses (i.e. supplies).

Community / Environment: ($2,000)

(f) Approved a ($2,000) decrease in state receipts in our Environmental Health Hazards and Water/Sewer Programs. Operational expenses (small equipment purchases) will be reduced to offset this State funding reduction.

Family / Children’s Services: ($46,222)

(g) Approved a $94 increase in state receipts in our Child Fatality Investigation Program. Additional funding will be utilized for program operating expenditures.

(h) Approved a ($46,208) decrease in federal receipts and a ($108) decrease in appropriated fund balance in our WIC (Women, Infant, and Children’s) Program (to account for stable rather than increasing caseloads during FY 2012). Program budgeted expenditures (office / medical supplies) and lapsed salaries from vacant positions will be reduced to offset the decrease in Federal funds.

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2. Approved Increase to the FY 11-12 Law Enforcement budget to reflect the appropriation of $2,591 from Federal Forfeiture funds to pay the Federal Share and expenses for a seized 2007 Chevy Express Van from the U.S. Marshals Service. This vehicle will replace an older vehicle in our fleet which will be put in surplus and the new vehicle will be used for law enforcement duties. The Federal Forfeiture balance is $1,188,819. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

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B. MISCELLANEOUS

2. Reviewed and approved the Tax 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. (The Board also received a rebate release list of 10% and up.)

3. Reviewed and approved the Beverage Licenses and Tax Collections Reports.

APPROVED BEVERAGE LICENSES FOR TAX DEPARTMENT

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 parties 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 his assistants 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 September 30, 2011 for the Greensboro, High Point, Jamestown and Countywide collections offices, and a back year financial report.

4. Adopted Resolution Authorizing the City of Burlington to Issue Pyrotechnic Exhibition Permits Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 14-413.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BURLINGTON TO ISSUE PYROTECHNIC EXHIBITION PERMITS PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. § 14-413

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes, Section 14-413 authorize the Board of County Commissioners of any county to grant a city municipality within its county the authority to issue permits for pyrotechnics to be exhibited, used, or discharged within the corporate limits of the city; and

WHEREAS, in circumstances where a city lies in more than one county, the Board of County Commissioners of each county must adopt a resolution authorizing the city municipality to issue pyrotechnic display permits; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2011, the City Council of the City of Burlington adopted a resolution requesting that the Boards of Commissioners of Alamance County and Guilford County, North Carolina each adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Burlington to issue pyrotechnic display permits;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Guilford County Board of Commissioners that the authority is hereby granted to the City of Burlington to issue pyrotechnic exhibition permits in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, Section 14-413(a1).

Adopted this the 20th day of October, 2011.


ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

1. Accepted the Schedule of Values, Standards & Rules for Guilford County's 2012 real property revaluation. Schedule a November 3, 2011 public hearing to receive public comment about the 2012 Schedule of Values, Standards and Rules.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bencini, and seconded by Commissioner Cashion to approve the Schedule of Values, Standards & Rules for Guilford County’s 2012 Real Property Revaluation.
Commissioner Bencini asked for an analysis from staff on what is different in the schedule for this cycle compared to the last cycle.

Chairman Alston noted the request.

Chairman Alston stated Commissioner Coleman had joined the meeting via conference telephone at 5:55 p.m.

VOTE: Motion to approve carried 10-0
AYES: Commissioners Alston, Bencini, Cashion, Coleman, Davis, Gibson, Parks, Perkins, Winstead, Yow.
NOES: None.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Approved purchase price of the real property located at 505 W. Sycamore Street in the amount of $2,000,000 and amend the FY 2011-12 annual budget ordinance as follows to appropriate funds for the purchase of the real property: increase County Building Construction Fund level - Appropriation for Land purchase by $2,000,000 and increase County Building Construction Fund level - Appropriated Fund Balance - by $2,000,000.

Mark Payne, County Attorney, said if the Board feels this issue merits further discussion it can be done in closed session but if the Board is ready to move forward he has scheduled the closing for the next week.

Motion was made by Commissioner Winstead, and seconded by Commissioner Parks to approve the purchase price of the real property located at 505 W. Sycamore St. in the amount of $2,000,000 and amend the FY 2011-12 annual budget ordinance as follows to appropriate funds for the purchase of the real property: increase County Building Construction Fund level - Appropriation for Land purchase by $2,000,000 and increase County Building Construction Fund level - Appropriated Fund Balance - by $2,000,000.

Commissioner Perkins clarified that this is the property the County is purchasing from the Board of Education for parking and future use.

Mr. Payne stated this action is a follow-up from previous Board action where the Board exercised its right to acquire the property from the Board of Education.

VOTE: Motion carried 10 - 0
AYES: Commissioners Alston, Bencini, Cashion, Coleman, Davis, Gibson, Parks, Perkins, Winstead, and Yow.
NOES: None.

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B. **Postponed Discussion on Options for Signage at the entrance of New Greensboro Detention Center.**

Chairman Alston noted that the item has been pulled from the agenda.

C. **Named the New Greensboro facility the “Guilford County Detention Center”.**

Commissioner Gibson pointed out that the naming of the facility came before the jail advisory committee and it was suggested that it be referred to the Naming Committee. He asked if Major Debora Montgomery can also address this item on behalf of the Sheriff’s Department.

Commissioner Cashion said the Naming Committee met this week and she reviewed the committee discussion. She said the Committee agreed on “Guilford County Detention Center” as the name of the new Greensboro facility and she said they also recommend the County seal should be displayed on all Guilford County buildings. She said no decision was made on the signage at the detention center entrance because they did not have enough information on pricing. She proposed that the opportunity to name other County buildings be extended to the community at large. She proposed the Board confirm allowing the community to participate in the naming by allowing for a 30 day comment period through the County website.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Parks to approve the opportunity for the public to participate in the naming of County buildings.

Commissioner Coleman suggested that none of building should be named for living persons.

Commissioner Cashion responded that exception is included in the policy already. She said they are proposing putting the policy online along with the list of buildings.

Commissioner Davis pointed out the policy allows that if a living person makes a significant contribution then the building can be named for the contributor.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 10 - 0

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

**NOES:** None.
Motion was made by Commissioner Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Parks to approve the County seal should be on all Guilford County buildings as they go through the process of naming the buildings and installing those names.

Commissioner Davis asked where the seal will be placed and suggested the motion should be more specific.

Brenda Fox, County Manager, asked to leave some flexibility to the Committee. She said a few of the buildings already have the seal but most do not.

Commissioner Bencini asked about buildings that do not have names or seals currently.

Commissioner Davis suggested as the buildings are named the seals will be placed on the buildings.

Commissioner Gibson asked whether the seal will be placed on the exterior of the buildings. He said the Committee should have flexibility.

Commissioner Yow asked for clarification since the motion states all buildings will have the seal.

Commissioner Cashion said the intent was to place the seals as they proceed through the naming process.

Commissioner Yow asked if there was a cost associated with the naming and seal placement.

Ms. Fox said they will have to build the cost in the future and will take a while to work through the process.

Commissioner Perkins asked to clarify “all” County buildings.

Ms. Fox said the intent was all County owned buildings.

Commissioner Cashion amended the motion to include all County buildings named in the future.

Commissioner Gibson asked to add "where appropriate" to the motion. He deferred to the County Attorney regarding the appropriate language for the motion.

Mr. Payne said there seems to be general consensus that the motion is to approve naming all buildings where appropriate, and where appropriate affix the building with a County seal at such time a name is recommended or otherwise approved by the Board.

Commissioner Cashion agreed to amend her motion to include the language suggested by the County Attorney.

Commissioner Winstead expressed concern the motion sounded vague and general.
Commissioner Yow indicated he was voting against the motion because he did not know the cost associated with it.

VOTE: Motion to approve carried 9 - 1
AYES: Commissioners Alston, Bencini, Cashion, Coleman, Davis, Gibson, Parks, Perkins, and Winstead.
NOES: Commissioner Yow

Motion was made by Commissioner Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve naming the new Greensboro facility the “Guilford County Detention Center”.

Commissioner Gibson asked to hear from the Sheriff’s Department regarding the naming of the detention center since they will be utilizing the building. He said the Naming Committee made a mistake by not having a representative of the Sheriff’s Department when the name was being considered.

Major Debora Montgomery said the Sheriff’s Department has had much discussion regarding the building name. She said the state defines the facility as a jail and about half the facilities in the state are called jails and half are called detention centers. She said the High Point facility is named the Guilford County Detention Center and the current Greensboro facility is called the Law Enforcement Center. She said Sheriff’s Department recommends the new facility be called Guilford County Jail Central because they did not want to cause confusion between the jail and Juvenile Detention Center.

Chairman Alston noted Vice Chairman Shaw joined the meeting via speaker phone at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Davis said the Committee worked very diligently at coming up with a solution and spent a better part of two hours discussing the item. He said he believed there was enough time at the Committee meeting to have someone from the Sheriff’s Department come to the meeting to participate in the name discussion. He said the plans for this facility have always referred to it as a Detention Center and he did not believe the public would be confused by the name.

Commissioner Gibson said the Committee discussion centered on the distinction between jail and detention center. He said he understands why the Sheriff's department wants to name it jail central but they do want it to be more than a jail so he does not have a problem with the word detention. He asked to make a substitute motion. Chairman Alston stated that he would come back to him to make a substitute motion.

Commissioner Perkins said he wanted to support the Committee’s decision unless there is a compelling reason not to support it.

Commissioner Davis said he did not want to go against the recommendation of the Committee by changing the word Center to Central.
Major Montgomery said in light of the discussion at Committee meeting the staff does see any problems with Detention Central since it is different from the High Point facility which is Detention Center.

Commissioner Cashion said she has served on the Jail Construction Advisory committee and they have always referred to it as the detention center. She said did not know there was a serious objection to the word “center”.

Substitute Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson, and seconded by Commissioner Yow to name the new Greensboro facility the “Guilford County Detention Central”.

Commissioner Yow said the name proposed by the Committee would be redundant because of the High Point Facility. He said since this will be the central facility for Law Enforcement he urged the Board to support using the word central.

Commissioner Gibson said this is the central facility in Guilford County and he preferred the term for the building but either term central or center will work for the building. He hoped that in the future if Committee is considering names for buildings they will invite representatives from the departments that will be occupying the buildings for input.

Commissioner Shaw said out of respect for the work of the Committee the Board needs to go with the Committee recommendation.

Substitute motion was made by Commissioner Perkins, and seconded by Commissioner Yow to ask the Committee to reconsider the name for the facility and bring back a recommendation.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Committee has already spent a great deal of time on this matter and he hoped that Commissioner Gibson might consider withdrawing his motion.

Commissioner Perkins withdrew his substitute motion.

VOTE: Substitute Motion to name the facility Guilford County Detention Central failed 3 - 8
AYES: Commissioners Bencini, Gibson, and Yow.
NOES: Commissioner Alston, Cashion, Coleman, Davis, Parks, Perkins, Shaw, and Winstead

VOTE: Motion to name the facility Guilford County Detention Center the carried 10 - 1
AYES: Commissioners Alston, Bencini, Cashion, Coleman, Davis, Gibson, Parks, Perkins, Shaw, and Winstead.
NOES: Commissioner Yow

The Chairman called a short recess at 6:55 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

VII. NEW BUSINESS
A. Heard Update on Evans-Blount Clinic

Merle Green, Health Director, spoke about the Evans-Blount Community Health Center’s first year of operation. She explained the clinic provides a wide array of preventative and primary care and the public-private partnership model has worked well for the health center. She introduced Sharon Hightower, a client at the health center.

Sharon Hightower shared a positive personal experience she had with the care at the clinic and thanked the Board for their support of Evans-Blount.

Commissioner Coleman said she has been a frequent visitor at the facility and has been pleased with the clinic. She said the number of patients have increased and she encouraged the Board to get the word out to the community about the clinic.

Donna Moore, Regional Director of Corizon, provided the highlights of the health center from the first year. She reviewed the services they currently provide at the clinic including health screenings and physicals. She said the majority of the patients are coming from the area around the Evans-Blount Health Center in the 27406 zip code but they also have patients coming from Burlington and High Point.

Commission Perkins thanked the staff and he said it has been very successful.

Chairman Alston and Commissioner Cashion also thanked the staff for all their work in the community.

B. Adopted resolution for funding for PART for continued operations in FY 2011-12

Chairman Alston stated he has been meeting with the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) and they are working to come up with a recommendation to assist PART in carrying out their operations through this fiscal year. He read a resolution for funding support for PART.

Motion was made by Chairman Alston, and seconded by Commissioner Cashion to adopt the resolution for funding support for PART.

Commissioner Yow expressed concern this is a short-term fix and but the financial issues will remain.

Brent McKinney, Executive Director of PART, said the rental car tax enacted in 2002 brought in $3.2 million this year but the revenue has declined over the last three years due to the current economy. He said they have done well but can't go any farther without additional money. He spoke about the funding streams for the Raleigh and Charlotte regional transportation systems and shared statistics that compare PART favorably with other regional systems. He said short term if they do not receive additional funds they will need to make cuts. He stated that long term they would like to implement a $3 annual license fee which would generate $1.2 million for a
regional system. He explained they would need to notify the state in January if they intend to implement the fee since it takes six months to enact.

Commissioner Gibson said the County has a moral obligation to provide transportation but he was concerned about the $394,000 requested. He asked if there was any indication whether the other organizations in Guilford County would provide funding.

Chairman Alston stated they are working on setting up meetings but don’t have commitments yet.

Commissioner Bencini said the equal share does not reflect the ridership from the jurisdictions. He said he would like a change made to the resolution to show where services are being provided instead of equal shares. He said he did not feel the City of High Point would go along with the equal amounts.

Chairman Alston said that discussion regarding the share of funding can be a part of the negotiations with the City of High Point.

Commissioner Bencini said he would feel more comfortable voting on a resolution with weighting of the ridership and service levels included. He said the Board needed the figures from Mr. McKinney to determine the amounts to be requested from other organizations.

Chairman Alston said the resolution can be amended to have pro rata ridership.

Mark Payne, County Attorney, suggested the language could be added to the resolution to state "appropriate share" instead of a specific dollar figure.

Chairman Alston amended his motion to include the language “appropriate share”.

Commissioner Parks stated that there was a short fall of $1.1 million. He asked about the other governmental entities and what is the long range strategy to address revenue.

Mr. McKinney said PART dipped into their fund balance and now it was a difficult time to address long term needs because of the economy. He spoke about the benefits for the PART users and the region at large.

Commissioner Perkins said the resolution read the County will cut the check for $394,000 and hope to get money back from the other organizations. He said he would feel more comfortable if they had an agreement with the other entities for funding before cutting the check.

Chairman Alston stated the majority of PART riders live in Guilford County and it is a County responsibility for a regional transportation system.

Mr. McKinney explained two-thirds of the current PART riders are from Guilford County. He said the state legislation is set up so all the PART funding comes through the counties.
Commissioner Coleman said as a member of the PART Board they have monitored every dime they have been spent. She said she feels PART is the best things that has happened to the region. She added Winston-Salem has already have taken a position and this funding is Guilford County's responsibility. She encouraged the Board to support the resolution.

Commissioner Winstead asked what riders pay when and how they determine the fare.

Mr. McKinney said it is fine line since there needs to be incentive for the rider to ride the bus because there is a tradeoff between convenience. He added PART has recently raised the fares 24% but he didn't think they could go much higher.

Commissioner Winstead said businesses should step up to subsidize bus service. He said he understands the need for transportation and he hopes PART asks local companies for help.

Mr. McKinney said some businesses sell passes and others provide passes to their employees as a benefit.

Commissioner Yow asked Mr. McKinney if he believed the voters would support adding a $3 fee to licenses to support PART.

Mr. McKinney said he believed many people would support it because they would like to see their money stay here and also help the environment.

Commissioner Yow said PART will eventually need to sustain itself so he doesn’t support giving additional money to support PART. He added he did not believe the $3 tax would pass if put on a ballot.

Commissioner Shaw said she sees both sides of the argument but she was concerned that if the County does not support it then people will lose their jobs because they will have no way to get to work.

**VOTE:** Motion to adopt carried 9 - 2

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

**NOES:** Commissioners Bencini and Yow

**RESOLUTION FOR FUNDING SUPPORT FOR THE PIEDMONT AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION (PART).**

**WHEREAS,** the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) provides intercity commuter transportation services to residents of our community; and

**WHEREAS,** the service reduces the number of vehicles and the level of congestion on our community’s streets and makes it possible for people without cars or with limited family budgets to make their daily work commutes at less cost than driving personal vehicles; and
WHEREAS, the revenues from the five-percent tax on vehicle rentals in the current economy is down by $1.1M; and

WHEREAS, PART has had to increased fares twice in the past four months and has had to reduce service levels by twenty-five percent of its service hours; and

WHEREAS, the further increasing of the fee these transit patrons pay or reducing the service levels to them would be counterproductive to the community’s needs; and

WHEREAS, Guilford County, the City of Greensboro, High Point, Cone Health and High Point Regional Hospital will each be asked to provide an appropriate share in funding for a total of $394,202 to allow PART to minimize service reductions; and

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of continuing PART’s present level of services to the citizens of Guilford County and the urgency for those needed funds to made available to PART as soon as practicable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Guilford County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the grant to PART the sum of $394,202 in support for PART for the current fiscal year. Guilford County will request to be reimbursed for any grants made on behalf of PART by the City of Greensboro, the City of High Point, High Point Regional Hospital and Cone Health pursuant to the requests referenced above. Guilford County staff is hereby authorized to take such actions as necessary to carry out this resolution.

ADOPTED this the 20th day of October, 2011.

C. Rescinded Commercial Investment Policy Effective January 1, 2012

Commissioner Shaw left the meeting via speakerphone at 8:15 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Perkins, and seconded by Commissioner Parks to rescind the Commercial Investment Policy effective January 1, 2012 and any applicants presently in the system be allowed to complete their application process and be voted on by the Board.

Commissioner Perkins said he believed the policy created an unfair process and it is time to rescind it and move on.

Commissioner Gibson said the motion spoke about any companies in the process and he asked if any companies were currently in the application process.

Brenda Fox, County Manager, said there is one company in the process and one company that expressed interested. She said the Board would have a hearing in March for any 2011 applicants.

Commissioner Winstead asked how many companies have used the policy. Ms. Fox replied only one business applied.
Commissioner Winstead said he would support the motion because the policy has not worked as well as it was intended.

Commissioner Yow asked for clarification on the time frame for businesses to apply if the policy is rescinded.

Commissioner Perkins said businesses that want to apply have until the end of the year to apply under his motion.

Betty Garrett, Planning and Development, said if a developer wishes to apply under the current policy they need a building permit, staff has to check the zoning, and the company must invest at least $10,000. She explained staff will report in February 2012 regarding the applications received in 2011 and Board will hold a public hearing on the applications in March.

Commissioner Yow asked to make the effective date to rescind November 1, 2011.

Commissioner Perkins agreed to amend the motion to rescind November 1, 2011.

Ms. Garrett said she is aware there is an application being worked on now and they expect it to be submitted in the near future according to the Greensboro Economic Development Alliance.

Mark Payne, County Attorney, said the Board needs to set an application deadline and this discussion serves to give notice to anyone interested in the policy so they can file an application by the deadline.

Commissioner Parks said there was a considerable amount of time put into the policy and he inquired about the Attorney General’s ruling.

Mr. Payne responded that he asked for three times for the Attorney General's ruling and he has not received a response.

Commissioner Cashion said she was conflicted. She said rescinding the policy might be premature and she can’t support a deadline of November 1st.

Ms. Garrett said Nov. 1st would be a tight time frame for the second applicant. She explained the company is on a fast pace but it takes time to get a permit.

Commissioner Yow asked if Ms. Garrett preferred a deadline other than November 1st.

Ms. Garrett said a deadline of January 1st would be preferable.

Commissioner Perkins agreed to amend his motion back to the original deadline of January 1, 2012.

VOTE: Motion to rescind carried 9 - 1
AYES: Commissioners Alston, Bencini, Coleman, Davis, Gibson, Parks, Perkins, Winstead, and Yow.
D. Received County Transportation Update from Transportation Director

Myra Thompson, Transportation Director/Social Services, said the current vendor MV Transportation has given the County 60 days notice that they are terminating the contract. She said she informed the State regarding the situation and the State is pushing for the regionalization of transportation services. She said staff has had conversations with PART regarding merging services and they are working on the details now. She said there is a meeting scheduled with the PART Board on Nov. 9th and a possible contract will be discussed.

Chairman Alston said they hoped to have a contract for the Board to consider the first meeting in November.

Ms. Thompson explained staff is trying to work out 30 day extension with MV but MV has already promised the current vehicles to another entity. She said in the meantime the department is not adding any new riders.

Commissioner Perkins said this is a vital service for citizens and he requested any current drivers that work for MV be considered by PART since they understand the clients being served.

Commissioner Yow asked about splitting the contract between two providers.

Ms. Thompson said the current discussions are to have PART take over the entire operation.

Commissioner Parks asked about the potential cost. Ms. Thompson replied it will stay within the current budgeted amounts.

The County Attorney clarified it won’t technically be a contract but rather it will be an interlocal agreement with PART.

X. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Stephen Harrington thanked the Board for their support of PART. He presented the Board with a petition in support of PART.

XI. HELD CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A REAL ESTATE MATTER AND FOR THE POSSIBLE EXPANSION OR LOCATION OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY

Motion was made by Commissioner Perkins, and seconded by Commissioner Parks to enter closed session to discuss a real estate matter and economic development.

VOTE: Motion carried 10 - 0
AYES: Commissioners Alston, Bencini, Cashion, Coleman, Davis, Gibson, Parks,
Perkins, Winstead, and Yow.

NOES: None.

The Board entered closed session at 8:50 p.m.

The Board came back into open session at 9:25 p.m.

Motion was made by Chairman Alston, seconded by Commissioner Parks to approve to go into contract to sell the Evergreens property located at 206 Greensboro Rd. in High Point for the price of $3.1 million and instruct staff to take the necessary steps to secure the contract and advertise for an upset bid.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
AYES: Commissioners Alston, Bencini, Cashion, Davis, Gibson, Parks, Perkins, Winstead, and Yow.
NOES: None.

Motion was made by Commissioner Perkins, and seconded by Commissioner Parks to approve setting a public hearing for an economic incentive on November 3rd.

VOTE: Motion carried 5 - 4
AYES: Commissioners Alston, Cashion, Davis, Parks, and Perkins.
NOES: Commissioners Bencini, Gibson, Winstead, and Yow

VIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Parks urged citizens to attend Northeast Park’s Haunted Forest and stated that he and several Commissioners had the chance to meet the President this week at GTCC.

Commissioner Parks spoke about jobs and the recent announcements regarding FedEx Ground and HondaJet.

Commissioner Cashion said the Citizens Academy met in High Point this week and were pleased Commissioner Davis joined the group.

Commissioner Davis spoke about the State NAACP Convention in High Point and the positive economic impact of the convention.

Commissioner Bencini announced that Furniture Market begins this week.

Chairman Alston commended Guilford County EMS for their response to a recent incident he was involved with.

XII. ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.
Chairman

Deputy Clerk