I. INVOCATION

Ben Chavis presented the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Zachary Ellis, an Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop 23, led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Davis recognized Mr. Ellis for his accomplishments as he recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Commissioner Davis stated that Ellis had collected and distributed Christmas gifts for all the students and staff at Parkview Elementary. Davis commended Ellis for his hard work and leadership in organizing the project. Commissioner Davis wished Ellis well regarding his future educational pursuits.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bencini called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.
IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Speakers from the Floor started at 5:51 PM.

Shaundrece Lamar Covington of Greensboro asserted his beliefs that, as result of allegations raised during an active custody dispute matter, the Department of Social Service was attacking his creditability. Mr. Covington urged the Commissioners to look into the juvenile court system and invited them to attend his next court date.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1) Increase the FY 2013-2014 budget for Cooperative Extension to reflect the acceptance of a grant received in November 2013 for $14,643 from High Point Community Foundation for the purpose of purchasing supplies to establish "Growing Healthy Families School Gardens" at various Guilford County Schools. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

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2) Approve Increase to the FY 2013-3014 budget for Cooperative Extension in the amount of $11347 to accept a donation from Whole Foods Market, The George Andreve Foundation and the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro for the purpose of the School Garden Network program to help support contracted services to help establish and coordinate school garden programs in additional Guilford County Schools. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

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B. CONTRACTS

1. Approve Price Only Contract, in substantial form as attached hereto, with lowest responsive bidder Stryker, 3800 E. Centre Ave., Portage, MI 49002 for Stryker Ambulance Stretchers for Emergency Services Department. Contract amount is $120,205. The contract period will begin on January 15, 2014 and end on January 14, 2016 with the option to renew for two additional one year renewal options. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS.

C. MISCELLANEOUS
1. Approve the Tax Department's Beverage License and Tax Collections Reports for the months ending November 30, 2013 and December 31, 2013.


3. Approve resolution authorizing the Grant and execution of temporary construction and permanent utility easements to the City of Winston-Salem for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Reedy Fork Pump Station and associated structures, as allowed in N.C.G.S. 153A-176 and 160A-273; and authorize staff to take all reasonable and necessary steps to execute the easements.

4. Receive Budget Amendment report for budget amendments that have been processed under the authority granted to the County Manager in the FY 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance.

5. Approve the following sets of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes: 12/12/13 - Education Committee, 12/12/13 - Audit Committee, 12/12/13 - Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Bruce Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Ray Trapp to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0.
NOES: None.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Hold Public Hearing concerning the issuance and sale by The Guilford County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority (the "Authority") of its Special Purpose Revenue Bond (YMCA of Greensboro Project), Series 2014 (the "Bond") in an amount not to exceed $7,000,000, the proceeds of which will be loaned to The Young Men's Christian Association of Greensboro, Incorporated, a North Carolina nonprofit corporation (the "YMCA") to be used to (a) acquire, construct and equip a new approximately 57,000 square foot facility to be known as The Hayes-Taylor YMCA (the "Project") and (b) pay certain costs of issuance relating to the Bond. The Project will be located on an approximately 19 acre leased site located in Barber Park at 1500 Dans Road, Greensboro, North Carolina. The Project will be owned and operated by the YMCA. The Authority is expected to meet to consider the adoption of a resolution approving the Project and the Bond on January 8, 2014. If approved, Bonds to be issued by the Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority. NO OBLIGATION TO THE COUNTY.
Mary Nash Rusher who serves as Bond Council of the Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Authority presented the item to the Commissioners. Rusher explained that the Authority would provided conduit financing for the YMCA project and reviewed the financing responsibilities associated with the bonds.

Commissioner Davis asked for clarification regarding the pass through of the funds.

Ms. Rusher clarified that the County simply gives the Industrial Commissions the authority to issue the bonds. Rusher shared that the funds do not actually pass through the County.

Commissioner Trapp asked for clarification. Trapp asked if the purpose of the Commissioners’ review was to ensure that the proposed YMCA project met a public good.

County attorney Payne clarified that one component of the Board’s review was to ensure that the project met a public good.

Commissioner Coleman spoke in favor of the proposal and encouraged the Board to support the YMCA construction project. Coleman shared that the YMCA provided many benefits to the community.

Commissioner Cashion expressed her support for the project. Cashion asked for clarification regarding the proposal.

Ms. Rusher explained that the Authority met yesterday and approved the bonds; however, the issuance will be contingent upon the Commissioners approval of the project.

Commissioner Trapp expressed his support for the YMCA construction project.

No one signed up to speak for or against the proposal.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ray Trapp, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to approve the issuance and sale by The Guilford County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority (the "Authority") of its Special Purpose Revenue Bond (YMCA of Greensboro Project), Series 2014 (the "Bond") in an amount not to exceed $7,000,000, the proceeds of which will be loaned to The Young Men's Christian Association of Greensboro, Incorporated, a North Carolina nonprofit corporation (the "YMCA") to be used to (a) acquire, construct and equip a new approximately 57,000 square foot facility to be known as The Hayes-Taylor YMCA (the "Project") and (b) pay certain costs of issuance relating to the Bond. The Project will be located on an approximately 19 acre leased site located in Barber Park at 1500 Dans Road, Greensboro, North Carolina. The Project will be owned and operated by the YMCA. The Authority meet to consider the adoption of a resolution approving the Project and the Bond on January 8, 2014. If approved, Bonds to be issued by the Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority. NO OBLIGATION TO THE COUNTY.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Business from County Commissioners

Commissioner Davis requested that the Board consider and approve a $250,000 contribution to the War Memorial Foundation for construction of the Carolina Field of Honor.

Commissioner Davis amended his motion to alter the source of funding for the project from park capital improvements to the Open Space program.

Commissioner Davis spoke to the leadership of Mr. Bill Moss, who has been working on organizing the fundraising drive to support the project.

Commissioner Davis wanted to make sure that the War Memorial Foundation did not get behind on their obligation to the citizens. Davis stated that he wanted to ensure the project could be completed on time. Davis shared that Guilford County had shown great leadership and support for the project. Davis urged the Board to make a monetary contribution to finalize the fundraising efforts and to ensure the success of the memorial.

Commissioner Coleman shared her support of the project. Coleman asked for clarification regarding the remaining balance for the Open Space program. Coleman also stated that she wanted ensure that all requirements were met for the Open Space Program.

Marty Lawing, County Manager, stated that the funding for the War Memorial project would come from remaining bond proceeds and unallocated revenues earmarked for trails development. Lawing shared that that these two sources of funding totaled about $527,000. Lawing also commented that the Open Space Acquisition Fund had about $189,000 in remaining capital.

Commissioner Coleman asked if the remaining funds had been budgeted for a particular project.

Lawing stated that the funding was remaining in the Open Space Program’s budget, but had not been committed to any particular project.

Commissioner Coleman asked if proposed alternations had been discussed this with the Open Space Committee.

Mr. Lawing reported that he had not spoken to the Open Space Committee regarding the project.

Commissioner Coleman asked if the County had received any donations from Greensboro or High Point to support the development of the Field of Honor.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Foundation had received a significant amount from both the City of High Point and the City of Greensboro. Davis asked Mr. Bill Knight to address the Board regarding the Foundation’s fundraising efforts.
Bill Knight shared that the cities of Greensboro, High Point, and Winston Salem have jointly contributed $250,000. Knight stated that the City of Kernersville gave $10,000.

Mr. Lawing clarified that he has checked with County Attorney Mark Payne and that the bond proceeds could be utilized to support the Field of Honor project.

Commissioner Branson shared that he recently attended a Guilford County Parks and Recreation Committee meeting and stated that there was a lot of questions regarding the Field of Honor project. Branson commented that though he supported the proposal, he expressed concerns regarding appropriating money to the project. Branson shared that Guilford County had donated some of the land to make the Field of Honor project possible. Branson stated that he was also concerned about the costs associated with ongoing maintenance at the new facility. Branson commented that he wanted to ensure the County was able to improve and maintain its current roster of park properties before acquiring new projects.

County Attorney Payne clarified that the $250,000 in excess bond proceeds could be used to develop the Field of Honor project.

Commissioner Branson commented that he thought the County had failed in planning and implementing the Open Space program. Branson expressed concerns regarding the proposed donation to the Carolina Field of Honor project.

Commissioner Cashion questioned if there were any conflicts with utilizing any of the surplus bond proceeds but noted that the County Attorney referenced that there was not. Cashion shared that at one point the County had developed a list describing the needed improvements at the various parks. Cashion asked if the any of those funds would be used to make the donation to the proposed Field of Honor project.

Lawing stated that there is some flexibility within the parks and recreation and property management budget. Lawing shared that the Board would receive an update on the state of County Parks at the upcoming retreat. Lawing commented that the projects he was recommending diverting funds from to pay for the donation were almost complete. As such Lawing shared, no current projects would be jeopardized.

Commissioner Cashion asked if the $250,000 donation would close out the project.

Commissioner Davis shared that the funding would close out phase one, two, and three of the park. Davis shared that additional funding would help to support the development of phase four of the project- called the Meandering Garden.

Commissioner Cashion expressed her support for the project.

Commissioner Shaw asked Mr. Knight to clarify the contributions from other local government entities.

Mr. Knight reviewed the cash contributions.
Commissioner Shaw asked if Forsyth County had contributed to the project.

Mr. Knight stated that Forsyth County has not provided financial support to the project as of yet. Knight commented that the Foundation would be approaching Forsyth County for funding.

Commissioner Shaw shared her support for the project.

Commissioner Phillips asked for clarity on the substitute motion.

Lawing commented that the funds for the donation would come from excess capital project dollars from trails development.

Commissioner Phillips asked Mr. Ashton, Open Space Planner, to speak to the proposed reallocation of trails development funding.

Ashton shared that the trails development funds was approved by the Board as apart of a past CIP process. Ashton stated that there are no particular projects that are designated at this time for funding.

Commissioner Phillips asked if any funding for trails development had been currently allocated for any of the County preserves.

Ashton commented that the Open Space preserve properties are not contingent upon the trails program funding. Ashton also stated that currently there are no planned trails development projects currently underway.

Commissioner Phillips asked Mr. Knight to address the Board. Phillips asked Knight to speak to future fundraising efforts at the Park. Phillips stated that he reviewed the Foundation’s business plan and did not see much consideration for estimates regarding future donations to the Park.

Mr. Knight shared the costs of the pavers and updated the Board on the Foundation’s fundraising efforts. Knight commented that the fundraising efforts have been ongoing for about two years. As donations are slowing, the Foundation wants to keep the project on track because they have a contract on a monthly contract. Knight shared that the construction contract is valued at about $2,100,000. Knight appealed to the Board to support the project.

Commissioner Phillips shared his support for the request.

Vice Chairman Henning spoke in support of the Field of Honor project. He clarified that the resources that would be utilized to construct the Memorial were unappropriated County funds. Henning shared that the project would be an asset for the County. Henning stated that he supported the funding request because it was a tangible project which honored veterans.

Commissioner Cashion thanked Mr. Knight and Mr. Moss for their efforts in organizing the Memorial. Cashion asked for clarification on some of the outstanding pledges. Cashion asked if any of the outstanding pledges were contingent on the County providing funds to the project.
Mr. Knight that the outstanding pledges was not contingent on the County’s support for the project. Knight stated that the Foundation would be timely and good stewards of the County’s funds- was expected to come in under budget.

Chairman Bencini shared his support for the project.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bruce Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw to approve: 1. Consider and approve a $250,000 contribution to the War Memorial Foundation for construction of the Carolina Field of Honor and the associated budget amendment attached here to; and APPROVE a transfer of $250,000 from three existing parks capital project ordinances: 1) Bicentennial Greenway Trail ($84,000), 2) Bryan Park Phase I ($83,000) and 3) Bur-Mil Park Improvements ($83,000) to the Triad Park capital project ordinance for the purpose of finalizing construction of the Carolina Field of Honor memorial project at Triad Park. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0.
NOES: None.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Branson spoke regarding the Muscadine grape harvest at the County Prison Farm. Branson shared that he supports the programs housed at the Prison Farm as well as agribusiness in the County. Branson stated that he still had questions and concerns regarding Project Haystack.

Commissioner Shaw stated that there are still questions regarding Project Haystack, but it was a project worth pursuing. Shaw commented that Guilford County was the last unit of government in the State to operate a prison farm. Shaw questioned the profitability and utility of the Prison Farm. Shaw thought Project Haystack could create jobs for Guilford County residents. Shaw recognized students from Grimsley High School who were attending the meeting. The students introduced themselves to the Board.

Commissioner Cashion updated the Board regarding her work with the National Board for the Association of County Commissioners. Cashion shared with the Board the various conferences and workshops she had recently attended.

Commissioner Davis complimented the County Prison Farm on the quality of products which are produced at the facility. Davis thanked Board members for supporting the War Memorial Foundation in its work to complete the Carolina Field of Honor. Davis emphasized the importance of completing the project especially for WWII veterans. Davis shared his pride in seeing such a complex regional project implemented.

Chairman Bencini thanked Commissioner Davis for his service and efforts.
Commissioner Coleman brought forward three appoints for the Board to review:

**OAK RIDGE PLANNING BOARD**

Appoint Tammy Garner - ETJ Member

**OAK RIDGE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Appoint Ray Cassel - ETJ Member

**GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Appoint Commissioner Alan Branson - BOC Board Liaison

Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw to approve the appointments.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 9 – 0.


**NOES:** None.

Commissioner Coleman made a suggestion to the Sheriff regarding the Prison Farm. Coleman stated that as muscadine grapes are hard to find in the Triad, the Prison Farm could maybe look into selling a portion of their harvest. Coleman thought this would be a good marketing tool for the Prison Farm. Commissioner Coleman commended the Dudley High School football team for winning the 4A football championship. Coleman also wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Commissioner Davis shared that Andrew's High School had recently won the 2A football championship. Davis stated that it was an honor to have to State champions from Guilford County.

Commissioner Phillips thanked Commissioner Davis for his leadership in regard to the War Memorial Foundation and the Carolina Field of Honor. Phillips recognized his uncle, Jimmy Harrison; who fought in the Vietnam War. Phillips also thanked all the service men and women for their efforts. Phillips wished everyone a happy new year.

Commissioner Branson spoke regarding a fallen serviceman, Lt. J. Wesley Van Dorn, 29, of Greensboro, off the coast of Virginia who was a Southeast Guilford High School alumnus. Branson asked everyone to keep the Van Dorn family in their thoughts and prayers.

Commissioner Shaw thanked Commissioner Phillips and wife for the Christmas party they hosted. Shaw also wished everyone a happy new year.

Commissioner Cashion shared that she is a proud sister of a WWII veteran who lives here in Greensboro.
IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

A. Receive Manager's Report For Month of November and December

Lawing reminded the Board of the upcoming retreat which will be held at High Point University on January 16-17, 2014.

X. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

No one signed up to address the Board.

XI. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 FOR THE PURPOSES OF: CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY, CONSIDERING THE ACQUISITION OR SALE OF PROPERTY AND DISCUSSION OF A PERSONNEL MATTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw, and seconded by Commissioner Jeff Phillips to enter closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 for the purposes of: consulting with County Attorney, considering the acquisition or sale of property, and discussion of a personnel matter.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0.
NOES: None.

Meeting went into Recess at 7:02 PM.

Meeting Reconvened 8:49 PM.

XII. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM

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Chairman

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Clerk to Board