The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on April 4, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Linda Shaw; Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman (participated via phone at 6:30 p.m.) Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, John Parks, Kirk Perkins, 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; Crystal Maurer, Deputy Clerk to Board.

I. INVOCATION

Reverend Chase Lassiter, Marketplace Ministries & Community Chaplains International, gave the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Girl Scout Cadet Troop 40822, New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alston called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

IV. PRESENTED RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF BILL CRAFT

Commissioner Gibson read the resolution in honor of the life of Bill Craft, Sr. and acknowledged the Craft family members present. David Craft thanked the Board and accepted the resolution on behalf of the family. (See copy attached in file.)

Chairman Alston pointed out an addendum to the agenda.
He said a resolution declaring May 6, 2011 as Law Day in Guilford County has been added and will be read by Commissioner Davis.

**PRESENTED RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 6, 2011 AS LAW DAY IN GUILFORD COUNTY (Addendum)**

Commissioner Davis read the resolution declaring Law Day in Guilford County. (See copy attached in file.)

**V. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Harold Garrett, 4515 Indian Wells Drive, Forest Oaks Estates, expressed concern regarding water and sewer needs for the Forest Oaks Estates project. He asked the Commissioners to follow through on their promises for water and sewer service.

Dave Gearhart, 4515 Bromley Drive, expressed concern regarding the extension of water and sewer in the Forest Oaks Community. He provided the Board with documentation for the Board to review. He urged the Board to help the residents in receive what they were promised.

Revaughn Braxton, 4509 Pleasant Valley Road, spoke in support of Guilford Child Health and said it has personally helped him. He asked the Board to keep Guilford Child Health open.

Joanne Wittenborn, 3809 Waldenbrook Road, asked those present in opposition to raising taxes to stand in support and raise awareness. She urged the Board to support a budget with no tax increases and invited the Board to attend the Tax Day Tea Party on Friday, April 15th at 5:30 p.m. in the Governmental Plaza. She also said they are partnering with Urban Ministry and encouraged everyone to bring canned food to support Urban Ministries.

Jeff Phillips, 6108 Mountain Brook Road, said he has worked a team of concerned citizens reviewing the Guilford County Budget for schools. He said the team will be considering a 10% cut to the schools budget and they will be good stewards of tax dollars. He stated that their recommendations to the Board will be forthcoming.

Cheryl Peters, 8709 Joywood Court, Colfax, said she is concerned about the Guilford County Schools budget. She said she is a part of Mr. Phillips’ team to review the budget for cost savings and said now is the time for real cuts that will not impact the students, children and teachers.

Michael Norbury, 4109 Palladium Drive, spoke on the Guilford County Schools budget. He said central office positions cost too much and the administration is top-heavy. He asked the Board to review the school budget thoroughly for budget buts.

Orlando Johnson, 1702-C Hudgin’s Drive, spoke in support of Triad Adult Health Pediatric Medicine, Inc. He said it supports children and is vital to the community. He urged the Board to put children first and support the program by providing full funding.
Bill Foster, 2704 Currieton Court, Oak Ridge, read a Little Red Hen Story. He said redistributing resources with excessive taxes is not productive. He said lower taxes means greater revenue and urged the Board to support a no tax increase budget.

Isabella Atkins, 4319 Ravenstone Drive, Conservatives for Guilford County, asked the Board to stop spending tax dollars to support area non-profit organizations. She pointed out that non-profits such as the Greensboro Ballet thrive without government funding. She said taxpayers should decide what non-profit causes they personally want to support.

Jeremy Williams, 2009 Treyburn, High Point, spoke on the need to reduce taxes. He asked the Board to continue to question each and every line in the budget. He asked the Board to be good diligent stewards of taxpayers’ money and urged no more taxes.

Melissa Quiones, 4383 Baylor Street, spoke in support of Triad Adult and Pediatric Medicine. She said she is an employee of Triad Adult and Pediatric Medicine and indicated her daughter is also a patient with them. She said they offer wrap around services and the level of care is excellent. She urged the Board to continue their funding because they serve a large segment of the population that would otherwise not access medical care.

James Lewis, 1101 Hammel Road, pointed out a recent personal incident involving food stamp fraud in reference to a quote Robert Williams, DSS Director, made in the News & Record in which Mr. Williams articulated that social service programs stimulate the economy. Mr. Lewis said corruption exists and urged the Board to cease food stamp funding.

Shae Jamison, 3010 Keeler Street, spoke in support of funding for Guilford Child Health. She said she is a nurse and is concerned because her daughter is a patient of Guilford Child Health. She said her daughter is a participant in positive top notch programs sponsored by Guilford Child Health and urged the Board to continue their funding.

Angel Thomas, 1100 Long Leaf Drive, 11 years old, spoke in support of Guilford Child Health’s “Take Charge Program.” She said the program has helped her to live a healthy life and asked the Board to continue their funding.

Zavier White, 4400 Pleasant Valley Road, spoke in support of Guilford Child Health. He said it is important to him and his family.

Tyrel Clinard, 4509 Pleasant Valley Road, spoke in support of Guilford Child Health. He said it is a good place to go when you need help.

VI. APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Parks, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve the following consent agenda: the motion carried 7 to 3 on the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Motion carried 7 – 3
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Linda Shaw;
Commissioners Kay Cashion, Bruce Davis, John Parks, Kirk Perkins, Mike Winstead.

NOES: Commissioners Bill Bencini, Paul Gibson, Billy Yow.
ABSENT: Commissioner Coleman

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. Approved Public Health's request to decrease the FY 2011 budget ($40,205) as detailed below: NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.
   Adult Services: $2,332
   INCREASE Federal receipts $1,450 to reflect funds received from the NC Department of Health and Human Services (Title X Family Planning funds) to be used for in-service training for Physician Extenders to meet requirements for their continued certification.
   INCREASE State receipts $1,282 to reflect funds to be received from Greensboro Area Health Education Center (AHEC) for medical preceptorships performed by Public Health staff. Funds will be utilized for staff training in the Women's Health Program.
   DECREASE other receipts (multi-year grant received from the NC Association of Free Clinics) $400 to reflect actual FY 11 grant award for our Medication Assistance Program. Operational expenses will be reduced $400.

Community/Environment: ($32,084)
   DECREASE State receipts $32,084 to align State/County budgets in the Environmental Health Program, Food and Lodging Unit. Program operational expenses will be reduced to reflect the funding reduction.

Family and Children: ($10,453)
   INCREASE Other receipts (Guilford County Schools support of 5 school nurse positions) $2,011, DECREASE Fund Balance Appropriated $2,011 to reflect the actual funding amount to be received from the school system in FY 11.
   INCREASE State receipts $108,882, DECREASE Fund Balance Appropriated $119,335 to align budgets in our Project Launch Program. Operational expenditures will be reduced $10,453 to reflect the reduction in available grant funding. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

The Board adopted the following Budget Ordinance Amendment:

General Fund:

Decrease appropriation to PUBLIC HEALTH ($40,205)
Increase FEDERAL/STATE REVENUE $79,530
Increase OTHER REVENUE $1,611
Decrease Appropriated FUND BALANCE ($121,346)
2. a.) Adopted a capital project ordinance (Upgrade to Financial Reporting System) in the amount of $481,150 representing the estimated cost of the Lawson 9.01 upgrade to the County's financial reporting system. The funding source of the project is the County Capital Improvement Fund - Fund Balance.

b.) Awarded Event #218 for Lawson 9.01 upgrade technology services submitted by ACS Consultant company, Inc. (“ACS”), the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount totaling $281,150 and a hardware upgrade estimate of $200,000 for a total cost of $481,150.

The Board adopted the following Budget Ordinance Amendment:

**Adopt Capital Project Construction Fund**

**Upgrade to Financial Reporting System:**

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The Board Adopted the following Capital Project Ordinance:

**CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR UPGRADE TO FINANCIAL REPORTING SYSTEM**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners for Guilford County, North Carolina that for the following capital project ordinance adopted April 7, 2011 in Guilford County in accordance with G.S. 159-13.2:

**SECTION 1.** The following planned expenditure and associated revenue are hereby authorized and appropriated in connection with this project:

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**SECTION 2.** This project ordinance authorizes all appropriations necessary for the completion of this project and it need not be readopted in any subsequent fiscal year. The budget officer shall include in subsequent budgets information and appropriations for this project during the budget year.
SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be duly entered in the minutes of the Guilford County Board of Commissioners. Within five days after adoption, a copy hereof shall be filed with the Finance Director, Budget Director, and Clerk.

SECTION 4. This ordinance may be amended in any manner so long as it continues to fulfill the requirements of G.S. 159-13.2 and other applicable laws.

ADOPTED on first reading this April 7, 2011 in accordance with G.S. 159-17.

3. Approved the recommended budget adjustments to the Risk Management Internal Service Fund in the amount of $1,003,813 for liability insurance, property insurance and worker’s compensation insurance. This adjustment incorporates a change in investment earnings rates, appropriates additional funds for the Edgeworth Street fire and increases funds available for payment of Workers’ Compensation claims. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

The Board adopted the following Budget Ordinance Amendment:

Internal Services Fund:

Increase appropriation to:
RISK RETENTION-LIAB/PROP/WC $1,003,813

Increase OTHER-Risk Retention- Claims Refunds

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B. CONTRACTS

1. Approved the sole source contract with Bradley Boat Appraisals dba Vessel Valuation Services. The initial contract term is twelve (12) months and it shall remain in effect until canceled by either party giving (30) days notice. The contract cost is $0.35 per water craft registration processed and $0.15 per watercraft motor processed. The total one year cost estimate is $5,633. Funds are available for the contract in the Tax Department’s FY 10-11 budget. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

2. Approved a one-year contract with a one-year renewal option for Various Emergency Vehicle Equipment Replacement Parts and Equipment. Sheriff’s Department is looking to standardize vehicles and replacement parts to reduce costs and increase interchangeability for its fleet. Bid Event 215 is attached
listing the 37 different equipment replacement parts that were bid and awarded to the lowest responsible bidder - West Chatham Warning Devices, 2208 Gamble Rd., Savannah, Ga. in the amount of $134,813.42. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

3. Approved a three-year contract with two one-year renewal options for Third Party Administrator Services for Worker's Compensation for Guilford County to the lowest responsible bidder: Vendor: PMA Management Corp., 2359 Perimeter Pointe Parkway - Suite 250, Charlotte, NC, 28208 Amount: $105,000 ($35,000 per year for next 3 years) NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

4. Approved the following Price Only Contracts Renewals with NO PRICE INCREASES AND NOT EXPECTED TO EXCEED amounts listed for FY 2011-2012. The period to begin July 1, 2011 and end on June 30, 2012 with the following suppliers: *Qualifies as MWBE. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED. (Bonnie Stellfox) Otis Elevator Company (Contract 67478-07/09-005) - $62,160 - last renewal option for Elevator Maintenance Services For Guilford County (High Point & Greensboro) Infolab, Inc. (Contract 46646-11/10-099) - $100,000 - last renewal option for Laboratory Supplies for Health Department Infolab, Inc. (Contract 46646-07/09-002) - $100,000 - last renewal option for Medical and Clinical Supplies for the Health Department XPICOR (Purchase Order Agreement #108) - $120,880 - Last renewal option for Janitorial Services at DSS, Maple Street#6A, Greensboro, NC Kleen It Up (Contract 51544-10/10-083) - $106,431 - 1st of 2 renewal options for Janitorial Services for six (6) Guilford County locations * Picture Perfect Landscaping Inc. - (Contract 70453-12/10-107) - $68,742. - 1st of 2 renewal options for Lawn Maintenance at 14 Guilford County locations. The Squires Group (Purchase Order Agreement #183) - $70,300 - 1st of 2 renewal options for Janitorial Services at DSS Building - Russell Street Location #47, High Point, NC * Southeastern Paper Group (Contract 84018-12/10-114) - $113,443 - last renewal option for Industrial Paper & Food Service Products for Facilities, Law Enforcement and GC Prison Farm.

APPROVED ADDENDUM VI. B. (5)

ADDENDUM – VI. B. (5). Approved Interlocal Agreements with the City of Greensboro for Tax Collection, Library Funding Allocation, and Animal Control/Animal Services as detailed below: a. Tax Collection - Revise amount charged to City to a flat amount equivalent to approximately 0.62% of FY 10 collections ($964,000.00 revenue to County), based on the city’s estimated cost of operating its own collection services. b. Animal Control/Animal Services - County will assume all costs of operating the Animal Shelter, City will continue to pay the County 50% of the animal control net budget for the County's provision of animal
control services within city limits. (FY '11 = $508,057 revenue to County) c. Library Funding Allocation - Formula for allocation funding to Greensboro Library System will be changed to a formula based allocation, which shall be 12% of the prior year's state allocation, spread according to state service populations (FY’11 allocation to City = $1,446,984.00).

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Approved minutes from the following Commissioners' Meetings:
   12/16/10 - Regular Meeting
   01/13/11 - Regular Meeting
   01/31/11 - Closed Session
   02/01/11 - Committee Meeting – Animal
   03/10/11 - Committee Meeting – Budget
   03/15/11 - Committee Meeting – Budget
   03/17/11 - Closed Session

APPROVED ADDENDUM VI. C. (2)

ITEM VI. C. (2)

Approved the following Tax matters:
(a) Rebates and Releases
(b) Beverage Licenses
(c) Collection Reports

Commissioner Coleman joined the meeting at this time via phone.

VII. HEARD BUDGET MESSAGE FROM COUNTY MANAGER, BRENDA FOX, TO BE FILED WITH THE CLERK TO THE BOARD FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION. SET PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET AT 5:30 P.M. ON MAY 5, 2011 IN THE OLD GUILFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, GREENSBORO.

Brenda Fox, County Manager, presented the Manager’s Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. She said the county was facing unprecedented economic challenges and the budget development process continued efforts initiated in 2009/2010 “to do more with less.” She presented a base budget and then offered additions to the base budget that will require a tax increase to fund. She noted increases in debt service, State withholding of lottery funds, new Greensboro Detention Facility, and other State funding reductions. She indicated the new tax rate required to balance the budget is $0.8006, an increase of $0.0632. She highlighted staffing concerns, education, human services, public safety, general government and support services, community services, non-education debt, property tax, federal and state funds, sales tax, fees and charges, other revenues, and fund balance. She pointed out the future issues that the county will continue to experience will be the negative effects of the economic decline. She said the county will face a number of significant expenses over the next several years such as the debt service on
voter approved bonds and the impact of new staffing for the new detention center. She added the budget document presented also includes estimates for 2012/2013 expenses and revenues in order to get a broader picture of the impact of budget choices this fiscal year. She also commented on the downturn in the housing market which will affect property values in the upcoming year. She concluded by expressing her gratitude to the Board, staff, department directors and employees during these difficult and uncertain times requiring sacrifice.

Commissioner Davis, Chairman of the Budget committee, thanked the committee for the efforts during the budget process.

Motion was made by Commissioner Parks and seconded by Commissioner Cashion to set the public hearing on the FY 2011/2012 Budget on May 5, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room.

VOTE: Motion carried 11 – 0
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Linda Shaw; Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman (via phone), Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, John Parks, Kirk Perkins, Mike Winstead, Billy Yow.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business at this time.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Heard staff recommendations and decide on the #1 issue of concern about the state budget and the #1 non-budget related legislative issue to be presented at the April 14 District Meeting of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC). Appointed Commissioner Cashion to represent Guilford County.

County Manager Fox informed the Board that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) is seeking feedback from counties as the State and Senate debate how to close the $2.4 billion deficit. She said on April 14th the NCACC will hold a district meeting in Asheboro to receive feedback from counties. She said each county will be asked to report on one primary budget issue and one non-budget legislative concern. She also said the NCACC would like for each county to designate one commissioner to give the county report at the meeting. She added that a listing of Guilford County Budget and Legislative Concerns has been prepared and invited the Board to make any suggestions.

Chairman Alston asked the Board if anyone has any concerns with the list presented and none were stated. He also asked if anyone would like to represent Guilford County at the upcoming NCACC district meeting.
Vice Chairman Shaw made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Winstead, to appoint Commissioner Kay Cashion to represent the Guilford County Commissioners at the NCACC district meeting in Asheboro on April 14th. The motion carried 11 to 0 unanimously on the following roll call vote:

**VOTE:** Motion carried 11 – 0  
**AYES:** Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Linda Shaw; Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman (via phone), Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, John Parks, Kirk Perkins, Mike Winstead, Billy Yow.  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None.

B. Set April 14th Budget Work Session @ 3:30 p.m. in the High Point Social Services Meeting Room, 325 Russell Avenue, High Point.

Motion was made by Commissioner Parks and seconded by Commissioner Davis to set the April 14th Budget Work Session for the Board at 3:30 p.m. in the High Point Social Services Meeting Room, 325 Russell Avenue, High Point. The motion carried 11 to 0 unanimously on the following roll call vote:

**VOTE:** Motion carried 11 – 0  
**AYES:** Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Linda Shaw; Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman (via phone), Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, John Parks, Kirk Perkins, Mike Winstead, Billy Yow.  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** None.

Chairman Alston encouraged citizens to attend upcoming District Meetings to voice their concerns.

Commissioner Davis also urged the citizens of High Point to attend the High Point District Meeting on April 14th.

C. New Business from County Commissioners.

Commissioner Cashion expressed concern regarding the list of budget and legislative concerns she is to take to the NCACC district meeting. She said they are not prioritized and would like to have Board input.

Commissioner Gibson said the priority goals of the association should mirror ours and said funding should be our biggest concern. He pointed out the manner in which the state will handle misdemeanants will affect the detention center.
Commissioner Cashion suggested Board members thoroughly review and prioritize the list and respond to her by the beginning of the week. She said that she would like to hear from everyone.

Commissioner Davis requested the list be sent electronically to the Board along with the budgetary impact of each item for them to consider.

Commissioner Coleman exited the meeting via phone.

X. MADE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Shaw and seconded by Commissioner Perkins to approve the following appointments and reappointments to various Boards and Commissions: (The motion carried 10 to 0 unanimously.)

VOTE: Motion carried 10 – 0
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Linda Shaw; Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman (via phone), Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, John Parks, Kirk Perkins, Mike Winstead, Billy Yow.
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Carolyn Coleman.

Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee
Appointed Melissa Vatalaro (term expiring 4/1/12)
Appointed Terry Mitchell (term expiring 4/1/12)
Reappointed Frank Bennett (term expiring 4/1/14)

Board of Adjustment
Appointed Nancy Perkins (term expiring 4/1/14)
Appointed Terri Gibson (term expiring 4/1/14)
Appointed Kimberly Alston (term expiring 4/1/14)
Reappointed Robert Lawler (term expiring 4/1/14)
Appointed Larry Standley (term expiring 7/1/12)
Appointed Cornelius Graves (term expiring 4/10/12)

Board of Equalization and Review
Appointed Kathryn Lee Payne (term expiring 4/1/14)

Commission on Aging
Reappointed Ann Crandall (term expiring 4/1/14)

Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board
Reappointed Ron Rau (term expiring 4/1/14)
Reappointed Fred Lind (term expiring 4/1/14)
Reappointed Garry McClusky (term expiring 4/1/14)
Reappointed David McBrayer (term expiring 4/1/14)
Reappointed Lt. Brian L. James (term expiring 4/1/14)
Reappointed David Churchill (term expiring 4/1/14)

Fire District Commission Climax
Appointed Frank Fields (term expiring 4/30/13)
Appointed Dalton Bowman (term expiring 4/30/13)
Appointed Terry Sheppard (term expiring 4/30/13)

Fire District Commission – District #14
Reappointed Robert Starr (term expiring 12/31/12)
Reappointed C. Lloyd Davis (term expiring 12/31/12)

Fire District Commission – District #18 Deep River
Appointed Larry Morgan (term expiring 4/30/13)
Reappointed Rex Gossett (term expiring 4/30/13)

Fire District Commission – Julian
Reappointed Barry T. Ward (term expiring 4/30/13)
Reappointed William O. Collier (term expiring 4/30/13)
Reappointed John T. Shepard (term expiring 4/30/13)

Fire District Commission – McLeansville
Reappointed Harold E. Apple, Sr. (term expiring 4/30/13)

Fire District Commission – Northeast
Reappointed Barron Troxler (term expiring 4/30/13)
Reappointed Thomas R. Chrissmon (term expiring 4/30/13)
Reappointed Rick Murray (term expiring 4/30/13)

Fire District Commission – Southeast
Reappointed Jimmy D. Horney, Jr. (term expiring 4/30/13)
Reappointed Steven Burton (term expiring 4/30/13)
Reappointed Jerry R. Duncan (term expiring 4/30/13)

Firemen’s Relief Board of Trustees
Reappointed Randall Jobe (term expiring 12/31/12)
Appointed Jack Oliver (term expiring 12/31/12)
Reappointed Hal Younts (term expiring 12/31/12)
Reappointed Bob Powell (term expiring 12/31/12)
Reappointed Don Winfree (term expiring 12/31/12)
Appointed Alfred Russo (term expiring 12/31/12)
Reappointed Walter Bennett (term expiring 12/31/12)
Reappointed Dustin Smith (term expiring 12/31/12)
Reappointed W. W. Gilmore (term expiring 12/31/12)
Reappointed Kelly L. Coble (term expiring 12/31/12)
Appointed Sharon Jones (term expiring 12/31/12)
Reappointed David Bowman (term expiring 12/31/12)
Reappointed Timothy Shoffner (term expiring 12/31/12)
Reappointed Steve Shoffner (term expiring 12/31/12)
Appointed Roger Howerton (term expiring 12/31/12)
Reappointed Roy Rimmer (term expiring 12/31/12)
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Reappointed Samuel Coble (term expiring 12/31/12)
Reappointed Tim Kallum (term expiring 12/31/12)
Reappointed Clifton Matthews (term expiring 12/31/12)
Reappointed Charles Hayes (term expiring 12/31/12)
Reappointed Robert Southard (term expiring 12/31/12)
Appointed Richard Brothers (term expiring 12/31/12)

Historic Preservation Council
Reappointed Jerry Nix (term expiring 4/1/15)

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
Appointed Vernice Thomas (term expiring 7/1/11)
Appointed Jenny Caviness (term expiring 7/1/12)

Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee
Reappointed Jennifer Graves (term expiring 3/4/14)
Appointed Anne Hice (term expiring 4/4/12)
Reappoint Reverend Emma Christine Wadelington (term expiring 3/2/14)
Appointed Zeke Cochran (term expiring 4/7/12)
Reappointed Donald Trapp (term expiring 3/4/14)

Parks and Recreation Commission
Appointed James L. Burroughs, III (term expiring 12/31/13)
Reappointed Joseph Alston (term expiring 3/1/14)

Piedmont Triad Airport Authority
Reappointed Henry Isaacson (term expiring 4/20/14)

Planning Board
Appointed Terry Gibson (term expiring 9/5/11)

Commissioner Gibson informed the Board that the Jail Construction Advisory Committee has two vacancies due to the recent loss of Wally Harrelson and former Commissioner Steve Arnold.
He asked if Fred Lind could be extended an invitation to join the committee and Commissioner Bencini be appointed to fill the seat of former Commissioner Steve Arnold.

Chairman Alston suggested approving Commissioner Bencini to serve on the Jail Construction Advisory Committee at this time and the appointment be included in the motion along with the other Board appointments and approve - in advance - the appointment of Fred Lind pending his willingness to serve. There were no objections and the appointments were included in the motion made by Vice Chairman Shaw and seconded by Commissioner Parks.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bencini commented on the timeliness of the addendum to the consent agenda. He said he would like everyone to know that he voted against the consent agenda because it was made available to him at the meeting and he did not feel there was adequate time to review the material before voting.

Commissioner Gibson read a letter to the Guilford County Board of Commissioners from the President of the North Carolina Association of County Clerks (NCACC) recognizing Effie Varitimidis, Clerk to Board, for her service on the NCACC Board of Directors, Professional Development Committee and State Certification Committee. He also thanked the Deputy Clerk, Crystal Maurer, for her ongoing assistance to the Board.

Commissioner Gibson said he was very disappointed to learn that a valued employee, Beverly Williams, was no longer employed by Guilford County due to a “Reduction in Force (RIF).” He said he was concerned that the position did not remain funded until the end of the fiscal year, given that it already been budgeted for the full year. He also said he has received many calls on her departure and thought it could have been handled differently.

Commissioner Cashion gave accolades to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for the work they do. She also expressed concern regarding the recent departure of Beverly Williams and the services she provided to the community. She added that she was an invaluable employee to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting (JCPC) and Guilford County.

County Manager Fox advised the Board that Ms. Williams’ duties will be combined into other areas and that she will attend the next Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Meeting in her absence and their concerns will be addressed.

Vice Chairman Shaw brought up a recent vote by the Board prohibiting fox trapping in Guilford County. She pointed out the differing views on fox trapping between her and Commissioner Yow and then presented him with a copy of a recent National Geographic magazine with the cover article “Can a fox become a man’s best friend?”

Commissioner Yow commented on the County Manager’s proposed tax increase for the next budget year. He said such a tax increase will cause another wave of foreclosures. He said the following areas are of concern to him: funding of non-mandated programs, employee salary
adjustments, keeping the prison farm open, and a hold the line budget. He also said the Board needs a lesson in fiduciary responsibility.

Commissioner Parks informed the Board of some recent events he attended in the county and said he plans to attend the upcoming Board district meetings. He pointed out that when Guilford County loses an employee like Beverly Williams it exemplifies how tough things are. He said that the county will really miss her. He also congratulated both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for their hard work. In conclusion, he said he has received many calls on the proposed budget cuts and he will be thinking about various best case scenarios.

Commissioner Perkins also informed everyone of several events he recently attended such as a Ribbon Cutting at Guilford Battleground Park and one sponsored by the African American Atelier. He said he attended an emergency responder’s fundraiser and thanked them for all they do at a moment’s notice. He said he also supports keeping the Prison Farm open. He stated he has received many calls on the parking situation at the Bryan YMCA and hoped it will soon be resolved. He also stated that a regional solution to the long term garbage problem is a necessity.

Chairman Alston said he is proposing a golf challenge with the City of Greensboro and the City of High Point. He asked the Board to fully endorse the idea and said it could become an annual charity event. Chairman Alston further explained the event.

Vice Chairman Shaw said those that do not play can participate in other ways and suggested driving the golf carts.

Commissioner Cashion challenged the Chair to find an activity everyone could participate in for the next time. She said the event should be inclusive and expressed concern that County business not be conducted on the golf course.

Vice Chairman Shaw said she thinks the golf challenge is a good idea and wished the Chairman well on the new endeavor.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

County Manager Fox stated that the proposed County budget can be found on the County’s website for viewing.

XIII. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Michael Garrett, 3301 Horsepen Creek Road, spoke on a serious personnel matter of great concern to him. He spoke on the Reduction in Force (RIF) of former county employee Beverly Williams. He said the RIF is a detriment to the community. He spoke of Ms. William’s exemplary service to the citizens of Guilford County and her knowledge of coordinated services in leveraging funds. He said this is not the time to eliminate a position in county government that is revenue generated. He said this RIF is wrong and it does not make sense and implored the Board to do something about it.
Van Clifford, Oak Ridge, expressed concern that the detention center and GTCC are not in the base budget which the County Manager presented. He added that the citizens should not take on an additional tax increase and asked the Board to do their due diligence and pay attention to the details and work this out so that there will be no tax increase for FY 2011/12. He stated that he has tried to obtain voting records of Board members in order to make informed decisions at election time. He said he will pursue this with the Clerk’s office.

Debbie Lumpkins, third generation on Guilford County resident, spoke on the Greensboro Ballet and said it is successful because it seeks private and public funding. She said government should fund the arts because it makes it accessible to everyone. She said the United Arts Councils of Greensboro and High Point serve the entire county and urged the Board to support arts funding.

XIV. ADJOURNED

Motion was made by Commissioner Yow and seconded by Vice Chairman Shaw to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. and it carried 10 to 0 on the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Motion carried 10 – 0
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Linda Shaw; Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman (via phone), Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, John Parks, Kirk Perkins, Mike Winstead, Billy Yow.
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Carolyn Coleman.

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Chairman Guilford County Commissioners

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Clerk to Board