The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on April 3, 2014 at 5:30 PM, in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Bill Bencini, presiding; Vice Chairman Hank Henning; Commissioners Jeff Phillips, Bruce Davis (arriving at 5:53 PM), Carolyn Q. Coleman, Kay Cashion, Linda O. Shaw, Alan Branson, and Raymond Trapp.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Marty Lawing, County Manager; Mark Payne, County Attorney; Robin Keller, Clerk to the Board; Michael Halford, Budget Director; Reid Baker, Finance Director; Merle Green, Public Health Director; Bonnie Stellfox, Purchasing Director; Jim Albright, Emergency Services Director; Ben Chavis, Tax Director; Hemant Desai, Information Services Director; Myra Thompson, Interim DSS Director; Robert McNiece, Facilities, Parks, and Property Management Director; Jeff Fowler, Security Director; Don Campbell, Emergency Management Coordinator; Major C.J. Williamson, Court Services Bureau- Sheriff’s Office; Paul Lowe, Deputy Clerk to the Board; and members of the media and community.

I. INOCATION

Board Chaplin Chavis offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Bencini led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bencini called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR (Each speaker will be allowed three minutes to address the Board. Speakers from the Floor will last for a maximum of 30 minutes.)

Chairman Bencini opened the speakers from the floor portion of the meeting at 5:46 PM.
Tom Jerrell, Edgedale Drive, High Point, spoke in support of the High Point Central High School Capital Project Ordinance. Jerrell shared that the School is in a state of disrepair and needed to be renovated and modernized to improve the facility for both students and staff.

Bob Christina, Principal of High Point Central High School, stated that the architect who designed the Old County Courthouse also built High Point Central High School. Christina explained that capacity issues found at the School impact students and staff alike.

Nick Greene, Junior at High Point Central, commented on a number of issues found at High Point Central High School, most notably the library which Greene described as confining.

Commissioner Davis expressed his concerns regarding the needed improvements at High Point Central High School. Davis stated that students deserve better.

Eileen Lloyd, Partners Place Greensboro, expressed her commitment to Guilford Middle School. Lloyd suggested that the County construct a new school rather than undertaking renovations.

Commissioner Trapp stated that he recently visited Guilford Middle and shared that the facility is truly in need of repairs. Commissioner Henning echoed the concerns regarding Guilford Middle.

Gerry Mcants, of McLaughlin Drive in Greensboro, shared his support for school construction projects and urged Commissioners to utilize MWBE contractors. Mcants also explained that the Board of Education was completing a disparity study.

Commissioner Davis questioned the timeline of the disparity study.

Mcants reported that a contract had not been awarded.

Michelle Thompson, of Greensboro NC and Principal of Hunter Elementary School, stated that her campus was built in 1927 and had outlived its intended life expectancy. Thompson requested Commissioners address issues found at the School, including limited handicap accessibility.

Commissioner Shaw questioned if the heating and air conditioning was repaired at the School.

Thompson shared that the funds were spent at the School- but reported that the new system which was installed was not ultimately effective due to poor building conditions found at Hunter.

Commission Cashion shared a letter submitted by a student at Hunter Elementary.

Jeffery German, of Greensboro and a retired principal with Guilford County Schools, informed the Board about issues found at Smith High School, especially concerning the safety of the School’s athletic facilities.

Kaila Crowder, an 8th grader at Guilford Middle School and President of the student government at the School, urged the Board to approve funds to renovate her School.
Commissioner Davis thanked Crowder for her enthusiasm and passion while presenting her statement regarding the conditions found at Guilford Middle School.

Commissioner Trapp shared that he was the first African American student to be elected to the student council at the School- serving as Vice President. Trapp commended Crowder for her efforts and encouraged her to continue to advocate for important public policy issues.

Gradesa Lockhart, Principal of Bluford Academy, spoke regarding safety concerns found at the School. Lockhart shared that student’s health could be impacted due to poor building conditions.

Commissioner Davis shared that his daughter taught at Bluford and expressed concerns regarding maintenance issues found at the School. Davis shared that he wanted to ensure that all students in the County have the same opportunity to attend a quality and safe school facility.

Adrean Fairley, a student at Guilford Middle School, spoke to the issues found at the School.

Patrice Brown, Principal of Guilford Middle School, expressed concerns with safety issues found at the School. Brown shared that Guilford Middle has an open campus which makes it hard to adequately secure the facility. Brown asked the Board to approve constructing a new School.

Pete Kashubara, Principal of Western Guilford HS, asked the Board to support the schools.

Chairman Bencini recognized Cameron Davis, a student at North West Guilford High School and a Boy Scout, and thanked him for attending the Board of Commissioners’ meeting.

Commissioner Shaw expressed concerns regarding the state of the County school facilities.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Resolution in Honor of the Life of Mary E. Black

Commissioner Coleman invited the family of Ms. Mary Black to the dais at which time she read a resolution honoring her life. Coleman shared that she was a friend of Ms. Black and that she truly made a difference in the community.

Ms. Black’s daughter thanked the Commissioners for honoring her mother.

B. Proclamation Declaring April of 2014 as Public Health Awareness Month

Commissioner Branson read the proclamation. Branson commended Merle Green and Ken Carter for their work to keep the community healthy.

Merle Green, Public Health Director, thanked the Board for recognizing Public Health Awareness Month. Green shared that she and her staff were proud to support the community.
C. Proclamation Declaring April as National Garden Month

Commissioner Cashion read the Proclamation for National Garden Month. Cashion asked Carol Neil with the Cooperative Extension to address the Board of Commissioners.

Neil updated the Board regarding upcoming Cooperative Extension programming.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. Increase the FY 2014 Emergency Services budget by $2,191.73 to reflect additional revenue awarded to the County by the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management to assist in the cost of developing and maintaining a comprehensive Emergency Management program and allocate an equivalent expenditure into the departmental budget for expenditure on technology for enhancement of the Emergency Operations Center. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

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B. CONTRACTS

1. Approve the list of Price Only Contract Renewals, in substantial form, with No Price Increases and not expected to exceed the amounted listed for FY 14/15. All contracts listed below will begin July 1, 2014 and end on June 30, 2015 with the following suppliers:

   (a) Right Touch Interiors, Inc. (74371-07/13 -123) Amendment #1- $75,000 for Furnish and Installation of Carpet for Guilford County, One Renewal Option Remaining
   (b) Aramark Correctional Services, Inc. (00208-07/12-004) Amendment #2 - $3,925,674 - Sheriff Department - Food for Inmates for Greensboro and High Point Jails, with one renewal option remaining.
   (c) Aramark Correctional Services, Inc. (00208-07/12-003) Amendment #2 - $145,000 - Juvenile Detention - Food for Juveniles at the Juvenile Detention Center, with one renewal option remaining. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

2. Approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Greensboro-GTA for Transportation of Jail Inmates, to alternate site(s) in the event of a disaster. The Agreement is in effect for five (5) years or until amended or revoked in writing by either party. In the event it becomes necessary to evacuate the Greensboro Detention Center, at the request of the
County, the City/GTA will provide the necessary buses and drivers required for the transportation of inmates from the facility and back to the facility. There is no charge for this service and therefore, no charge to Guilford County, under this agreement. Per N.C.G.S. §160A-461, the Board of Commissioners shall approve any Interlocal agreements. The City currently has the originals of this agreement to be signed and is in the process of having this contract scheduled for approval by the City Council. NO COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Approve Purchase Agreement in substantial Form as attached hereto, for the sale of +/- .327 acre(s) portion of land in the amount of $250,000.00 to TELKO, LLC - having been the last and highest bidder subsequent public notice of upset bid on the County's notice of intent to sell property; and authorize staff to take all necessary measures to ensure the proper closing of the sale and ensure compliance with the terms and conditions identified in the agreement.

2. Approve the following sets of County Commissioner's Meeting Minutes: 10/24/13 - Closed Session (Approve and Unseal) 12/12/13 - Closed Session (Approve and Unseal) 03/20/14 - Commissioners Work Session 03/20/14 - Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw, and seconded by Commissioner Ray Trapp to approve the consent agenda.

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

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Adopt the attached resolution fixing April 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Old Courthouse on West Market Street in Greensboro as the time and place for a public hearing to be held on the matter of whether the maximum time for issuance of the $130,170,000 School and $29,900,000 Community College bonds remaining from bond orders authorizing $412,315,000 School bonds and $79,500,000 Community College bonds, approved at a referendum on May 6, 2008, should be extended from seven years to ten years, as permitted by N.C. General Statute 159-64. The extension for issuing said bonds would be until May 6, 2018. The public hearing will not include the authorized and unissued Law Enforcement bonds from the 2008 referendum as we do not anticipate any future needs for those bonds.

Reid Baker, Finance Director, introduced the proposal to extend the maximum time for issuance of the 2008 bonds from seven to ten years.

Commissioner Cashion asked for the rational for the extension.
Baker shared that the extension would provide the County with greater flexibility. Baker stated that based on the pending school matters and the likelihood to issue additional bonds; he wanted to regulate the impact such developments would have on the County’s budget.

Commissioner Coleman asked if funding the nine projects requested tonight would deplete the remaining bond funds.

Baker stated that the Board was considering approving only four million dollars for the nine projects to pay for design and architectural fees. Baker shared that the School System did have a pending request for eighty million dollars—which had not been redirected as of yet.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Branson to approve and adopt the attached resolution fixing April 17, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Old Courthouse on West Market Street in Greensboro as the time and place for a public hearing to be held on the matter of whether the maximum time for issuance of the $130,170,000 School and $29,900,000 Community College bonds remaining from bond orders authorizing $412,315,000 School bonds and $79,500,000 Community College bonds, approved at a referendum on May 6, 2008, should be extended from seven years to ten years, as permitted by N.C. General Statute 159-64. The extension for issuing said bonds would be until May 6, 2018. The public hearing will not include the authorized and unissued Law Enforcement bonds from the 2008 referendum as we do not anticipate any future needs for those bonds.

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

B. Approve contract, in substantial form as attached hereto, with Infor, Inc. in the amount of $184,260 for services to migrate data and applications from on-premise to the Infor Data center, and $ 381,052 for year 1 of SaaS fees, $381,052 for year 2 of SaaS fees and $ 381,052 for year 3 of SaaS fees for a total amount of $1,327,416.00. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

Hemant Desai, Information Services Director explained that currently the County’s systems are hosted on site and the proposed agreement would move the data to a hosted cloud based solution. Desai shared that the project would help to improve the security of County held data and would allow the Information Services Department to realize cost savings by flatlining costs associated with capital expenditures and system upgrades.

Commissioner Davis asked for clarification regarding the proposed cost savings.

Desai stated that according to the proposed contract the vendor would be required to handle all hardware and software upgrades through subscription fees at a controlled rate. Desai shared that upgrades managed by County staff typically have escalation costs of about 15%. Desai stated that the proposed agreement with Infor, Inc. only allowed for a 5% increase in escalation costs, which would allow the County to realize efficiencies and savings.
Commissioner Phillips asked for clarification regarding the proposed cost savings.

Desai commented that the contract with Infor, Inc. would save the County $250,000 over the next five years. Desai shared that the agreement would also provide the County with a disaster recovery plan.

Commissioner Cashion asked for an explanation regarding the County’s current back up and contingency plan.

Desai clarified that the County currently has backups in place, but commented that if a major incident would occur- the Information Services Department did not have the storage capacity to maintain all of the County’s files if the data was lost.

Commissioner Phillips thanked Desai for his efforts in finding opportunities to reduce spending.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw, and seconded by Vice Chairman Hank Henning to approve the contract, in substantial form as attached hereto, with Infor, Inc. in the amount of $184,260 for services to migrate data and applications from on-premise to the Infor Data center, and $ 381,052 for year 1 of SaaS fees, $381,052 for year 2 of SaaS fees and $381,052 for year 3 of SaaS fees for a total amount of $1,327,416.00. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

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

C. Review and consider award of Tax Lien Advertisements as result of Bid Event 412. It was requested by the Board of Commissioners to release a bid event for Tax Lien Advertisement for the Guilford County Tax Department. Event 412 was released for bid responses for approximately 14,500 Tax Lien Advertisements, and we received three (3) bids. After review and evaluation of the three responses it was determined that Womack Newspapers, Inc. of Jamestown, NC was the lowest responsive bidder meeting all the bid specifications and the price for the listings are $ 0.41 each or total award $5,945. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

County Attorney Mark Payne shared that following the Board’s request the tax lien advertisement program was bid out. Payne stated that Womack Newspapers, Inc., publishers of the Jamestown News, was the lowest responsive bidder- with a per listing price of 41 cents.

Henning out at 7:02 PM.

Henning in at 7:03 PM.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns that the paper selected, the Jamestown News, did not reach all of the citizens of Guilford County. Coleman also questioned the minimum statutory requirements regarding advertising.
Payne shared that upon consultation with the School of Government each of the three bidders met the standard of a publication of general circulation.

Commissioner Branson stated that the alternation would result in significant cost savings to the County.

Commissioner Trapp shared that he did not support the statute which requires local governments to advertise tax liens in newspapers and as a result could not support the measure.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw, and seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman to approve, review and consider the awarding of the Tax Lien Advertisements as result of Bid Event 412. It was requested by the Board of Commissioners to release a bid event for Tax Lien Advertisement for the Guilford County Tax Department. Event 412 was released for bid responses for approximately 14,500 Tax Lien Advertisements, and we received three (3) bids. After review and evaluation of the three responses it was determined that Womack Newspapers, Inc. of Jamestown, NC was the lowest responsive bidder meeting all the bid specifications and the price for the listings are $0.41 each or total award $5,945. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 1.


NOES: Commissioner R. Trapp.

D. New Business from County Commissioners

Approve the amendment/establishment for various school capital project ordinances totaling $4,566,886 in order to begin design work on nine additional school capital projects with remaining 2008 bond proceeds from Airport Area High School.

Vice Chairman Henning introduced the item and shared some concerns held by a number of Commissioners. Henning stated that he wanted to see school projects move forward, but wanted to have greater oversight over spending to ensure County resources were utilized wisely.

Marty Lawing, County Manager, shared that the last sale of general obligation bonds remaining is about $32 million. Lawing stated this indicates that bonds were perhaps issued to prematurely as funds historically have not been utilized for six months to a year. Lawing commented that he and Vice Chairman Henning had met with Board of Education staff and asked them to rank their top projects. As a result, Lawing stated that nine projects were identified and reported that County staff was recommending funding the design phase to allow projects to move forward while aiming to control costs relating to school construction and renovation projects. Lawing explained that this strategy would reduce the lag time that is found between when projects are approved and when bonds are sold.

Commissioner Coleman asked for clarification regarding Lawing’s proposal.
Lawing stated that the Board could delay a project due to favorable interest or construction rates.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns with the scheme. Coleman stated that she did not want to hinder the School Board’s ability to complete projects in a timely manner.

Lawing shared under the proposal projects could be delayed for a maximum of four years.

Commissioner Coleman asked if County staff had considered how the proposal would impact the CM at Risk model. Coleman stated that the model was helpful in attracting MWBE firms to bid on County projects.

Lawing stated that he did not believe that the new proposal would drastically impact the CM at Risk model, but could make the process more cumbersome. Lawing shared that the Education Committee did not discuss the CM at Risk model much during their most recent meeting.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns that the failure to use the CM at Risk model could have an adverse impact on the utilization of MWBE contractors, and hoped that the Board would continue its commitment to prioritize MWBE participation on County funded projects.

Commissioner Davis asked for clarification.

Lawing explained the various funding requests made by the School Board.

Commissioner Davis questioned the County’s motives. Davis shared that Lawing’s proposal might represent the best bang for the buck, but the County had many deficient schools which were in dire need of repair. Davis stated that he wanted to see projects move forward and repairs completed. Davis asked where the sense of urgency was for the County to act on the repairs.

Lawing commented that some of the concerns raised during the speakers from the floor section could be categorized as general maintenance issues and could be addressed by the School Board. Lawing explained in his proposal- projects would move forward quicker as design funds are allocated early in the process. Lawing stated that the current request before the Board was $4.5 million dollars to fund the nine design projects. Lawing opined that the Board could also decide to approve the School Board’s $79 million dollar request in its entirety.

Commissioner Davis questioned the smaller projects included in the $4.5 million request.

Lawing stated that in an ideal environment that the County would use pay as you go funds to complete the smaller projects.

Chairman Bencini shared that the smaller projects included on the list did not necessarily meet the requirements for bond financing.

Commissioner Davis asked the School Board staff present to address the Commissioners.
Julius Monk, Executive Director Facilities- Guilford County Schools, commented, from the School Board’s perceptive, that it is easier to utilize the CM at Risk process from the beginning of the design process.

Commissioner Davis questioned what design work would be required for smaller projects that are needed- such repairing windows and leaky air conditioning units.

Monk stated that receiving the requested $79 million dollars in one allocation would help the School Board to complete both small and large projects.

Commissioner Davis requested clarification from members of the Education Committee.

Vice Chairman Henning, Chairman of the Education Committee, shared that he wanted to foster better communication between the School Board and the County Commissioners. Henning stated that he envisioned working closer with the School Board to ensure that projects were better managed, controlling costs, while safeguarding finite tax dollars.

Commissioner Shaw asked if the funds for the nine design projects would only come from the former Airport Area High capital project ordinance.

Lawing shared that funds would not be diverted from any other project-expect the Airport Area High School.

Commissioner Branson stated that he had some concerns regarding how the projects were ranked. Branson commented that the School Board and the County Commissioners should be committed to funding quality education and providing safe schools for children to attend. Branson shared that he did not feel that the School Board should be prioritizing athletics over academics.

Commissioner Davis expressed concerns regarding the conditions that are found at some schools across the County. Davis commented that he wanted to ensure all schools are maintained and provide high quality education to students. Davis urged the Board to consider approving the School Board’s initial $79 million request. Davis stated that the funds would help to stimulate the local economy in the County.

Commissioner Phillips shared that the comments he heard tonight regarding the state of County schools was very disturbing. Phillips opined that the County has spent millions of dollars to fund new projects while many schools have been allowed to deteriorate due to a lack of maintenance and oversight. Phillips asked for clarification regarding the remaining bond funds.

Baker stated that the current school bond balances would utilize $32 million in bond funds on hand for this fiscal year, and the County would need to issue another $ 51 million dollars to complete the projects that the Board had approved and are under construction. Baker shared issues and insights regarding the debt peaks the Finance Department is dealing with during the current budget cycle.
Commissioner Phillips commented that the Board could consider tabling the matter for a future work session.

Commissioner Coleman stated that the Commissioners could invite the School Board staff to the work session.

Commissioner Cashion shared that she was unable to make a good decision regarding the issue, due to the fact that she only received the information in the addendum minutes before the meeting, and encouraged the Board to schedule a work session to discuss the projects in greater detail.

Commissioner Branson explained that controlling costs would be important as the Commissioners moved into budget season.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to approve to defer the decision regarding the nine projects to a work session.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Lind O. Shaw, and seconded by Chairman Bill Bencini to approve the work session for April 16th at 3:00 PM.

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

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hank Henning, and seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman to approve tabling discussions regarding school funding formulas to the work session.

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

Superintendent Mo Green informed Lawing that the School Board was involved in law suit on the 16th and would be unable to attend the work session.

The Board discussed possible meeting dates and times to hold the work session.
By unanimous consent the Board agreed to set the work session regarding education issues for Tuesday, April 15th at 1:00 PM.

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

Lawing informed the Board that he was interested in scheduling a public hearing for May 15th to consider human services consolidation in the County. Lawing stated that if the Board was interested in pursuing the public hearing, the Board would be required to hold a work session before the hearing to discuss the matter further.

Commissioner Coleman commented that she hoped the Board completed its due diligence before holding the public hearing and fully understood the complex public policy issue.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Branson to approve and authorize staff to set public hearing on May 15, 2014 for the purposes of considering Human Services Consolidation; and set BOC work session to further review and discuss options for consolidation.

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

The Board discussed various dates and times for the work session regarding human services consolidation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Jeff Phillips to set a BOC work session to further review and discuss options for consolidation on May 12th at 3:00 PM.

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

D. New Business from County Commissioners

Commissioner Coleman asked how the budget review process would be organized this year.

Lawing stated that he is planning to hold at least two budget review meetings towards the end of April and a budget work session with the Board in early May prior to the 15th BOC meeting.
Commissioner Coleman commented that she hoped to receive a report from the Budget Committee. Coleman expressed concerns regarding the Board’s ability to fully interact with Department heads before the County’s budget was developed.

Lawing shared he would work collaboratively with the Board to ensure information was provided in timely fashion.

Commissioner Phillips explained that as Chairman of the Budget Committee, he works with the other members to meet with department heads and to review the Manager’s budget in its entirety.

Commissioner Coleman questioned the process and the ability to have full Board involved in the budget development process.

Commissioner Phillips invited all Commissioners to attend the Budget Committee meetings.

The Board further discussed the role of the Budget Committee and the budget review process. The Board considered expanding the Budget Committee to a board of the whole. The Board discussed the process and the public notice requirements associated with the proposed alternations.

Commissioner Phillips questioned County Attorney Payne regarding the quorum requirements and the obligations of a committee of a whole versus the committee of the whole.

Payne provided clarification and insights as to the differences between the two.

Commissioner Shaw requested that the Budget Committee be maintained as a four member board and shared that the minutes of committee meetings are regularly provided to the Board for review.

Commissioner Coleman expressed her concerns and shared that she thought that a committee of a whole could be successful in fostering more discussion and input regarding the budget.

Chairman Bencini appointed the Budget Committee members as follows: Phillips, Henning, Coleman, Branson.

**VIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Shaw shared that the Health Department conducts inspections of County schools once a year and maintains a list which allows interested citizens to review the ratings.

Commissioner Coleman asked for an update on the ongoing COG personnel study.

Lawing shared that the study would be completed by the end of April. Lawing stated that he would distribute the report and its findings as soon as it was made available.
Commissioner Shaw thanked Commissioner Trapp for serving as a liaison to the DSS Board and for all his work during the recent troubles at the Agency.

Commissioner Cashion shared that she recently toured the High Point Family Justice Center and commended the facility’s staff on their hard work.

Chairman Bencini echoed his appreciation for Commissioner Trapp for acting in a vital role during the recent difficulties faced at DSS.

Vice Chairman Henning thanked Commissioner Trapp for his hard work.

Commissioner Trapp recognized Myra Thompson, Interim DSS Director, for all of her efforts in resolving many of the issues found at the agency.

Vice Chairman Henning stated that he recently attended a meeting of the High Point Economic Development Corporation and shared materials with Commissioners regarding the Corporations’ work.

Commissioner Davis acknowledged Thompson and shared his confidence that she would continue to be successful at DSS. Davis shared that it was the Early Childhood Educators Week, April 6th-12th, and urged citizens to show appreciation for childhood educators in the County.

Commissioner Coleman thanked DSS staff for all of their hard work to resolve the backlogs. Coleman also commended Reid Baker for his hard work in maintaining the books for the CVB.

Commissioner Phillips echoed the Board’s appreciation of DSS staff who worked to clear the backlog in claims. Phillips also thanked Lawing and Thompson for their work to resolve the issues found at DSS.

IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

A. 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.

Lawing provided an update regarding the situation at DSS.

Commissioner Cashion reiterated the dependability of Thompson and shared her appreciation for her work.

X. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR (Each speaker will be allowed three minutes to address the Board. Speakers from the Floor will last for a maximum of 30 minutes.)

No speakers signed up to address the Board of Commissioners.
XI. **HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 FOR THE PURPOSES OF: CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND CONSIDERING POTENTIAL ECONOMIC INCENTIVE.**

Motion was made unanimous consent to enter closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 for the purposes of: consulting with the County Attorney and considering a potential economic incentive.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 9 – 0.


**NOES:** None.

Meeting went into Recess 8:51 PM.

Meeting Reconvened 9:23 PM.

XII. **ADJOURN**

The Board voted by unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 PM.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 8 – 0.


**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner C. Coleman.

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Chairman

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Deputy Clerk