MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
OF GUILFORD COUNTY
Greensboro, North Carolina
May 3, 2012

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on May 3, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Kirk Perkins; Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman, Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, Linda Shaw.

ABSENT: Commissioners John Parks, Mike Winstead, Billy Yow.

ALSO PRESENT: Brenda Fox, County Manager; Sharisse Fuller, Assistant County Manager/Human Resource Director; Mark Payne, County Attorney; Effie Varitimidis, Clerk to Board; Crystal Maurer, Deputy Clerk to Board; Katredia Martin, County Administration and members of the media.

I. INVOCATION

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Girl Scout Troop #415, St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, led those present 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 NETTIE COAD

Chairman Alston read the resolution in honor of Community Activist Nettie Coad.

A family member accepted the resolution on behalf of the family.
V. RECOGNIZED WINNERS OF WATER QUALITY AND WATER CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

LaVelle Donnell, Water Education Program Coordinator, Department of Water Resources City of Greensboro, said that they sponsored a water quality and water conservation poster contest for children grades 1 through 4. She recognized the winners of the water quality poster contest.

Elizabeth Williams, Education Coordinator of the Guilford County Soil and Water Conservation District, recognized the winners of the water conservation poster contest for children grades 3 through 6.

Vice Chairman Perkins said he attended the 24th Master Gardener Program and presented the County a symbolic check based on their volunteer hours of service to the Guilford County.

VI. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Leon Nutez, 214 Peach Orchard Drive, spoke on school bonds and suggested the naming committee consider naming the jail after Sheriff B.J. Barnes.

Marty McFarling 5014 Renville Drive, Chairman Guilford County Commission on Aging, announced it was Older Americans Month. He read a proclamation for Older Americans Month and asked the Board to accept the proclamation from the Commission on Aging.

Jesse Rice, 1411 W. Meadowview Road, said she was a youth advocate for the Smart Girls Leadership Academy and invited the Commissioners to the 6th Annual Adolescent Health Advocacy Day events on May 14th.

Alma Adams, 2109 Liberty Valley Road, spoke on behalf of the African American Atelier, Inc. and Arts in Guilford County. She said the Arts appeal to many people and that they are a necessity for children that are from low wealth communities. She said they help children learn and improve their quality of life. She urged the Board for their support this budget year.

Michael Graves stated that he was a member of the “Poetry Project” and asked the Board to support the Arts in Guilford County. He said the Arts can change a life.

Melvin Gas stated that the “Poetry Project” has been important to his life and has made him a better person. He also urged the Board to support the Arts.

Mary McComb, 2714 Evergreen Drive, said she is the cofounder of the “Magic Art Bus Project” and their mission is to bring art to everyone. She spoke in support of the Arts and said the Arts improve the lives of children in the community.

Kathy Holcomb, 1911 Rosecrest Drive, said the public library has changed her life. She said she is an ESL teacher at the Glenwood Library and said library services are invaluable. She urged the Board to support the library funding.
Debbie Lumpkins, Executive Director, High Point Area Arts Council, spoke in support of the High Point United Arts Council. She urged the Board to continue their funding because it enables them to leverage for more Arts funds.

Kallila Thompson, 106 Ward Road, said the library has opened many doors for her family. She spoke in support of the library and Artquest.

Tim Lindeman, 715 Walker Avenue, Arts advocate, said the Arts bring a wonderful quality of life to Guilford County and urged the Board to support Arts funding.

Sharisse Hart, 7033 W. Friendly Avenue, asked the Board to continue their support of the YWCA Teen Parent Mentor Program.

Sylvia Samet, 1604 Heathcliff, High Point, President of the Friends of the High Point Library, spoke in support of library funding. She said the libraries are an investment in the future and urged the Board to maintain their current level of funding.

Vice Chairman Perkins recognized the Lenny Williams, Mayor of Gibsonville, in attendance.

Chairman Alston asked the Board to consider Addendum Item X. C. at this time as requested by Commissioner Coleman. There were no objections.

ITEM X. C. ADDENDUM

Approved Resolution in Support of Guilford Child Development’s application for funding from the NC One Fund to meet, and exceed, the challenges of Head Start’s Designation Renewal System, to continue to create jobs, and to prepare the future workforce of Guilford County for success.

Commissioner Davis read the resolution in support of Guilford Child Development’s application for funding from the NC One Fund to meet, and exceed, the challenges of Head Start’s Designation Renewal System, to continue to create jobs, and to prepare the future workforce of Guilford County for success.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Gibson to adopt the resolution as presented.

Commissioner Davis said he supports Early Childhood Education.

The motion carried 8 to 0 on the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Kirk Perkins; Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman, Bruce
Davis, Paul Gibson, Linda Shaw.

NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioners John Parks, Mike Winstead, Billy Yow.

VII. APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to approve the consent agenda and it carried 8 to 0 on the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston”; Vice Chairman Kirk Perkins;
Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman, Bruce
Davis, Paul Gibson, Linda Shaw.

NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioners John Parks, Mike Winstead, Billy Yow.

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. Increased the FY 2011-2012 Law Enforcement Budget to reflect the appropriation of $10,259 of Unauthorized Substance Tax and approve the Sole Source exception for the vendor Cummins-Allison Corporation, 4424 Taggart Creek Road, Suite 109, Charlotte, NC 28208 for the purchase of a JetScan iFX Currency Scanner and Image Management Software in the same amount. This vendor is the only authorized supplier for this patented technology, which offers high speed currency sorting, serial number capturing, counterfeit detection, low note rejection rates, while creating a digital record of all seized currency. This equipment will be used by the Special Operations Division for seizures of money by the Vice & Narcotics Unit. The unaudited balance of the Unauthorized Substance Tax is $133,696. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund:

Increase Appropriation Fund Balance $10,259
(Unauthorized Substance Tax)

Increase Law Enforcement $10,259

2. Increased the FY 2011-2012 Law Enforcement budget by $77,500 to reflect the appropriation of additional funds received from the 2011 HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Grant Award for overtime, training, travel, communications for the task force (phones/gps) and investigative equipment for the purpose of reducing drug
trafficking and drug production in North Carolina. The original award of $115,385 was approved by the Guilford County Board of Commissioners on August 25, 2011. The total project for FY 2011-2012 for this HIDTA grant will be $192,885. NO LOCAL MATCH IS REQUIRED. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund:

Increase Appropriation Federal/State $77,500
(HIDTA grant)

Increase Law Enforcement $77,500

3. Increased the FY 2011-2012 Law Enforcement budget by $101,385 to reflect the appropriation of the 2012 HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Grant. These grant funds will be used for overtime, training, travel, communications for the Task force (phones/gps) and technical investigative equipment. All HIDTA Grant funds are for the sole purpose of reducing drug trafficking and production in North Carolina. NO LOCAL MATCH IS REQUIRED. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund:

Increase Appropriation Federal/State $101,385
(HIDTA grant)

Increase Law Enforcement $101,385

4. Decreased Fund Balance Appropriated and increase Other Revenues by $10,000 to properly account for Law Enforcement - Aviation Program revenues received in FY 2010-11 and 2011-12. On October 6, 2011 the Board of Commissioners approved a budget amendment for the Aviation Program appropriating $46,216 in fund balance in the current fiscal year’s budget to reflect Aviation Program revenues received, but not spent, during last fiscal year. $10,000 of this total was actually received in the current fiscal year. As a result, the budget amendment needs to be corrected to appropriate $36,216 from the Fund Balance and $10,000 from Other Revenues. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund:
Decrease Appropriated Fund Balance $10,000

Increase Other Revenues $10,000

5. Appropriated additional sales tax funds in the amount of $4,603 (effective rate of 11.65%) from revenue generated in the amount of $39,492 for Robert S. Segal, CPA, PA through the auditing of sales tax for the Finance Department and approve an increase to the Finance Department Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget in the amount of $4,603 to permit payment of the services as set out in the sales tax audit contract. Fiscal year-to-date, including the amounts referenced above, the County has realized additional revenues of $549,136 and incurred fees of $138,384. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

6. Increased the FY 2011-2012 Greensboro Joint Water and Sewer Trust Fund by $377,853 to reflect an appropriation of fund balance for the purpose of refunding the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University an amount equal to the duplicate receipt of water and sewer fees. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

The Board approved the following Budget Ordinance Amendment:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Joint Water & Sewer Trust Fund:
Increase appropriation

Greensboro Joint Water & Sewer Trust Fund $377,853

Increase Appropriated Fund Balance $377,853

7. Increased the FY 2011-2012 Tax Department budget and Property Tax revenue by $16,261 for payment to Tax Management Associates, Inc. for business personal property tax audit services and Approve payment of approximately $16,261 to Tax Management Associates, Inc. as set out in audit services contract. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund:
Increase Appropriation to TAX $16,281
Increase PROPERTY TAX $16,261

8. ADDENDUM - Approved the purchase of (4) 2012 Harley Davidson FLHTP motorcycles to the lowest responsive bidder, TheWheelihan Group (Harley Davidson of Greensboro) for $83,582 as per Bid Event 291. The Guilford County Sheriff’s is requesting the appropriation of Unauthorized Substance Tax fund balance in the amount $86,740. An additional $3,158 has been included to cover the cost of Highway Use Tax and title and transfer fees for a total of $86,740. These motorcycles will be used for dignitary visits, funeral escorts, escorting group rides, search and rescue operations and patrol operations. (2) Increase the Law Enforcement FY 11-12 budget by $86,740 to reflect the appropriation of Unauthorized Substance Tax fund balance for the purchase of (4) 2012 Harley Davidson FLHTP motorcycles. The unaudited Unauthorized Substance Tax balance is $142,790. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund:

Increase Appropriation Law Enforcement $86,640
Increase Fund Balance Appropriated $86,740
(Unauthorized Substance Tax)

B. CONTRACTS

1. Approved the following list of Price Only Contract renewals referenced with No Price Increase and Not Expected to Exceed the amounts listed for FY 2012/13, Contract to begin 07-01-2012 and end on 06-30-2013:
   (1) Clark Tire and Auto, Inc. (Contract #105675-08/10-028) – Amend 2 - $151,800 – Basic Vehicle Maintenance for Guilford County
   (2) James River Solutions LLC (Contract #107862-07/11-054) – Amend 1 - $587,082 – Fuels, Unleaded and Diesel for Guilford County
   (3) West Chatham Warning Devices (Contract #104818-04/11-029) Amend 1- $134,813 – Emergency Equipment Supplies for Law Enforcement and EMS
   (4) Bound Tree Medical (Contract #14544-07/11) – Amend 1 - $136,919 – Emergency Services Ambulance Supplies

   NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

2. Approved Price Only Contract with the lowest responsive bidder Northwestern Emergency Vehicle for the purchase of a Medic/Transport Ambulance and optional RescueNet Road Safety equipment for the Guilford County Emergency Services Department. Price Only Contract amount will be $106,388 which includes the ambulance and optional equipment. The contract period will begin on May 7, 2012 and end on May
6, 2014 with the option to renew for one year. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

3. Approved the award of a Service Maximum Exposure Contract with lowest responsive bidder Triad Roofing Company, Inc. for the Roof Replacement of the Courthouse in Greensboro. The Contract is not to exceed $764,680. The contract period will begin on full execution of the contract 05-17-2012 and end in approximately 120 days. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Approved the Voluntary Agriculture District Program Application for Gary Leon and Sharon V. Stafford - total 20.28 acres - 4212 Maple Tree Court, Colfax, NC 27235 - Tax Map Parcel 0170043.

2. Approved revision to the Guilford County Fund Balance Policy as follows: Guilford County will maintain in its General Fund at fiscal year end (June 30) an Unassigned Fund Balance at a minimum of no less than 8 percent of the subsequent fiscal year’s budgeted expenditures. Guilford County implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions", for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. This resulted in a change of fund balance category names and definitions. As a result of GASB 54, the "Undesignated Fund Balance" category has been replaced by "Unassigned Fund Balance" and the Board Fund Balance Policy requires a similar change to meet the new standard.

VIII. HELD PUBLIC HEARING

A. Held Public Hearing on the County Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2012-2013. (Each speaker had two (2) minutes to address the budget.)

Jamie King, 4042 Terrant Trace Circle, High Point, Principal of Greensboro College Middle College, spoke in support of Middle College and urged the Board to continue funding for his school and all Guilford County Schools.

Jimmy Williams, 1101 N. Elm Street, Communities in Schools of Greater Greensboro, spoke in support of Communities in Schools and asked the Board for their continued support.

Sharisse Hollands, 3866 Parkway Vista Road, Executive Director Communities in Schools High Point, asked funding the be reinstated in the proposed budget for Communities in Schools.

Christina Dobson, 2506 Beachcliff Lane, urged the Board to support the YWCA Teen Parent Mentor Program.
Darrell Kosia, Executive Director Partners Ending Homelessness, thanked the Board for their prior year funding. He said they use Guilford County dollars to leverage for other grants and urged the Board to continue their funding.

John Shore, 3304 Charing Cross Road, Chairman of the Interactive Resource Center, asked for the Board to fund their grant request in the budget under Community Based Organizations for the Interactive Resource Center. He said the Interactive Resource Center is collaboration in action and encouraged them to visit the center.

Elizabeth Foster, 1141 Bridford Lake Circle, President of the Guilford County Association of Educators, asked the Board to consider increasing funding for schools. She asked the Board to support a 1% cost of living adjustment.

Marci Ray, Assistant Director of Reading Connections, spoke on behalf of High Point Public Library and asked for the Board to consider increasing funding in the budget for the High Point Public Library. She also spoke in support of a budget increase for Guilford County Schools.

Leon Nutez, 214 Peach Orchard Drive, stated the County is a billion dollars in debt and said the County should have an austerity program.

Phil Barnfield, 1921 New Garden Road, Director of Operations for the East Market Street Development Corporation, asked for Board funding in next year's budget.

Luther Falls Jr., 1603 Landsdown Avenue, spoke in support of small business and entrepreneurship in Guilford County. He also said a successful minority business fair was held earlier in the year which was made possible because of Board support.

John Capes, 704 O’Neal Drive, Jamestown, spoke in support of funding the Jamestown Public Library and requested funding be maintained at its current level.

Rebecca LaBaron, 2 Castlebridge Court, spoke in support of the Arts and asked the Board to reinstate their funding for the United Arts Council in their proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

Dawn Hutchins, 3421 Wildwood Avenue, High Point, spoke in support of the Arts.

Alan Johnson, Jamestown resident and volunteer Jamestown Public Library, asked the Board to increase their library funding.

Eleanor Raderman, Manager Jamestown Public Library, bragged about the Jamestown Public Library and urged the Board to continue library funding.

Altina Layman, Director United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro, thanked the Board for their previous support and urged them to provide similar funding this year.
Laurelyn Dossett, 1008 Fairmont Street, spoke in support of Arts funding and shared her unique perspective as an artist that has performed across North Carolina. She encouraged the Board to find creative ways to fund the United Arts Council.

Frank Kendall, 3401 Roundhill Road, spoke on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Guilford Education Alliance. He said they support the increase to the Guilford County Schools budget as proposed by Superintendent Mo Green and urged the Board to do so.

Margaret Arbuckle, 1100 Buckingham Road, Executive Director of Guilford Education Alliance, spoke in support of increased funding for Guilford County Schools. She said they also support a 1% pay increase for teachers.

Zenia Stevens Latouday, 1104 High Stone Drive, Guilford County School teacher, asked the Board to support a 1% increase in the school budget for salary increases.

Ms. Wilkins, classified Guilford County School employee, asked the Board to support a 1% increase for salaries in the Superintendent's recommended budget.

Lesherie Clemmons, 3400 Oliver Drive, spoke in support of the African American Atelier and funding for the Arts.

Kim Irvy, 5312 Colview Court, spoke in support of funding Guilford County Schools and arts programs in the schools.

Stephanie Sherman, 905 W. McGee Street, Creative Director for Elsewhere, spoke in support of funding for the Arts.

Chloe Klevern, 3844 Battleground Avenue, teacher, advocated for salary increases for teachers.

Keith Holliday, 310 S. Greene Street, former Mayor of Greensboro, spoke in support of funding for the Arts and the positive economic impact of the Arts in Guilford County.

T.J. Smith, 1446 Grantland Place, advocated on behalf of increased funding for teacher salaries.

Jesse Gasway, 4112 Doubledale Court, Jamestown, spoke in support of funding for Guilford County Schools.

David John, Principal of Hampton Elementary School; Kathy Rogers, Principal of Ragsdale High School; Noah Rogers, Principal of Smith High School; Greg Newlin, Principal of Grimsley High School; Darcy Camp, Executive Director of the Northern Region; asked the Board to support the Superintendent's budget proposal for Guilford County Schools.

Elizabeth Grady, 1530 Worthington Place, student at Western Guilford High School, spoke in support of increased funding for Guilford County Schools.

The Board took a short recess at 7:45 p.m.
The Board reconvened at 8:03 p.m.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

POSTPONED the following Item X. A. to discuss in detail at the Board’s next Work Session on May 10, 2012

ITEM X. A.

A. Approve the Service Maximum Contract for a period of three (3) years for three (3) detention facilities for Facility Maintenance Management Services to the lowest responsive bidder CGL/Kitchell Facility Management LLC., 795 E. Lanier Avenue, Fayetteville, GA 30214, in an amount not to exceed $5,631,776. This contract does include a higher level of maintenance service and janitorial services for all three jails (24 hours per day, 365 days per year). They are currently accredited by the National Commission of Correctional Health Care and do plan to seek accreditation through the American Correctional Association, which requires improved levels of service and greater efficiencies in all areas of the detention facilities. Approval of this contract will help maintain the level of efficiency of operations required. Appropriate budget adjustments will be made in future fiscal years as required.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Davis to postpone a decision on Item X. A. and give staff an opportunity to explore possibilities of dividing the contract into parts and look at the possibility of doing maintenance work internally.

Commissioner Gibson asked Commissioner Coleman if she would accept an amendment to her motion that the Board consider this item at the Board’s next Work Session on May 10th. He said he would like to hear from the Sheriff’s Department regarding several questions he has regarding the contract as presented.

Vice Chairman Perkins expressed concern regarding current maintenance costs and security.

Following discussion, the Board voted on the motion made by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commission Davis and amended by Commissioner Gibson to postpone a decision on Item X. A. in order to discuss in detail at the Board’s next Work Session on May 10th. The motion carried 7 to 0 on the following roll call vote:
VOTE: Motion carried 7 – 0
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Kirk Perkins; Commissioners Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman, Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, Linda Shaw.
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Bill Bencini, John Parks, Mike Winstead, Billy Yow.

B. New Business from County Commissioners.

Vice Chairman Perkins expressed his displeasure regarding the Addendum to the agenda. He questioned Sheriff Barnes regarding Item VII. A. 8 concerning the purchase of four Harley Davidson motorcycles.

Sheriff Barnes apologized for the add-on but said it was because a decision as to whether it needed to come before the Board for approval was made after the agenda deadline. He indicated the dollars will come from the drug tax fund and no county dollars are involved. He said the motorcycles will used for dignitary visits and in Charlotte, NC for the Democratic National Convention.

Chairman Alston said this item was passed on the agenda but because Commissioner Perkins had some remaining questions he permitted discussion on the item for clarification purposes.

Commissioner Coleman said she disliked receiving the Addendum at the meeting. She also asked Sheriff Barnes if the motorcycles will have Guilford County logo on them.

Sheriff Barnes indicated that the motorcycles will have the Guilford County seal on them and officers will be wearing Guilford County uniforms while working in Charlotte. He also explained procedures for payment of officers while working the Democratic National Convention.

Chairman Alston questioned Sheriff Barnes about the use of dollars from the Unauthorized Substance Tax fund and Sheriff Barnes said the dollars must be spent on law enforcement issues.

County Attorney Mark Payne advised the Board that the use of dollars from this fund is very broad.

Commissioner Davis questioned the source of the funds and the balance in the fund.

Sheriff Barnes pointed out approximately $133,000 will be remaining in the fund which is comprised from taxes due at the state level. He said the department is also looking at options to purchase property and eliminate leasing space.

Commissioner Cashion asked about the parameters of usage for the funds and asked if it is possible to use the funds for programming.
Sheriff Barnes said they have used some of the funds for drug programs.

Attorney Payne said he will provide the Board with information that identifies all revenue sources.

Commissioner Coleman also requested an update on Inmate Welfare Funds expenditures.

Sheriff Barnes announced the 7th Annual Sniper Competition was held in Guilford County and that the Guilford County Sheriff’s Office won the event. He said they had wonderful sponsors and were successful in the charity event.

Commissioner Coleman congratulated Sheriff Barnes and the department.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Shaw wished her grandson Ryan Moffit a Happy Birthday. She thanked the Board and staff for their well wishes for her late husband Bob Shaw.

Vice Chairman Perkins said he attended a ribbon cutting at Lenovo Computers and congratulated the company on their success. He said he also attended the dedication at McLeansville School and several other community events.

Commissioner Davis said he visited Purolator Facet, Inc. and was impressed with what they have done with the incentives the County provided. He said he would like Guilford County companies that have received incentives to report back to the Board with an update.

Commissioner Coleman requested economic incentive recipients to provide information concerning their hiring demographic to the Board in the past and requested the information again.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

There were no comments from the County Manager.

COUNTY MANAGER FILED REPORTS OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AND CONTRACTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2012

County Manager Fox filed her report of out of state travel and contracts approved by her for the month on April 2012. (See copy in file with these minutes.)

XIII. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Christina Dobson, 2506 Beachcliff Lane, spoke on behalf of the YWCA Teen Parent Program and urged the Board to support funding for the many services they provide.
Effie Varitimidis, Clerk to Board, congratulated the Grimsley Whirlies Girls Varsity Soccer Team on winning the 4A Conference Championship and wished them success in State playoffs.

Vice Chairman Perkins thanked the citizens that came to the meeting and participated in the public hearing.

Chairman Alston also thanked the citizens attending this meeting and those that attended district meetings to express their concerns.

XIV. HELD CLOSED SESSION FOR A MATTER PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss a personnel matter and consult with an attorney or retained counsel by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege.

Motion was made by Commissioner Shaw, and seconded by Vice Chairman Perkins to enter closed session.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston”; Vice Chairman Kirk Perkins; Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman, Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, Linda Shaw.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioners John Parks, Mike Winstead, Billy Yow.

The Board entered closed session at 8:40 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:13 p.m.

COUNTY MANAGER FOX ANNOUNCED HER RETIREMENT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2013

County Manager Fox announced her retirement effective February 1, 2013.

Chairman Alston and Vice Chairman Perkins thanked Ms. Fox for her many years of service to Guilford County.

XV. ADJOURNED

There being no further business, Commissioner Shaw made a motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Cashion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman

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Clerk to Board