The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on June 5, 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, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Kay Cashion, Bruce Davis, Alan Branson, and Raymond Trapp.

ABSENT: Commissioner Linda O. Shaw.

ALSO PRESENT: Marty Lawing, County Manager; Mark Payne, County Attorney; Robin Keller, Clerk to the Board; Michael Halford, Budget Director; Bonnie Stellfox, Purchasing Director; Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director; Jim Albright, Emergency Services Director; Ben Chavis, Tax Director; Robert McNiece, Facilities, Parks, and Property Management Director; Jeff Fowler, Security Director; John Dean, HR Director; Hemant Desai, Information Services Director; Carolyn Campbell, Benefits Manager; Don Campbell, Emergency Management Coordinator; Thomas Marshburn, Parks Operations Manager; Colonel T.R. Powers; Clay Hicks, Credit & Debit Manager; Paul Lowe, Deputy Clerk; and members of the media and community.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplin Chavis provided the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bencini called the meeting to order. Chairman Bencini announced the changing of the order of the agenda in order to allow those present wishing to speak on the public hearing an opportunity to do so earlier in the meeting.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Robbie Farris, of Raleigh, informed the Board regarding a public building lease program.
Rebecca Mann, Jamestown, YWCA, thanked the Board for their past support and updated Commissioners regarding the teen parenting program. Yvonne Johnson, of One Step Further, asked Commissioners to support the program.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Hold Public Hearing pursuant to North Carolina Budget and Fiscal Control Act, for the purpose of receiving input regarding the County Manager's recommended budget presented to the Board on May 22, 2014.

Chairman Bencini opened the public hearing at 5:53 PM.

Angie Gerario urged the Board to support County schools.

Jane Armstrong, parent and Guilford County teacher, asked the Board to support students.

Steven Cockerham read the Board a poem.

Ms. Sheppard asked the Board to support the Schools and the Superintendent’s budget.

Heather Servonia, Greensboro resident, spoke regarding facility issues found at County schools.

Liz Phenten, PTA member, urged the Board to support the Superintendent's budget.

Mark Harris, Principal in the County, spoke regarding issues which impact local schools.

Debbie Hayes asked the Board to support the School Board's proposed budget.

Angie Harris urged Commissioners to fully fund the Superintendent's suggested budget.

Colee Cavens, teacher in Guilford County schools, spoke regarding school funding issues.

Hanny Mindoza asked Commissioners to support education in the County.

Joy Cook, PTA President Southern Guilford High School, spoke regarding school facility issues.

Kelley Best, Teacher at Peirce Elementary, spoke regarding recent school budget cuts.

Debbie Lupkins, High Point Arts Council, asked the Board to restore funding to prior year levels.

Jeanette McNeil, High Point Area Arts Council, urged the Board to fully fund arts programming.

Karen Nates, Guilford County parent, asked Commissioners to support education funding.

Katherine McPartick, Principal at Rankin Elementary School, urged the Board to fully fund school operations in the County.

Mary Lindsey, Greensboro, asked the Board to support the Superintendent's proposed budget.
Lemoore Chapman, Guilford County parent, urged Commissioners to fully fund the Schools. Mantia Chapman, 7th grader in the County, spoke regarding facility issues found at her school.

Lloyd Dumbee commented on the importance of libraries and asked the Board to fund libraries.

Anne Kyle, High Point- Teacher Assistant at Guilford Elementary School, reviewed the components of school funding and asked the Board to support education.

Lee Carver, Guilford County teacher, expressed concerns regarding the level of school funding.

Robert Palmer, A&T State University, spoke in support of education and the School Board.

Joe Frazier, small business owner, urged Commissioners to support Guilford County schools.

April Evans, Guilford County parent, asked the Board to support the Superintendent's budget.

Vice Chairman Henning out 6:57 PM. Commissioner Branson out 6:59 PM.

Katrina Strickland, PTA President- Weaver Academy, asked the Board to fully fund schools.

Cheryl Benson, Principal Murphy Traditional Academy, urged the Board to support education.

Commissioner Branson back 7:02 PM. Vice Chairman Henning back 7:03 PM.

Ms. Wilkins asked the Board to support classified School employees.

Marie Mourhy urged Commissioners to support the Superintendent’s recommended budget.

Melissa Tuttle shared that her son had disabilities and stated that the Schools required additional resources to support students with special needs.

Heidi Majors, President YWCA-High Point, asked the Board to support her organization.

Bobby Jean Spellman urged the Board to fully support the Superintendent's proposed budget.

Kathleen McLennan expressed concerns regarding the status of educators in the State.

Joe Stafford, Greensboro, asked the Board to cut programming- including Mission Possible.

Michele Markiff, Grimsley High School teacher, asked the Board to support educators.

Elisabeth Watson, Page High School student, urged Commissioners to support education.

Chairman Bencini closed the public hearing at 7:31 PM and the meeting entered a short recess.
V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. Approve increases / decreases to the FY 2014 Public Health budget resulting in a net increase of $13,974 as detailed below. These alignments also include an increase in Appropriated Fund Balance of $24,597. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED. Adult Services: ($9,600)

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2. Approve additional sales tax funds in the amount of $104,769 (effective rate of 26%) from revenue generated in the amount of $402,600 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 2013-14 budget in the amount of $104,769 to permit payment of the services as set out in the sales tax audit contract. Fiscal year-to-date, the County has realized additional revenues of $402,600 and incurred fees of $104,769. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

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3. Approve the reappropriation of prior year Aircraft Program Fund balance (Federal Forfeiture Funds) of $29,553 from the Law Enforcement Aircraft Program Fund to the FY 2014 Law Enforcement budget. Any unspent funds must be reappropriated to the current year's budget. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

4. Approve an increase to the FY 2014 Law Enforcement budget in the amount of $16,029 and adjust revenues to reflect appropriation of unspent prior year Law Enforcement Explorer Post Funds. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

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B. CONTRACTS

1. Approve Price Only contract, in substantial form, for a duration of 3 years with AT&T for 1FB business phone lines in the amount not to exceed $148,824.00. The County is not financially committed by this contract to purchase any minimum amount of services. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

2. Approve purchase of Cisco switches in the amount of $129,923.68 from NWN Corporation. Pricing is in compliance with City of Jacksonville contract. (Funds are already appropriated for this purpose within Information Services' FY 2014 Budget). NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

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3. Approve the purchase of (29) twenty-nine Law Enforcement vehicles to include: (17) seventeen full-size Police Pursuit Dodge Chargers - purchased from Ilderton Dodge Chrysler Jeep, 701 S Main St, High Point, NC 27261, from State Contract 070B (3) three Intermediate Police Sedan Impalas - purchased from Sir Walter Chevrolet, PO Box 90367, Raleigh, NC 27675, from State Contract 070B. (2) two Ford small cargo vans for Crime Lab - Capital Ford of Wilmington, 422 Oleander Dr, Wilmington, NC 28404, from State Contract 070G (1)one Ford Expedition for K9 Division/Clandestine Lab Investigations - Capital Ford of Wilmington, 422 Oleander Dr, Wilmington, NC 28404, from State Contract 070G, and (6) six undercover vehicles which will be used vehicles, due to the nature of their usage - purchased from local automobile dealerships, per County and State Guidelines. All vehicles, with the exception of the undercover vehicles, will be purchased from NC State Contracts 070B and 070G. Total purchases will not exceed $838,232 and includes the 3% Highway Use Tax. These vehicles are replacing aging fleet, due to high mileage and increasing maintenance costs and reviewed by the county wide vehicle replacement committee. These vehicles were approved in the Capital Outlay listing for FY 2012/13. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

4. Approve the purchase of (40) MCT Toughbook Laptop In-Car Computers from CDWG Government, 230 North Milwaukee Ave., Vernon Hills IL 60061. The laptops will be purchased from the North Carolina State Contract 204b. The cost for each computer is $3,585.00 and they are Panasonic Ruggedized Toughbooks (Model 31's), which includes a 5 year warranty and the total is $143,400.00. Also included in the quote is 20 PAN HAVIS mobile docking stations at the cost of $698.00 each at a total cost of $13,960.00. The purchase of the laptops is part of the 6 year computer replacement plan and was approved by the County Technology Committee and the original figure allocated for this was $158,620.00. The total purchase price for the 40 laptops and 20 docks is $157,360.00. Funds for the laptops were approved in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Law Enforcement budget. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

5. Review and Approve UNCG contract, in substantial form, to provide case management staff to the Specialty Courts. Contract amount is $ 410,706. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2014 and end on June 30, 2015 with the option to renew for 1 year. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.
6. Approve an interlocal agreement with the City of Greensboro contract for joint occupancy of the Greensboro Fire Station #59 being constructed at Reedy Fork. This has been previously approved as part of the Capital Improvement Plan. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

7. Approve the interlocal agreement with the City of Greensboro and the City of High Point for joint use and support of the Community Alert and Notification System (GEANI). NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

8. Review and approve the last and final contract renewal and the associated "not expected to exceed the amounts" listed for FY 14/15. The contract will begin July 1, 2014 and end on June 30, 2015 with the following companies: (a) Good Housekeeper Maintenance Supplies, Inc., 906 Martin Luther King Dr., Thomasville, NC -Contract #109327-02/12-200-Amend #2 - Industrial Paper and Food Service Products - $50,000. (b) Southeastern Paper Company, P.O. Box 330, Browns Summit, NC - 84018-02/13-158- Amendment #2 - Industrial Paper and Food Service Products - $50,000. There are no remaining renewal options, and this must be rebid next year. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2014/2015 BUDGET.

9. Approve Price Only Professional Services Contracts, in substantial form as attached hereto, with no requirement to issue any work orders to any of the suppliers to the below agencies. Event 421 RFQ was released with purpose of securing Professional Architectural & Engineering Services with pre-established prices for determined projects. Upon review of evaluation committee, rate schedules were successfully established and negotiated with the top 3 firms. Contracts will be for two years to begin July 1, 2014 and end on June 30, 2016 with the option for two additional two year renewal options, the value of each contract shall not exceed $2.5 Million dollars. These contracts may be used to contract for Professional Services from any one of these qualified firms. Any work order with a value greater than $90,000 must be brought back to the Board of Commissioners for approval prior to beginning the work. (a) PNP Design Group, 111 Paisley Street, Greensboro, NC 27401; (b) J. Hyatt Hammond Architects, 212 South Elm Street, Suite 200, Greensboro, NC 27401; and (c) ESPA Architects and Planners, 301 East Sycamore Street, Greensboro, NC 27401 FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2014/2015 BUDGET.

10. Approve Price Only Dumpster Service and Container Contract with lowest responsive bidder Republic Services of NC LLC, 2875 Lowery Street, Winston Salem, NC for Dumpster Service and Containers for various sites throughout the County for the Facilities Department. Contract amount is $43,737.36 per year or $131,212.08 for the initial three years. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2014 and end on June 30, 2017 with the option to renew for one (1) additional year at the same price, terms and conditions. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2014/2015 BUDGET.
Removed from Consent Agenda


C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Approve the Greensboro/Guilford County Tourism Development Authority's (the Authority) budget ordinance for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Total budgeted Authority General Fund expenditures are $5,155,202. The Board of Commissioners must approve the budget ordinance, which allocates the Authority's 70% share of the county's 3% occupancy tax revenue and other sources of funds, before it is adopted by the Authority Board. The Authority approved the attached ordinance on May 19, 2014.

2. Approve the refund of $397.00 to Rossabi Black Slaughter, P.A. for payment of tax stamps per N.C.G.S. 105-228.37.

3. Appoint Dervin Spell, Guilford County Planner II, as Review Officer for maps and plats within the corporate limits of Guilford County, North Carolina, pursuant to G.S. 47-30.2.

4. Request approval of VAD Application #2014-5 owned by Jerry P. Hembree (Tax Parcel #0121258) being 23.37 acres, property located at 2525 Alamance Church Rd., Greensboro, NC.

5. Approve the following sets of County Commissioner's Meeting Minutes: 05/12/14 - Work Session

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, and seconded by Vice Chairman Hank Henning to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.


NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw.
ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

A.3. Approve the reappropriation of prior year Aircraft Program Fund balance (Federal Forfeiture Funds) of $29,553 from the Law Enforcement Aircraft Program Fund to the FY 2014 Law Enforcement budget. Any unspent funds must be reappropriated to the current year's budget. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

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Commissioner Coleman questioned the request and asked how the program was funded.

Colonel T.R. Powers replied that multiple agencies provide funding to support the Aircraft program and commented that as funds are spent down- County staff reallocates funds to cover the Program’s operations.

Commissioner Coleman inquired regarding the effectiveness of the Program and the types of calls or searches it has been used in over the past year and the frequency of utilization.

Powers shared that the Aircraft Program had been able to locate and arrest drug dealers, locate lost property, and find missing residents. Powers reported that millions of dollars in stolen property and drugs had been recovered by the program.

Commissioner Coleman asked for an annual report to be provided to the Board regarding the program in order to increase communication and awareness as to the success of the program.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Branson to approve reappropriating prior year Aircraft Program Fund balance (Federal Forfeiture Funds) of $29,553 from the Law Enforcement Aircraft Program Fund to the FY 2014 Law Enforcement budget.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.


NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw.

B.9. Approve Price Only Professional Services Contracts, in substantial form as attached hereto, with no requirement to issue any work orders to any of the suppliers to the below agencies. Event 421 RFQ was released with purpose of securing Professional Architectural & Engineering Services with pre-established prices for determined projects. Upon review of evaluation
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Commissioner Coleman questioned if this process of multiple providers being retained had been done before, and questioned the advantages of not placing these services up for bid.

Bonnie Stellfox, Purchasing Director, responded that her Department had put the item out to bid and received seven responses. Stellfox reported that the bids were then directed to the Facilities Department- who organized a review committee.

Commissioner Coleman asked regarding the language found in the proposed agreements regarding any minimum amounts of $90,000.

Robert McNiece, Facilities, Parks, and Property Management Director, explained that if a service agreement was over $90,000- it would have to be approved by the Board of Commissioners and that any amount under $90,000 would fall under the Manager’s authority for approval.

Commissioner Coleman inquired how long the term of the contract was.

McNiece commented that the term of the contract was two years and included two two-year renewals.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns that the proposed contract term limit with a maximum of six years, would keep other competing firms from having access to County projects for an extended period of time. Coleman shared her concerns that these practices have typically favored certain vendors, thereby limiting the County’s ability to diversify its vendors.

McNiece stated that the proposed method would be one of several used for architectural services in the County and that they would not be required to be utilized these vendors for every project. He stated that this would be one of many ways in which the county could secure services and that the benefits of this proposal would allow the County to move quickly and more efficiently with projects; particularly with small designs.

Coleman shared that there are several on the list that have done quite a bit of work in the past for the county and this methodology would encourage a practice of utilizing one vendor over others.
McNiece acknowledged Commissioner Coleman’s concerns and shared that there are pros and cons to this methodology and that one of positives is that the county can establish a relationship with a vendor and ultimately see cost savings as result of knowledge of the County’s properties, budget and design expectations.

Commissioner Trapp concurred with Commissioner Coleman’s concerns and believed that the County should look to implement yearly contracts. Trapp suggested that reviewing contracts annually would allow the County to retain the best price for contracted services and provide an opportunity for other firms to bid on County projects.

Commissioner Cashion inquired how the Facilities Department ranks firms.

McNiece reported that the Facilities Department reviews a company’s work load, resources, and skill set when considering firms for potential projects.

Commissioner Bencini clarified that there were originally seven bidders for the contract and asked what criteria were utilized to select the three firms.

McNiece commented that he considered technical ability, the makeup of their time, type of consultants and past work achievements as some of the criteria utilized when reviewing the submitted bids.

**Commissioner Coleman asked the Board to table the motion in order to study past utilization of vendors. Trapp seconded the motion.**

Chairman Bencini inquired if any current projects would be delayed if the motion was tabled.

McNiece reviewed some of the Minnie Brooks Act requirements for the RFQ process and stated that work at the Family Justice Center and the Special Operations Center would be delayed if the consideration was tabled.

Vice Chairman Henning questioned if retaining the three firms on long term contracts would help to save the County money.

McNiece responded that the proposal would save time- associated with conducting reviews of potential firms by completing the RFQ once every year or every three years versus an RFQ for every project.

Commissioner Coleman asked what the price of the proposed projects was.

McNiece reported that the design work for the Family Justice Center would be about $7,000- while the Special Operations Center design fee would be approximately $50,000. McNiece shared that two of the three firms that were selected had completed work for the County- which helped them to secure the proposed contract.
Coleman questioned if the three selected bidders in the proposal had done previous work for the County.

McNiece reported the backgrounds of the three firms: one having completed several projects for the County in the past giving them extensive knowledge of the county, one firm had done very little if any county work, and the third vendor had done some work for the schools and the city but none with the county.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns that the proposal of retaining vendors would make it more difficult for competing vendors to gain experience with the County if not provided more opportunity and frequency to bid on county projects.

Commissioner Davis inquired regarding the two year term of the contract.

McNiece stated that he was open to pursuing an annual contract and only suggested retaining the three firms to reduce the time required to develop and review bid proposals.

Commissioner Cashion asked if there was a difference in pricing with the two year contract renewal versus a one year renewal option.

McNiece commented that there was no difference in pricing- as professional service contractors usually charge a standard hourly rate.

Commissioners discussed the utility of pursing annual renewals of contracts with the three service providers.

Commissioner Coleman and Commissioner Davis withdrew the motion to table the item.

A Substitute Motion was made by Commissioner Bruce Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to approve the following price only professional services contracts in substantial form for a term of one year.

**VOTE:**  Motion carried 8 – 0.


**NOES:**  None.

**ABSENT:**  Commissioner L. Shaw.

Great Lakes, 4478 Johnston Parkway, Cleveland, Ohio (fuels-E-10 Tankwagon): $126,774. (I) Contact 405Q - Hopkins Oil Company, 5211 Trademark Dr., Raleigh, NC (fuel-Diesel L/S): $302,000. (j) Contract 070A - 2014 Passenger Vehicles: $90,000. (k) Contract 070B - 2014 Model Year Law Enforcement Vehicles: $900,000. (l) Contract 070G - 2014 Model Year Trucks, Vans & Utility Vehicles: $90,000. The County may elect to purchase all or none of their needs from the NC state approved contract list, whichever is in the best interest of the County.

Commissioner Coleman asked for clarification regarding the item and questioned if the items were currently listed on the state contract was there a procedural requirement to approve the items.

Stellfox reported that the listing of contractors had to be approved by Commissioners as each contract was valued at more than $90,000.

Mark Payne, County Attorney, provided an overview of State regulations regarding purchasing and the Board’s requirement to proactively approve a contract or the utilization of a state contract.

Coleman identified that the language in the agenda item infers that the Board would be asked to approve the state vendors.

Commissioner Phillips stated that the proposal that the Board was considering was only approving the potential slate of vendors which the County could purchase from.

Stellfox agreed and reiterated that the item before the Board was an approval to purchase.

Commissioner Coleman pointed out that the language of the proposed motion includes prices for each contractors; again, creating confusion as to the Board’s action and the redundancy of the approval.

Payne explained that the Board was being asked to approve the list of potential purchases and the associated expected expenses.

Commissioner Coleman asked for clarification regarding how the estimates were generated.

Stellfox replied that the prices included in the agenda item constituted average yearly spending for each item which included trending information from the Departments.

Commissioner Phillips inquired if the request was included in the Manager’s requested budget.

Stellfox confirmed that request was included in the proposed budget.

The Board reviewed the process and that the items were budgeted for in the Manager’s budget, and that although the Board would be reapproving the maximum expected expenses, any specific purchases over $90,000 would still need to come back before the board at a later time.
Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Jeff Phillips to approve purchasing from the list of following approved State Contracts.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw.

A.2. Appropriate additional sales tax funds in the amount of $104,769 (effective rate of 26%) from revenue generated in the amount of $402,600 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 2013-14 budget in the amount of $104,769 to permit payment of the services as set out in the sales tax audit contract. Fiscal year-to-date, the County has realized additional revenues of $402,600 and incurred fees of $104,769. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

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Commissioner Phillips expressed concerns regarding the cost associated with the service agreement and asked how often were the contracts updated.

Clay Hicks, Credit & Debit Manager, replied that the contract was last updated in 2009 for a period of 36 months and stated that the agreement featured a thirty day termination policy.

Commissioner Phillips expressed an interest in renegotiating the contract or retaining another service contractor when the current agreement expired.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Branson to approve appropriating additional sales tax funds to complete the sales tax audit.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw.

B.3. Approve the purchase of (29) twenty-nine Law Enforcement vehicles to include: (17) seventeen full-size Police Pursuit Dodge Chargers - purchased from Ilderton Dodge Chrysler Jeep, 701 S Main St, High Point, NC 27261, from State Contract 070B (3) three Intermediate
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Commissioner Phillips inquired about the Sheriff’s Department replacement plan for vehicles.

Colonel T.R. Powers explained that the Department had different replacement schedules for various types of vehicles. Powers commented for example a patrol officers’ car would be replaced before a detectives’. Powers opined that the Department assesses each vehicle annually and informed the Board that patrol officers’ cars are usually replaced after about 100,000 miles.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to approve the purchase of (29) twenty-nine Law Enforcement vehicles.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve addition of catastrophic prescription drug coverage to the Medicare Advantage Plan provided by United Healthcare. This will allow for retirees to continue paying the usual copayment for medications instead of a percentage of the drug cost once the catastrophic coverage level is reached. The additional $5.61 per covered person per month will be billed by UHC to Guilford County retroactively from January 1, 2014. Guilford County will pay the additional amount for all covered persons for the plan year 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2014, after which any additional cost for the catastrophic coverage will be added into the total premium and charged to participants based on years of service, as provided for in the current retiree resolution.

Chairman Bencini recognized John Dean, Human Resources Director.

Dean introduced Carolyn Campbell, Benefits Manager, to explain the proposed alternations.
Campbell reviewed the County’s current drug plan and shared that if the proposal was not approved then the retirees would pay more for their prescriptions. Campbell informed the Board that she had been in contact with United Healthcare, the plan administrator, and worked out a tentative agreement. Campbell shared that an increase of $5.61 could be added to the Medicare Advantage plan premium to ensure that retirees were able to continue to pay their regular co-pay even after reaching the catastrophic coverage level. Campbell suggested that the County cover the increase of $24,000, due to the fact that the alternation constituted a mid-year change, and added that starting in January 2015 retirees would be responsible for paying the additional costs.

Commissioner Phillips asked regarding the costs associated with the plan and the retroactive application and potential reimbursement to the employees.

Campbell confirmed that retirees would be reimbursed for costs incurred since January 2014.

Vice Chairman Henning asked for clarification regarding the proposal.

Campbell explained that the alteration would only impact post sixty five retirees.

Commissioner Coleman asked regarding the costs associated with the proposal and if the 48,000 that the county would incur would be related to Medicaid.

Campbell replied that the proposed increase of $24,000 would provide 673 retirees with benefits through the end of the current calendar year.

Commissioner Coleman clarified the amounts to be absorbed annually and the amount needed to complete this fiscal year. She questioned how much the County had saved by implementing the Medicare Advantage plan.

Campbell responded that as the County’s insurance plan was self funded and due to rising costs Human Resource staff would have had to increase the premiums for retirees to over $500 dollars. Campbell shared that by implementing the Medicare Advantage plan- the County was able to hold the premium rate to $193.68 per month and added that the savings were more than half.

Commissioner Coleman questioned why the County would opt to cover the increase ($5.61) in retiree premiums after December 2014- She reminded staff that as result of Obama care and the savings afforded to the County benefits plans and the cost savings the Medicare Advantage plan had generated, that rather than deferring the costs to the retirees to consider absorbing those premium changes.

Campbell explained that the retirees receive varying levels of assistance with their health care premiums- depending on their length of service to the County.

Commissioner Davis asked for clarification regarding the costs associated with the alternation.
Campbell stated that staff was suggesting that the County cover the increase during the current calendar year with retirees paying the prorated increase, as the County pays 85% of premium costs, starting in January 2015.

Commissioner Davis inquired if the rate could be locked in for future years.

Campbell replied that rates were set by Medicare program administrators at the Federal level and added that historically the Medicare Advantage plan has had limited annual cost increases.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to approve the addition of catastrophic prescription drug coverage to the Medicare Advantage Plan provided by United Healthcare.**

**VOTE:** Motion carried 8 – 0.


**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner L. Shaw.

B. **Approve the extension of the June 07, 2014 Board of Commissioners' previously-approved action (Contract #36460-08/12-063) for the proposed Village View affordable multi-family senior housing development located at 202 R1 Ragsdale Rd, Jamestown, NC for a period not beyond 30-Jun-16. No County Funds beyond the County's federal allocation is required.**

Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director, reported that the agenda item had an incorrect date listed and should read “Approve the extension of the June 07, 2012”. Bell explained that the proposal was a request to extend an agreement which the Board approved in 2012. Bell commented that the proposed Village View project would construct forty seven units of multi-family senior housing in Jamestown. Bell added that the two year extension was requested because the developer was seeking Low Income Housing Tax Credits from the State.

Vice Chairman Henning asked if any County funds would be required to support the project.

Bell stated that no County resources would be needed to support the development.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Ray Trapp, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Branson to approve the extension of the June 07, 2012 Board of Commissioners' previously-approved action (Contract #36460-08/12-063) for the proposed Village View affordable multi-family senior housing development.**

**VOTE:** Motion carried 7 – 1.


**NOES:** Commissioner H. Henning.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner L. Shaw.
C. Approve revised Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaws.

Robert McNiece, Facilities, Parks, and Property Management Director, commented that the proposed alternations to the Parks and Recreation Commission bylaws would make clear the role of the Open Space Committee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ray Trapp, and seconded by Commissioner Allan Branson to approve the revised Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaws.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw.

D. New Business from County Commissioners

Commissioner Trapp asked for a timeline regarding the consolidation process of DSS and Public Health Departments.

Mark Payne, County Attorney, shared that the Board had asked him to review State statues regarding the consolidated human services advisory board. Payne stated that after completing his research he learned that Commissioners could add additional members to the advisory board.

Commissioner Coleman commented that she felt the issue was very important and warranted an more thorough discussion. Coleman suggested that the Board hold a work session to consider the proposal.

Chairman Bencini inquired if the Board had a deadline to have the advisory board in place.

Marty Lawing, County Manager, responded that Commissioners did not have a firm deadline to make the alternations, but suggested that the Board move quickly regarding the matter. Lawing shared that the County had received 45 applications for the consolidated human services director position- with 26 of the applicants meeting the minimum qualifications. Lawing commented that the statutes stated that the County Manager hires the Director with the advice and consent of the Board. Lawing asked the Board to consider how they wanted to be involved in the process.

Chairman Bencini asked if the topic could be considered at an upcoming work session.

Lawing replied that the upcoming work sessions were organized to consider the proposed budget, but shared that he would be happy to address the topic if Commissioners requested.

Chairman Bencini opined that delaying consideration of the issue would only slow implementation of consolidation in the County and inquired when the Board would be comfortable addressing the issue.
Commissioner Phillips suggested that the Board consider the issue after the budget was approved- which was the consensus of the full Board.

Chairman Bencini asked Lawing to develop a list of potential dates to discuss the issue.

**Appoint an Interim Human Services Director**

Commissioner Trapp asked if the County needed to take any actions to ensure that the Public Health Department maintained its accreditation.

Payne shared that he recommended the Board appoint an interim Human Services Director and suggested that Commissioners choose Lawing to serve in the role until a permanent Director could be retained. Payne explained that implementing the proposal would help the County to respond to any unforeseen incidents.

Commissioner Davis inquired who would hire the consolidated Director.

Payne replied that the County Manager would hire the Director with the approval of the Board.

Commissioner Coleman asked why interim staff could not continue to serve in their positions.

Payne responded that State statutes required the County to retain a consolidated Director, after implementing consolidation, to handle mandated Public Health and DSS functions. Payne added that if the County Manager was selected to serve as the interim Director- he could delegate the responsibilities of the position to another member of staff. Payne shared that the suggestion would be the best option in his opinion, as the County might experience changes in key personnel- which would necessitate the Board reconsidering the measure.

Commissioner Coleman raised concerns regarding the proposal as Green, in her opinion, was the most qualified County staffer to handle the Interim Human Services Director position.

Commissioner Davis asked for clarification regarding staffing considerations.

Lawing stated that Merle Green, Public Health Director, would continue to serve as County Health Director, but the Board needed to formally designate those responsibilities to her.

Commissioner Coleman thought that the proposal would lessen Commissioner’s oversight over Public Health and DSS operations.

Payne provided clarification regarding his suggestion.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Ray Trapp, and seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman to appoint Merle Green, Public Health Director, as interim Human Services Director.**
Commissioner Trapp commented that the consolidated Human Services Director had to hold Public Health credentials by State statute—so Green would be the best choice for the position.

Lawing clarified that the Director must hold the credentials or appoint a staff member who does.

Commissioner Cashion inquired if selecting Green to serve as the interim Director would impact the selection process to retain a permanent Human Services Director.

Payne explained that the interim Director could delegate responsibilities to ensure that mandated services were provided and State statutes followed.

Lawing shared that he suggested Commissioners formerly delegate Green as the County’s Public Health Director— to comply with State statutes regarding consolidation.

Commissioners Cashion and Phillips asked for clarification regarding the proposal.

Payne reviewed the options available to Commissioners and reviewed the State statutes which regulate consolidation.

Commissioner Davis expressed concerns regarding the utility of the suggestion.

Chairman Bencini inquired if there would be any problems associated with appointing the County Manager as the interim Human Services Director.

Payne shared that the County Manager could delegate the duties of the Human Services Director position to another member of staff.

Substitute motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Branson to appoint Marty Lawing, County Manager, or his designee as interim Human Services Director.

VOTE: Motion carried 5–3.
NOES: Commissioners B. Davis, C. Coleman, R. Trapp.
ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw.

Report from War Memorial Foundation

Commissioner Davis shared that the War Memorial Foundation was interested in utilizing the Bellemeade Building in High Point, which is currently vacant, as a veteran training center. Davis commented that he was looking to receive direction from the Board regarding the property— as the Foundation was looking to move forward with the project.
Chairman Bencini suggested that staff develop a plan which would specify how and if the property could be divided and asked Davis to develop a more detailed plan regarding the Foundation’s proposal and how they planned to utilize the site.

Commissioner Coleman asked when the results of the pay study would be made available.

Lawing shared that the findings from the report would be presented at the Board’s June 12th work session by Matt Reece of the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments.

**Discussion of Education Funding**

Commissioner Coleman discussed when an opportunity would be made available to hear from the School Board regarding a recommendation on education funding. She asked for and opportunity to hear their input on the utilization on a funding formula.

Vice Chairman Henning commented that the school funding issue had been tabled reported that the Education Committee in meeting with the School Board representatives had consensus on the concept but no agreement yet on a specific formula or implementation had been approved by the School Board.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns that the full Board had not considered the proposal or had opportunity for more discussion and pointed out that the Manager had utilized a funding formula in his proposed budget.

Lawing stated that staff had developed a formula which considered the County’s ability to pay, the growth in the tax base, and growth in ADM. Lawing shared that the funding formula was used to determine the level of funding the County allocated to the School’s operating budget.

Commissioner Coleman suggested including the School Board in discussions regarding the funding formula proposed in the Manager’s recommended budget, and an opportunity to hear the School Board’s position on the formula or any formal funding request.

Vice Chairman Henning shared that discussions regarding the funding formula constituted a starting point between Commissioners and the School Board. Henning stated that the School Board had requested to address the Commissioner’s Education Committee.

Lawing reiterated that the School Board had requested to meet with the Education Committee.

Commissioner Cashion inquired if representatives from the School Board would be invited to an upcoming budget work session and shared that she wanted Commissioners to reach out to the School Board.

Commissioner Phillips stated that he would contact the School Board representatives.
Update on Battleground Property Purchase Agreement

Payne reported that the property located at 506 Battleground Avenue, which the County is in the process of selling, was in the path of a future expansion of the Greenway and shared that the City of Greensboro was requesting a temporary construction easement. Payne explained that City staff would utilize the parcel as a staging area to make improvements on municipal property.

Motion was made by Chairman Bill Bencini, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to authorize staff to enter into an inter-local agreement to develop a temporary construction easement between the County and the City of Greensboro.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw.

Authorize Commissioner Cashion as the Board’s Voting Delegate at the NACo Conference

Motion was made by Commissioner Bruce Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Ray Trapp to authorize Commissioner Kay Cashion as the Board’s voting delegate at the NACo conference.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw.

VIII. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 FOR THE PURPOSES OF: CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER/ CONSIDER QUALIFICATIONS OF A CANDIDATE.

Payne shared that the Board did not need to meet in closed session- so the Board proceeded to comments from Commissioners.

IX. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Recognizing Mrs. Clara Gaal on her 100th Birthday

Commissioner Davis read a resolution honoring Mrs. Gaal on her 100th Birthday and presented Chairman Bencini with a key to the Carolina Field of Honor.

Commissioner Phillips stated that he had attended the opening of the Carolina Field of Honor and wished Commissioner Trapp a Happy Birthday.
Commissioner Kay Cashion presented Chairman Bencini with the Good Neighbor award from the American Red Cross and offered condolences to the family of Dr. Harold Thomas Jarrell.

Commissioner Branson shared that he also attended the Carolina Field of Honor opening and commended Davis’ efforts on the project.

**X. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER**

County Manager Lawing did not offer any additional comments.

**XI. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR**

No additional speakers signed up to address the Board.

**XII. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM.

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Chairman

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Deputy Clerk