The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on September 19, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Marty Lawing, County Manager; Mark Payne, County Attorney; Robin Keller, Clerk to Board; Crystal Maurer, Deputy Clerk to Board; and members of the media.

I. INVOCATION

Ben Chavis, Tax Director and Board Chaplin provide an invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Shaw introduced High Point Boy Scout Troop 5, led by Scout Master Garth Haybert, former member of the Board of Education. Boy Scout Troop 5 led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Shaw welcomed those present and called the meeting to order. She asked the members of Boy Scout Troop 5 to introduce themselves.

Mr. Haybert introduced the members of his troop and thank the Board for their support of the Boy Scouts.

Chairman Shaw stated that she would be leaving the meeting and announced that Crystal Maurer, Deputy Clerk to the Board would be resigning from her position at Guilford County. Commissioner Shaw recognized Ms. Maurer for her fifteen years of service and support in the Clerk’s Office and thanked her for serving as Interim Clerk to Board during the County’s transition.
Each of the Commissioners took a moment to express their gratitude to Ms. Maurer for all that she has done for the Board over the years and wished her well.

Ms. Maurer shared that she has enjoyed her time with the County and appreciated all that she has learned. Ms. Maurer also thanked the previous Clerk’s she had worked with over the years.

Chairman Shaw introduced Robin Keller, the newly appointed Clerk to the Board.

IV. HONOR CENTENARIAN

Chairman Shaw presented a Centenarian Certificate recognizing Mrs. Azilee Sowers of Greensboro who will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on September 25, 2013.

Chairman Shaw left the meeting at 5:47 p.m. Vice-Chairman Bencini presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Bencini introduced Mr. Dan Lynch of Greensboro Economic Development Alliance to address proposed agenda changes.

Mr. Lynch announced that on behalf FFF Enterprises, Inc.’s CEO, the business has made the decision to locate in Guilford County and has requested that their Agenda VII. C. Item requesting incentives be rescinded.

Commissioner Jeff Phillips made a motion to remove Agenda Item VII C; motion was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Davis.

VOTE: Motion to approve removal of the item carried by unanimous consent 8:0.
AYES: Commissioners J. Phillips, B. Davis, C. Coleman, B. Bencini, K. Cashion, H. Henning, and A. Branson
ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw.
NOES: None.

Mr. Lorren Hill of the High Point Economic Development Corporation shared a brochure with the Board outlining and marketing the economic development collaborations in our area. Mr. Hill asked the Board to continue the Public Hearing for BuzziSpace, Agenda Item, VII. D. until the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on October 3, 2013, in order to allow the company more time to further prepare their request.

Commissioner Ray Trapp made a motion to continue Agenda Item VII.D until the October 3, 2013 meeting at 5:30 p.m.; motion was seconded by Commissioner Bruce Davis.

VOTE: Motion to approve continuation of the item until the October 3, 2013 Board meeting carried by unanimous consent 8-0.
AYES: Commissioners J. Phillips, B. Davis, C. Coleman, B. Bencini, K. Cashion, H. Henning, and A. Branson
ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw.
V. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Luther Falls, Jr. of Landsdown Ave., Greensboro, commended previous Board members, and current commissioners for their support of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters annual golf tournament. Mr. Falls welcomed the new commissioners and wished them well.

Mr. Dale Metz of Montevista Drive, Greensboro, shared that the Board would be receiving a report prepared by the Piedmont Triad Area Council on Aging. He urged the Board to not cut transportation services to the aging population in Guilford County. He further urged the Board to carefully consider local funds and flow through funds in regards to the future needs of our older adult population.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairman Bencini requested that Item VI. B.1 be amended to read as follows: Approve Amendment in substantial form, of an existing revenue contract with SprintCom, Inc. for a new 5-year lease term, including two 5-year renewal options for leasing space on the County’s communications tower located at 629 Knox Road, Sedalia. Annual rental fee revenue to the County shall be $30,000.00, with a guaranteed sum of $150,000.00 for the initial 5-year term. The rent for each 5-year renewal term will be increased by fifteen percent (15%).

He stated that this change was due to an increase in the anticipated revenue.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion to amend the item; motion seconded by Commissioner Phillips.

VOTE: Motion to amend the item carried 8 – 0.


NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw

Vice-Chairman Bencini asked if any of the Commissioners would like to remove any items from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

Commissioner Colman removed items VI.C. 3 and VI.C. 8
Commissioner Cashion removed item VI. B.1
Commissioner Davis removed item VI.C.2

Motion was made by Commissioner Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Trapp to approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda carried 8 – 0.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. a.) Approved Increase the Law Enforcement FY 2013/14 budget in the amount of $14,570 to reflect the appropriation of Federal Forfeiture Funds. b.) Approved the purchase of one (1) SPEX Mini-CrimeScope Alternate Light Source, in the amount of $14,570, for the Crime Scene Investigative Unit. The unit will be purchased from SPEX Forensics, 3880 Park Avenue, Edison, NJ 08820-3012. The Alternate Light Sources is essential to the daily functioning of the Crime Scene Investigative Unit. The Alternate Light Source is used almost daily to locate and photograph fingerprints and other types of impression evidence. The Alternate Light Source is frequently used to search for, locate, and photograph biological evidence, gunshot residue, hairs, fibers, bone fragments and other types of trace evidence. This unit will replace an outdated unit that is in need of repairs. The old unit has been in service for more than twenty years and even with repairs would not meet today's standards. The unaudited balance of the Department of Justice Federal Forfeiture Fund, before this purchase, is $1,036,423. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund
Increase Appropriation Law Enforcement $14,570
Increase Federal/State $14,570
(Department of Justice Federal Forfeiture fund)

2. Approved increase to the FY 2013/14 Law Enforcement Budget, in the amount of $262 to reflect appropriation of interest earned from the 2011 and 2012 Justice Assistance Grants. In accordance with the Justice Assistance Grant funding, interest earned must be utilized within the grant year. The 2011 Justice Assistance Grant earned $198 in interest and the 2012 Justice Assistance Grant earned $64 in interest, for a total of $262. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund
Increase Appropriation Law Enforcement $262
Increase Other Revenue $262
(JAG grant interest)

3. a.) Approved receipt of the 2013 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of $55,514. b.) Approved Increase to the 2013/14 Law Enforcement budget by $55,514 to reflect the appropriation of the 2013 Justice Assistance Grant. The Justice Assistance Grant is a collective application with the Cities of Greensboro and High Point Police Departments.
The grant award allocated to Guilford County Sheriff's Office is $55,514. The grant funds have been approved to purchase two (2) vehicles and associated equipment costs for the Electronic Monitoring/Gun Unit from the 2013 Justice Assistance Grant. The vehicles will be purchased from NC State Contract 070B (2013 Model Year Law Enforcement Vehicles), in accordance with Guilford County Purchasing guidelines, purchases not to exceed $55,514. NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund
Increase Appropriation Law Enforcement $55,514
Increase Federal/State $55,514
(2013 JAG grant)

4. a.) Approved Increase the Law Enforcement FY 2013/14 budget in the amount of $18,212.60 to reflect the appropriation of Department of Justice Federal Forfeiture Funds. b.) Approve the purchase of (70) seventy TYR tactical Ultra Low Vis 6"x6" side plates, at $260.18 each for a total purchase amount of $18,212.60. The Body Armor Side Plates will be worn in conjunction with the current body armor. The (70) Body Armor Plates will be purchased from vendor: GSS Gear, 1569 Diamond Springs Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. The addition of the side armor will provide additional protection to the current body armor worn by the Sheriff's Response Team, (SERT), during critical incidents, such as active shootings, hostage situations, serving high risk search warrants, etc. These Ultra Low Vis plate will also provide the SERT team members additional protection from threats, such as rifle bullets. The unaudited balance of the Department of Justice Federal Forfeiture Fund, before this purchase, is $1,036,423. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund
Increase Appropriation Law Enforcement $18,213
Increase Federal/State $18,213
(Federal Forfeiture)

B. CONTRACTS

Item Removed from Consent Agenda

1. Approve amendment, in substantial form, of an existing revenue contract with SprintCom, Inc. for a new 5-year lease term, including two 5-year renewal options for leasing space on the County's communications tower located at 629 Knox Rd. in Sedalia. Annual rental fee revenue to the County shall be $30,000.00, with a guaranteed sum of $150,000.00 for the initial 5-year term. The rent for each 5-year renewal term will be increased by fifteen percent (15%).
2. Approved the One Step Further contract in the amount of $100,000 for services provided to Court Services and the Specialty Courts in an effort to reduce the jail population and recidivism. The defendants released to the supervision of Court Services and the Specialty Courts are referred to this program to participate in classes such as Anger Management, Life Skills and Employment Readiness. Substance abuse counseling is also provided to the program participants. Contract amount is $100,000. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2013 and end on June 30, 2014. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS.

3. Approved Price Only Contract with the lowest responsive bidder Laboratory Corp of America, located at P.O. Box 2240, 430 South Spring Street, Burlington, NC 27216 for the testing and analysis of clinical PAP Specimens required by the Guilford County Public Health Department. Price Only Contract amount is $90,700. The initial contract period will begin on October 1, 2013 and end on September 30, 2015 for a total of 24 months, with the option to renew for three (3) additional one year renewal options. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Approved a tax exempt loan not to exceed $900,000 from the Bank of Oakridge to the Summerfield Fire District Inc. for the purpose of facility addition and renovation.

Item removed from Consent Agenda

2. Approve the transfer of $16,700 in Community Based Organization(CBO) funds awarded for FY 14 from the Youth Focus Big Brothers Big Sisters Program to the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program of the Central Piedmont Agency to carry out the same purpose for grant funding. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

Item Removed from Consent Agenda

C. 3. Approve the purchase of (80) Taser X26P Model TAS11002, (105) Taser Power Mag Auto Shutdown (APPM) model TAS22011, (80) Blackhawk Taser Holsters model TAS11501, (80) four year extended warranty for the X26P model TAS11004, (1,200) Taser 21' non-conductive SIM Cartridges for training model TAS44205, (200) 25' XP Field Cartridges Green door model TAS44203, (40) Extended Digital Power Magazines (XDPM) model TAS26701, (50) Digital Power Magazine (DPM) and seven (7) X2/X26P Dataport Download Kits model TAS22013, from Sole Source vendor Taser International, 17800 N. 85th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85255. The total purchase amount is $136,427. This vendor is the only authorized supplier for the equipment. The equipment will be used by officers of the Guilford County Sheriff's Office in the performance of their duties as well as to comply with training requirements for the Tasers. Taser International is offering a $120.00 credit for each old Taser that is traded towards the purchase of a new X26P. This offer is only available through September 30, 2013. The trade in of 80 Old Tasers credit would reduce the cost of the purchase by $9,600.00. Total amount of budgeted expenditure is $146,027, minus trade-in and including tax and shipping cost is $136,427.
4. Authorized the County manager to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Forsyth County, the City of Greensboro, the City of Winston-Salem, and the Town of Kernersville to cooperatively fund a feasibility study for a section of the planned Piedmont Greenway that begins at Cross Creek Road and continues west through Triad Park toward Kernersville. The feasibility study will be conducted by Alta Planning and Design Firm and administered by the Town of Kernersville staff for a total cost of $50,000. Guilford County's portion of the cost is $12,250.00, based on a formula calculating the length of greenway in each jurisdiction. Cost will be paid for with Parks, Recreation and Trail Bond Funds designated through the CIP process for Trail Design/Construction and is contingent upon approval by all jurisdictions involved. NO NEW FUNDS REQUESTED. *The Piedmont Greenway is recommended in the 2006 Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Master Plan adopted by the Board of Commissioners, is shown in the adopted Master Plan for Triad Park, and is considered a primary urban route for the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, endorsed by Guilford County.

5. Approved request from Town of Summerfield to appoint Julie Reid, Consultant with N-Focus (A planning, urban design and public administration consulting firm hired by the Town of Summerfield) as a Review Officer for maps and plats within the Town of Summerfield, North Carolina, pursuant to G.S. 47-30.2.

6. Approved the Tax Department's Beverage License and Collection Reports.

7. Approved the Tax Department's Rebate and Release reports.

Item Removed from Consent Agenda

8. Approved the following County Commissioners Meetings Minutes:
   01/10/13 - Retreat
   01/10/13 - Closed Session
   02/07/13 - Work Session
   02/11/13 - Work Session
   02/18/13 - Special Meeting
   02/18/13 - Closed Session
   03/13/13 - Budget Committee
   03/21/13 - Work Session
   03/21/13 - Closed Session
   04/04/13 - Closed Session
   04/18/13 - Work Session
   04/18/13 - Closed Session
   04/18/13 - Regular Meeting
   05/02/13 - Closed Session
   05/16/13 - Closed Session
   05/30/13 - Work Session
   07/11/13 - Work Session
   07/11/13 - Closed Session(2)
   07/11/13 - Closed Session
   08/01/13 - Special Meeting
ITEMS REMOVED FROM COSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

C.3. Approved the purchase of (80) Taser X26P Model TAS11002, (105) Taser Power Mag Auto Shutdown (APPM) model TAS22011, (80) Blackhawk Taser Holsters model TAS11501, (80) four year extended warranty for the X26P model TAS11004, (1,200) Taser 21' non-conductive SIM Cartridges for training model TAS44205, (200) 25' XP Field Cartridges Green door model TAS44203, (40) Extended Digital Power Magazines (XDPM) model TAS26701, (50) Digital Power Magazine (DPM) and seven (7) X2/X26P Dataport Download Kits model TAS22013, from Sole Source vendor Taser International, 17800 N. 85th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85255. The total purchase amount is $136,427. This vendor is the only authorized supplier for the equipment. The equipment will be used by officers of the Guilford County Sheriff's Office in the performance of their duties as well as to comply with training requirements for the Tasers. Taser International is offering a $120.00 credit for each old Taser that is traded towards the purchase of a new X26P. This offer is only available through September 30, 2013. The trade in of 80 Old Tasers credit would reduce the cost of the purchase by $9,600.00. Total amount of budgeted expenditure is $146,027, minus trade-in and including tax and shipping cost is $136,427. 

Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Branson to approve item VI.C.3.

Commissioner Coleman questioned Sheriff’s Department staff as to the lifespan of the Taser equipment.

Major Jacobs indicated that there is a lifespan and that those tasers identified for replacement are reaching the end of that lifespan. He indicated that the Sheriff’s office has 400 tasers and that they have recommended replacing them on a five year cycle. He stated that they are starting with the 80 oldest tasers for the trade in program.

Commissioner Coleman questioned why the County would not pursue trading them all in if this was a one time opportunity with the company.

Major Jacobs indicated that replacement of the 80 tasers was a previously budgeted item.

Captain Randy Sheppard shared that due to the limited budget they were only recommending replacing only 1/5 of the tasers at a time.

Commissioner Cashion questioned if these funds would qualify for usage of federal forfeiture funds.
Major Jacobs indicated that this purchase would not qualify under federal forfeiture funds because the replacement would occur over a five year period.

Commissioner Davis questioned the decision to replace operable equipment.

Captain Sheppard explained that the replacement tasers will offer additional battery life and safety features than that of the existing equipment.

Commissioner Davis expressed concerns as to the large number of tasers and the high cost of those being replaced, and wanted to ensure that there were enough reserve tasers should there be any malfunctions. Commissioner Davis went on to question if the old tasers would be resold.

Captain Sheppard indicated that when the tasers are returned they will be destroyed rather than resold or held in reserve. He further explained that the office would be purchasing spare battery packs in addition to replacement tasers.

Commissioner Davis expressed concern regarding the expense of replacements given that the existing equipment is still operable. He acknowledged the need for reliable equipment but questioned the timing and amount of the purchase.

VOTE:    Motion to approve item VI.C.3 carried 7 - 1
NOES:    Commissioner B. Davis
ABSENT:  Commissioner L. Shaw

C. 8. Approved the following County Commissioners Meetings Minutes:
  01/10/13 - Retreat
  01/10/13 - Closed Session
  02/07/13 - Work Session
  02/11/13 - Work Session
  02/18/13 - Special Meeting
  02/18/13 - Closed Session
  03/13/13 - Budget Committee
  03/21/13 - Work Session
  03/21/13 - Closed Session
  04/04/13 - Closed Session
  04/18/13 - Work Session
  04/18/13 - Closed Session
  04/18/13 - Special Meeting
  04/18/13 - Regular Meeting
  05/02/13 - Closed Session
  05/16/13 - Closed Session
  05/30/13 - Work Session
  07/11/13 - Work Session
  07/11/13 - Closed Session(2)
Commissioner Coleman expressed concern regarding the volume of minutes presented to the Board at any one time and asked the Board to consider, at a future meeting, moving to Action minutes. She explained that the timeliness of receiving the minutes, along with the opportunity to adequately review them, is important to ensure that any necessary changes can be addressed. She hoped that Action minutes for Regular board meetings and complete summaries for Executive session minutes would be a solution to reduce the delay in receiving the minutes and prevent any future backlog of minutes.

Commissioner Bencini shared concern for the volume of minutes received and stated that the new Clerk should place the item for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Henning to approve item IV. C. 8

**VOTE:** Motion carried 8 – 0.

**AYES:** Commissioners J. Phillips, B. Davis, C. Coleman, B. Bencini, K. Cashion, H. Henning, A. Branson and R. Trapp

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner L. Shaw.

B. 1. Approved amendment of an existing revenue contract with SprintCom, Inc. for a new 5-year lease term, including two 5-year renewal options for leasing space on the County's communications tower located at 629 Knox Rd. in Sedalia. Annual rental fee revenue to the County shall be $30,000.00, with a guaranteed sum of $150,000.00 for the initial 5-year term. The rent for each 5-year renewal term will be increased by fifteen percent (15%).

Motion was made by Commissioner Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Trapp to approve item VI. B.1.

Commissioner Cashion questioned the amount of the initial rental income on the contract prior to amendment.

Delaine Poteat, Interim Property Management Director, indicated that the original income was $28,961.42

Alex Ashton clarified that the initial revenue amount is expected to increase from the $30,000 as was originally presented to the Board in the agenda packet to approximately $31,500.

**VOTE:** Motion to approve carried 8 – 0

**AYES:** Commissioner J. Phillips, B. Davis, C. Coleman, B. Bencini, K. Cashion,
C. 2.  Approved the transfer of $16,700 in Community Based Organization (CBO) funds awarded for FY 14 from the Youth Focus Big Brothers Big Sisters Program to the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program of the Central Piedmont Agency to carry out the same purpose for grant funding. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Trapp to approve item C. 2.

Commissioner Davis asked for clarification as to the reason for the request.

Mr. Halford shared that original funding was appropriated to Youth Focus for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program. However, the agency merged with another agency creating the need to reallocate those funds the newly merged provider.

Commissioner Davis questioned if the services would be the same and target the same population.

Mr. Halford stated that the services to be provided would be the same and serve the same population as originally planned.

VOTE: Motion to approve carried 8 - 0
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Hold Public Hearing concerning the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) grant application and allocation of funds. Authorize the Chairman and County Manager or Designee to submit the grant application for ROAP as presented. (Myra Thompson)

Myra Thompson, Transportation Director, shared that the Rural Operating Assistance Program is an annual grant received from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to aid in the provision of transportation for the elderly and disabled and other qualifying transportation needs. She shared the amount of the grant was $423,390 which is an increase from last year. Ms. Thompson further shared the details of the grant with the Board

Vice-Chairman Bencini opened the public hearing for comments from proponents and opponents.
Bob Cleveland with Piedmont Council Area on Aging spoke in support of the grant. He shared the services offered through this grant and its impact on the older adult population. Mr. Cleveland shared the challenges in reduced transportation funding and urged the Board to approve the grant.

No additional proponents presented to the Board.

No opponents presented to the Board.

Commissioner Coleman commended staff for their support of this program. She spoke the need of these services and the access to resources it creates.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to authorize the Chairman and County Manager or Designee to submit the grant application for ROAP as presented.

VOTE: Motion to approve authorization carried 8 - 0
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw.

B. Hold Public Hearing on A-1 Sandrock Inc.'s (Franchisee) request for a 10-year renewal of A-1 Sandrock Construction and Demolition Debris (C&D) Landfill Franchise originally adopted November 6, 2003. Request consideration and approval, in substantial form as attached, of A-1 Sandrock's C&D Landfill franchise renewal application and authorize staff to take necessary measures to execute the agreement.

Les Eger, of the Guilford County Planning Department reviewed the franchise renewal under consideration. Mr. Eger reminded the Board that the public hearing was the second of two statutorily required public hearings. Mr. Eger stated that the company is in good standing in the community and is in compliance with state and local laws.

Chad Morris, Director of Business Development for A-1 Sandrock shared that the business has been operating since 2009, and over 51% of land fill material is received from Guilford County locations. Opened with 10 employees and currently employs 35 since they began operations. They have had a clean compliance history with no violations. He stated that in addition to landfill services they are also a recycling center. Mr. Morris shared the statistics of recycling materials processed from their facility over the years totaling 122 thousand tons of material which they have been able to keep out of the landfill.

No other proponents presented to speak on the matter.

No opponents presented to speak on the matter.
Mr. Eger spoke to some concerns regarding another business nearby using a residential area as a short-cut to a solid waste facility and verified that the complaints were not associated with A-1 Sandrock. Mr. Eger stated that the violating agency was notified and the matter has been resolved.

Commissioner Coleman asked about paragraph 12 of franchise agreement and asked for clarification as to the language referencing the County Manager or his designee as the administrator of the Franchise.

County Attorney Mark Payne indicated that that language refers to the Guilford County Manager or his designee; which is currently Les Eger.

Commissioner Coleman recalled there being questions surrounding the initial franchise approval and asked if there were issues at that time.

Staff reported that there were no known issues.

Commissioner Coleman asked if the neighboring households were notified of the franchise request.

County Attorney Payne informed the Board as to the statutory notice requirements for the franchise renewals and shared that direct mailers to the neighboring properties was not required.

Commissioner Coleman questioned if the vendor had received any complaints since the initial franchise.

Staff reported that they have not received any complaints.

Commissioner Trapp asked that thorough notice to the neighbors be provided.

County Attorney Payne indicated that, typically, if it is a new event, staff does go above and beyond the statutory requirement to ensure adjoining properties are aware of an incoming solid waste provider.

Commissioner Bencini shared that he had received complaints where citizens believed that A-1 Sandrock was using residential roadways as a shortcut, but that it was determined that it was another provider going to a different landfill site.

Commissioner Branson shared that he too had received calls from neighbors regarding trucks moving through residential areas and spoke highly of Mr. Eger and his efforts and those of his staff, to correct the issue.

Motion was made by Commissioner Branson, and seconded by Commissioner Henning to approve A-1 Sandrock Inc.'s (Franchisee) request for a 10-year renewal of Construction and Demolition Debris (C&D) Landfill Franchise originally adopted November 6, 2003.
VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Shaw.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There being none, Mr. Bencini proceeded to the next portion of the agenda.

IX. NEW BUSINESS


Purchasing Director Bonnie Stellfox introduced Shayla Parker, County Buyer and MWBE coordinator for the presentation of the report.

Ms. Parker reviewed the fiscal year expenditures and those funds available to minority vendors for goods and services. She reported that the County’s total expenditures were $172 million dollars and that for the purpose of minority participation, only $101 million dollars were available for goods and services.

She shared that the state target for MWBE provider utilization and participation is 10% and that the County is currently at 11%. She went on to review the expenditure distribution. She shared with the Board some of the County's outreach efforts and the recent state conference that she has attended.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concern as to the percentage and identified that participation rates are lower than those in the past.

Ms. Parker confirmed that the County’s participation was down from past reviews. She indicated that in the next month the Purchasing Department would be hosting a forum and invite minority vendors to meet the purchasing staff in an effort better increase MWBE participation in the bid process and complete successful bid submissions.

Commissioner Coleman asked if there were additional opportunities scheduled to hold more outreach and educational events.

Ms. Parker shared that the Department was planning on focusing on more outreach events.

Commissioner Coleman asked for additional data which reflects types of MWBE businesses being utilized.
Ms. Parker shared that a large part of the business currently used by the County are janitorial services and that she is working with the County’s technical support to expand those reporting capabilities.

Commissioner Coleman expressed interest in increasing the County’s utilization of minority construction contracts. She suggested that the County offer more education to internal departmental buyers in order to help make them aware of minority businesses available for selection for goods and services.

Commissioner Trapp asked if Ms. Parker could share an agenda for the upcoming forum.

Ms. Parker shared that she would bring the vendors in and introduce the County staff. She shared that the forum would be designed to review the MWBE program and offer guidance as to the process.

Commissioner Trapp supported these additional outreach efforts and Ms. Parker her for work. He asked Ms. Parker as to the average participation rates of other governmental agencies.

Ms. Parker shared that it was her experience that many agencies were at a much lower percentage than Guilford County; averaging around 5% and 6% of MWBE participation.

Ms. Stellfox added that additional MWBE participation information will be added to the Department’s website. She reported that the economy is having an adverse impact on small businesses and that she is seeing a trend that many of the MWBE eligible businesses are closing. She shared that the Legal Department would also be a partner in the upcoming forum but that they would continue with outreach efforts.

Commissioner Phillips asked to be included in the scheduling notification.

B. Approve a service maximum contract for the Removal, Furnish and Installation of a New Roofing System on the John W. Langford Building (DSS Bldg) located at 325 East Russell Street, High Point, North Carolina to the lowest responsive bidder Owens Roofing, Inc., located at 301 W. Cabarrus St, Raleigh, NC 27601. Contract not to exceed $407,317, (which reflects the base bid of $387,817.00 and Alternate #2 -which is to complete all demolition operations between the hours of 5:00 PM and 7:00 AM), in addition Facilities has requested a 20% Contingency or $81,446 for any unforeseen repairs outside the scope of work for an overall total requested for this project will be $488,780.40. Bid Event 373 was released on July 7, 2013 for a Formal Construction/Roof Repair Replacement Bid and was closed on 08-01-2013 with six (6) responses received. A cross functional evaluation team reviewed and determined the award go to the lowest responsive bidder Owens Roofing, Inc. The budget for this project was $500,000 so the potential savings could be $92,683. Contract will begin September 19, 2013 and end when the work is completed which is estimated to be within 90 days. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.
Ms. Stellfox introduced engineer Ed Farrow and reported that the County received 6 responses to the bid and that the lowest responsive bidder was determined to be Owens Roofing. Ms. Stellfox indicated they worked closely with the County Attorney’s Office to ensure that the vendor was aware of the scope of the project and the needs of the County given that the bid was so much lower than the other bidders.

Ed Farrow indicated that the building was built in the 1900's and the project would be removing almost all of the sections with the exception of an area with HVAC and the contract would be to replace all of the other areas.

Commissioner Davis questioned if the roof replacement would fix the current issues

Mr. Farrow indicated that the replacement will fix the roof problems; however, he cautioned the Board that a roof replacement would not address any issues with windows or wall systems that may exist.

Commissioner Davis questioned the warranty of the replacement.

Mr. Farrow shared that it would have a 20 year system warranty that would cover leaks that are associated with the roof.

Commissioner Branson questioned if the warranty was pro-rated.

Mr. Farrow stated that he would check on that and provide the information to the Facilities Director.

Commissioner Coleman asked questions about the HVAC area that was not slated for replacement.
Mr. Farrow explained the roofing guidelines and the inability to re-surface that area.

Commissioner Phillips indicated that the Board budgeted $500 Thousand dollars for the project and that the winning bid was around $300 Thousand dollars. He questioned the $417 Thousand dollar amount that was being presented with the agenda item.

Mr. Lawing stated that there is an alternate option being proposed to complete the demolition after hours. He indicated that that the Board could approve the replacement and demolition to occur during daylight hours, or an option to complete the demolition afterhours at a higher cost.

Mr. Farrow recommended night demolition to avoid any marginal safety issues with citizens and employees and reduction of any work disruption association with the demolition.

Mr. Lawing questioned if it could be managed such that it is not a safety issue?

The engineer shared that the demolition could be done in the day or night.
Ms. Sherri Neal, Interim Facilities Director, shared that the night demolition is included in the request tonight.

Commissioner Phillips identified the large contingency amount reserved for this project and asked why the amount was so high.

Ms. Stellfox shared some of the concerns associated with a removal of such an old roofing system and the high likelihood of discovery of additional problems. She assured the Board that any contingency expenditures would be approved by the Manager before work would be completed, but that the higher contingency amount is recommended due to the age of the building and the existing issue of more than seven rooftop layers on the building.

The Board discussed with the County Attorney the expenses of the building since acquisition and the lack of warranty in place when the building was originally purchased.

Motion was made by Commissioner Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Branson to approve a service maximum contract for the Removal, Furnish and Installation of a New Roofing System on the John W. Langford Building (DSS Bldg) located at 325 East Russell Street, High Point, North Carolina to the lowest responsive bidder Owens Roofing, Inc., located at 301 W. Cabarrus St, Raleigh, NC 27601. Contract not to exceed $407,317, (which reflects the base bid of $387,817.00 and Alternate #2 -which is to complete all demolition operations between the hours of 5:00 PM and 7:00 AM), in addition Facilities has requested a 20% Contingency or $81,446 for any unforeseen repairs outside the scope of work for an overall total requested for this project will be $488,780.40.

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

C. New Business from County Commissioners.

Commissioner Coleman recommended appointment of Costella Graham to the Sandhills Board of Directors as result of a vacancy.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Cashion to approve the appointment of Ms. Graham.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 0
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw.
X. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Trapp shared his attendance at the Young Peacemaker’s Award ceremony. He shared his support of the Win Win Resolutions organization that the County works with and their role with youth and mentorship programs. Mr. Trapp recognized the 6 recipients of the Young Peacemaker’s award.

Commissioner Branson reminded citizens to support the seasonal fund raising events which often occur in the fall. He encouraged citizens to participate in the fall fund raising activities for Fire District 28 and Fire Station 38; which, he stated, will be hosting fish-frys to help raise funds for the departments.

Commissioner Henning commended FFF Enterprises for withdrawing their request for economic incentives and welcomed them to the community.

Commissioner Cashion reported that the Citizen’s Academy has held their second meeting and has 27 participants. She reviewed the upcoming agenda and invited all of the commissioners to participate in any of the sessions. Ms. Cashion reported on her attendance to the Sandhill’s Board meeting and reported that they are in good financial condition. She shared that they are trying to work with all of the new statutes which go into effect in October including changes to the County’s Board appointments. She commended Commissioner Davis for his appointment to the NaCo Health Steering committee and thanked him for agreeing to serve.

Commissioner Bencini thanked Commissioner Davis for his role on the John Coltrane Festival and shared that the event was wonderful.

Commissioner Davis reviewed some of his experiences with the Coletrane Jazz Festival. He stated that the event was very successful and thanked those sponsors that helped support the event. Mr. Davis congratulated the staff who volunteered to work at the NCACC Conference held at the end of August. He shared that the feedback he received from the delegation was very complementary to the County employees who hosted the event and was pleased that the County put on a first class event. Commissioner Davis announced that the Carolina Field of Honor will hold its ground breaking Friday, September 20, 2013 at 5:30PM with reception to follow in honor of all of the veterans who have served in the armed forces and invited all to participate.

Commissioner Coleman, thanked all of the County employees for their efforts at the annual NCACC conference.

Commissioner Phillips reiterated the comments regarding the County employees and the incredible job they did at the NCACC annual conference. He thanked FFF Enterprises for committing to Guilford County and withdrawing their incentive request.

Commissioner Phillips announced that at the last meeting he shared some of the financial needs of Night Watch, and as result of donations they received after the meeting the ministry is actively running. He thanked all those who submitted financial support.
Commissioner Cashion reported that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners hosted an employee appreciation breakfast and presented a proclamation in recognition of the County’s efforts as host of the event.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Lawing reminded the Board of the worksession scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2013 and the topics on the agenda. He announced the hiring of the County’s new Human Resources Director, Mr. John Dean and the County’s new Planning Director Mr. Leslie Bell.

XII. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

There being none, Vice-Chairman Bencini moved to the next portion of the agenda.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION

A Motion was made by Commissioner Trapp, and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve going into closed session for the purpose of discussion of property acquisition.

VOTE: Motion to enter closed session carried 8 - 0
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner L. Shaw.

Meeting entered into a closed session at 7:41 P.M.

Meeting reconvened into open session at 8:18 P.M.

XIV. ADJOURNED

There being no further business and by unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 8:19PM

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