The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on June 6, 2013 at 5:30 PM, in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

I. INVOCATION

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, Sharisse Fuller, Assistant County Manager/Human Resources Director, Effie Varitimidis, Clerk to Board; and Crystal Maurer, Deputy Clerk

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Shaw - called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

IV. PRESENT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF STUART T. MAYNARD

Commissioner Cashion presented Resolution Honoring the Life of Stuart T. “Rock” Maynard. Stuart Maynard's daughter Molly and his wife Ruth were present to accept. Maynard was a former athlete and instructor at Guilford College. Maynard retired in 1984 after 33 years of coaching.

Molly thanked the Board of Commissioner for honoring her father. She commented on her father’s coaching career and highlighted his kindness and love for others.
V. PRESENT RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION OF DEAN GREEN

Chairman Shaw presented a resolution to Dean Green, a local businessman and supporter of the Guilford County Animal Shelter. Shaw noted his efforts to assist the Shelter. Mr. Green has volunteered over 1000 hours at the Guilford County Animal Shelter. Mr. Green accepted the resolution and thanked the Board for honoring his efforts. Mr. Green’s wife, Marilyn, works at the Shelter as the Director. Mr. Green stated that his wife has done so much to help the Animal Shelter and appreciated everything she has done.

PRESENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING CITIZENS TO COMMEMORATE "JUNETEENTH" WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER & MUSEUM

Resolution Encouraging Citizens to Remember & Celebrate Juneteenth

Commissioner Davis read the Juneteenth Resolution. The International Civil Rights Museum is holding events to commemorate the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. The events are to be held on Sunday, June 16th at 4:00 p.m. Executive Director Mr. Bonmadelli accepted the resolution and asked everyone to join Museum staff for the events which celebrated freedom and the civil rights movement.

Chairman Shaw presented Scott Yost with his own chair.

Commissioner Cashion called Mr. Yost forward and presented him with a plaque. Chairman Shaw called Yost the 10th Commissioner.

Yost thanked the Board and stated that he appreciates what they do.

VI. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Chairman Shaw requested comments be limited to 3 minutes per each speaker from floor.

Ms. Tina Fornsburg of Greensboro commended Shaw, Trapp, Branson, Henning, Davis, and Phillips for transparency shown during the budget process. Fornsburg stated that the Federal government is putting children at risk. Fornsburg stated her displeasure for the common core.

Ms. Linda Stanton commented that she is the mother of a 2nd grader. She stated that schools and children need more money. Ms. Stanton expressed concerns with school funding and staffing levels at schools. Stanton was also concerned with school safety. Ms. Stanton was also concerned with disparities between different schools in Guilford County. Stanton commented that in her opinion the School System had too many administrative staff members and questioned the salaries paid to these employees.

Ms. Linda Welborn, Guilford County School Board member from District 5, she stated that long hours are put in by School Board staff at all levels. Welborn commented that the School Board administrative staff is needed to manage the operations of the system. Welborn stated that the
System’s goal is to provide every child with a quality education. Welborn stated that Federal statutes put pressure on the School Board. She encouraged Board members to consider Superintendent Green’s proposed budget.

Mr. Bob Lastigogame of Jamestown stated that he was in the technology business. The speaker discussed hardships during the financial crisis. The speaker was concerned about County debt and spending. The speaker was also concerned about tax rates in the County.

Luther Falls, Jr. addressed Board members. Mr. Falls asked the Board to increase the level of funding to Guilford County Schools. Mr. Falls stated that Guilford County Schools are very important and help to support our economy and workforce.

Chief Chris Johnson of the Summerfield Fire Department addressed the Board. Johnson stated that Fire Districts are struggling to meet the needs of citizens of Guilford County. Johnson asked Board members to support the fire departments in the County.

Stokesdale Fire Department Chief Todd Gauldin addressed the Board and asked for an increase in the County fire tax to support emergency service operations.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Linda Shaw asked if any Commissioners would like to remove any items from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

Commissioner Davis removed items VII A6, A7, and B2

Motion was made by Alan Branson, and seconded by Vice Chairman Bill Bencini to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
NOES: None

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. Approve Public Health request to increase the FY 2013 budget by $18,679 to reflect additional revenue received for state Smart Start programs. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED. Family and Children's Services: $ 18,679
Adopted Budget Ordinance:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund
Increase Appropriation
Public Health $18,679
Increase Federal / State Revenue $18,679

2. Appropriate additional sales tax funds in the amount of $6,267 (effective rate of 22.9%) from revenue generated in the amount of $27,355 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 2012-13 budget in the amount of $6,267 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 $1,183,098 and incurred fees of $238,321. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund
Increase Appropriation to Finance by $6,267
Increase Sales Tax Revenue by $6,267

3. Approve an amendment to the Mental Health Department budget by reducing budgeted revenues and expenditures by $15,202,395 each to more closely align with actual for year-end reporting purposes. The fiscal year 2013 budget for the Mental Health Department was approved on a full year basis because the timing and outcome of the planned merger with the multi-County Authority, Sandhills Center for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services, was unknown during budget deliberations. The merger was effective January 1, 2013 which leaves a significant overstatement of revenue and expenditure budgets because Mental Health operated as a County department only one-half of the fiscal year. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund
Decrease Appropriation to Mental Health by $15,202,395
Decrease Federal/ State Funds by $10,917,511
Decrease User Charges by $4,152,622
Decrease Appropriated Fund Balance by $131,166
Decrease Other Revenues $1,096

4. Approve the decrease to the FY 2012/13 Law Enforcement Budget, in the amount of $113,733, to reflect a modification by the National HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Grant office. The original 2011 HIDTA Grant, awarded to the Guilford
County Sheriff's Office, was in the amount of $192,885. The HIDTA grant funds were removed from the Triad Initiative and reallocated to another project under the Atlanta HIDTA's purview. The HIDTA monies are used similar to Federal Forfeiture and are for extra expenditures for the undercover operations within the three County area (Guilford, Alamance & Randolph). Uses of the money include: "buy" money, equipment (that is not already budgeted), overtime, etc. As a result there will be a reduction in investigative equipment and supplies. The modified amount awarded is $79,154. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

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5. Approve the increase to the FY 2012/13 Law Enforcement Budget, in the amount of $9,000, to reflect a modification by the Governor's Highway Safety Program's Bike Safety Grant office. The original Governor's Highway Safety Program's Bike Safety Grant, awarded to the Guilford County Sheriff's Office, was in the amount of $71,460. The modified amount awarded is $80,460. The increase was issued for the purpose of purchasing computers for safety presentations and was in response to additional equipment needs for the Highway Safety project's goals and objectives. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

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**Item Removed from the Consent Agenda**

6. Increase the Law Enforcement FY 2012/13 budget in the amount of $35,000 to reflect the appropriation of Department of Treasury Federal Forfeiture Funds, for Guilford County Sheriff's Office contribution to the multi-agency Law Enforcement Aircraft Program. These funds will be appropriated to the FY 12/13 Law Enforcement budget in the amount of $35,000. The Law Enforcement Aircraft Program was established to allow Law Enforcement agencies in Guilford and surrounding counties to jointly utilize various aviation equipment and distribute the costs based on frequency of use. Participation in this program was approved by the Board of Commissioners at the July 17, 2008 meeting. The unaudited balance of the Department of Treasury Federal Forfeiture account is $134,497. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

**Item Removed from the Consent Agenda**

7. Re-appropriate the balance of $14,637 from the FY 11/12 Law Enforcement Aircraft Program Fund to the FY 12/13 Law Enforcement Aircraft Program Fund. Any remaining
balance, from the FY 11/12 Aircraft Program Fund and any unspent funds must be re-appropriated to the FY 12/13 Law Enforcement budget. This program was established to allow Law Enforcement agencies in Guilford and surrounding counties to jointly utilize various aviation equipment and distribute the costs based on frequency of use. Since the inception of this joint effort, we have used Department of Justice Federal Forfeiture funds. Participation in this program was approved by the Board of Commissioners at the July 17, 2008 meeting. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

8. Approve increase to the Cooperative Extension FY 2012-13 budget in the amount of $6,750 to reflect receipt of donation from the Extension Master Gardener volunteers. The donated funds will reimburse the County for the cost of paving walkway areas and building a retaining wall at the Legacy Demonstration Garden located at the Agricultural Center.

9. Increase the FY 2012-2013 budget for Cooperative Extension in the amount of $1,738 to accept a donation from Whole Foods Market for the purpose of the School Garden Network program to help support a one year, contracted (non-county employee) part-time position of School Garden Coordinator to help establish and coordinate school garden programs in additional Guilford County Schools. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

B. CONTRACTS

1. Approve the purchase of 16 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and related accessories for use by Emergency Services personnel involved in fire suppression and hazardous materials response, from Municipal Emergency Services, Inc., 7 Poverty Road, 85H Bennett Square, Southbury, CT 06488. Purchase is off a “piggyback” Master Agreement, which is allowed under the NC General Statute 143-129 (e), through a cooperative purchasing agreement for government entities and allows for group purchase at substantial savings. In addition, approve "trade in" of 16 existing obsolete breathing apparatus for a credit of (-$23,500). Contract amount will be $144,139. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

Item Removed from the Consent Agenda

2. Approve the purchase of twenty-two (22) Toughbook Arbitrator 360 Law Enforcement In-car Video Capture Systems from USAT, P.O. Box 9334, Chapel Hill, NC 27402. The in-car video systems will be purchased from the North Carolina State Contract 204b. Total cost for the in-car video systems is $107,998. The cost for each camera system is $4,909, which includes a 1 year warranty. Funds for the In-car camera systems were approved in the FY 12/13 Law Enforcement budget. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

Motion was made by B. Davis, and seconded by R. Trapp to approve 2. Approve the purchase of twenty-two (22) Toughbook Arbitrator 360 Law Enforcement In-car Video Capture Systems from USAT, P.O. Box 9334, Chapel Hill, NC 27402. The in-car video systems will be purchased from the North Carolina State Contract 204b. Total cost for the in-car video systems is $107,998.
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C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Approve increase to the Hagan-Stone Park Improvement Capital Project Ordinance in the amount of $266,525 to reflect PARTF grant funds. The design of this project is completed and currently in regulatory review. Bids are expected to be received mid-summer. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED. (Sandra Woodard)

2. Approve increase to Northeast Park Capital Project Ordinance in the amount of $150,000 to reflect Park and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant funds awarded to Guilford County for the Phase 3 Improvements to Northeast Park. The improvements include tennis and basketball courts, playground areas, championship disc golf course, accessible walkways to the facilities and additional parking areas. (Sandra Woodard)

3. Approve 12 month lease extension with Koury Corporation for 15,000 square feet located at 2814 Firestone Drive. Contract amount is $145,163.40 for the twelve month term or approximately $12,097 per month. The lease extension period will begin on July 1, 2013 and end on June 30, 2014. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS. (Sandra Woodard)

4. Approve the Greensboro/Guilford County Tourism Development Authority's (the Authority) budget ordinance for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Total budgeted Authority General Fund expenditures are $4,981,246. 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 22, 2013. (Henri Fourrier)

5. Approve increases/decreases of more than 10% to the original purpose and function allocation to the Guilford County Schools Local Current Expense Fund as required by North Carolina General Statute 115C-426(f). See Attached Document. (Angie Henry)

6. Approve Minutes of the following (Effie Varitimidis): December 3, 2012 - Organizational Meeting March 21, 2013 - Regular Meeting

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERTION

A6. Increase the Law Enforcement FY 2012/13 budget in the amount of $35,000 to reflect the appropriation of Department of Treasury Federal Forfeiture Funds, for Guilford County Sheriff's Office contribution to the multi-agency Law Enforcement Aircraft Program. These funds will be appropriated to the FY 12/13 Law Enforcement budget in the amount of $35,000. The Law Enforcement Aircraft Program was established to allow Law
Enforcement agencies in Guilford and surrounding counties to jointly utilize various aviation equipment and distribute the costs based on frequency of use. Participation in this program was approved by the Board of Commissioners at the July 17, 2008 meeting. The unaudited balance of the Department of Treasury Federal Forfeiture account is $134,497. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED. (Sheriff Barnes)

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Trapp to approve item A6.

Commissioner Davis asked how often the Aircraft program was being utilized by the County.

Col. Powers stated that the program was at about 50% of capacity. Guilford County shares the facility with other jurisdictions. Currently, Guilford County utilizes the program most often. The program is used for search and rescue missions and to investigate alleged vice violations.

Commissioner Davis commented that he wanted to receive reports which review the effectiveness of the Law Enforcement Aircraft Program due to the expense of the operation.

Col. Powers shared some of the successes of the program. Powers stated that he could provide the Board with complete information and data relating to the program at a later date.

VOTE:
Motion to approve item VI. A6 carried 9 – 0
NOES: None

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund
Increase Appropriation Law Enforcement $35,000
Increase Fund Balance appropriated $35,000

A7. Re-appropriate the balance of $14,637 from the FY 11/12 Law Enforcement Aircraft Program Fund to the FY 12/13 Law Enforcement Aircraft Program Fund. Any remaining balance, from the FY 11/12 Aircraft Program Fund and any unspent funds must be re-appropriated to the FY 12/13 Law Enforcement budget. This program was established to allow Law Enforcement agencies in Guilford and surrounding counties to jointly utilize various aviation equipment and distribute the costs based on frequency of use. Since the inception of this joint effort, we have used Department of Justice Federal Forfeiture funds. Participation in this program was approved by the Board of Commissioners at the July 17, 2008 meeting. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED. (Sheriff Barnes)

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Trapp to approve item A7.
VOTE: Motion to approve item VI. A7 carried 9 - 0
NOES: None

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B2. Approve the purchase of twenty-two (22) Toughbook Arbitrator 360 Law Enforcement In-car Video Capture Systems from USAT, P.O. Box 9334, Chapel Hill, NC 27402. The in-car video systems will be purchased from the North Carolina State Contract 204b. Total cost for the in-car video systems is $107,998. The cost for each camera system is $4,909, which includes a 1 year warranty. Funds for the In-car camera systems were approved in the FY 12/13 Law Enforcement budget. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

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

Commissioner Davis asked if the price of the contract included installation.

Col. Powers stated that the proposed funds would only fund the purchase of the video systems and that installation of the systems would be completed in house.

Commissioner Davis asked if the purchase of the video system components went through the competitive bid process.

Bonnie Stellfox, Purchasing Director, addressed the Board and stated the County was working off a State bid which identified USAT as the lowest responsible bidder. Stellfox explained that the State had vetted the bidding process, so the County was able to execute the contract and purchase the system without any further review of any other service providers.

VOTE: Motion to approve item VI. B2 carried 9 – 0
NOES: None

VIII. HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FY 2013-2014

Abbey Miles – Senior at Guilford College. Ms. Miles spoke on behalf of Vandalia Elementary School. Miles expressed support of teacher assistants and teachers. Milles stated that she is
completing her student teaching requirements. She wished for all schools to have the opportunity for smaller class sizes and teaching assistants.

Lionel Pitman - second grade Teacher Assistant with the Guilford County Schools. Mr. Pitman has been with the School System for the past five years. Pitman expressed his support of teacher assistants. Pittman stated that the children depend on teacher assistants and spoke about the benefits of having these professionals in the classroom. Pittman urged the Board to consider supporting teacher assistants.

Jessica Bon - Principle of Gibsonville Elementary School. Ms. Bon shared that her senior leadership is essential to the success of her school. Bon asked for assistance from the Board to battle economic difficulties. Bon asked for additional funding to employ teaching assistants to combat recent State budget cuts. Bon commented that schools in the County are also facing cuts in tutoring services as well.

Tina Lupton a teacher with Guilford County Schools read a letter on the behalf of student. The letter stated that teachers are not appreciated as they should be and have to purchase their own supplies.

Katie Sayami – stated that she is a PTA Leader, parent, and Guilford County School Employee. Sayami stated she had received notice that her position would be effected by budget cuts. She shared with the Board the correlation between spending and quality education. Sayami asked for the Board to support of the Superintendent’s proposed budget.

Darryl Kosicak of Partners Ending Homelessness addressed the Board. Kosicak commented on recent budget cuts. He stated that budget cuts have hindered his organization’s mission to reduce homelessness in Guilford County. Kosicak stated that his organization has made progress over the years and requested funding from the Board. He asked for a committee to be established to review programs and services which impact the homeless population.

Meesh Franklin – Teacher at the Early Middle GTCC in High Point – Franklin shared the role of teachers in middle college program. Franklin expressed the importance of the middle college program which provides students with career training. She urged the Board to support career and technical training programs for Guilford County students.

Amy Harrison – Whitsett special education teacher. She has been with Guilford County for twelve years. Harrison thanked the Board for the past flat funding. Harrison asked for the Board to support of Superintendent Green's proposed budget.

Nichole Thino - Teacher at Alamance Elementary - Thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. Thino expressed the role and importance of Autistic Facilitators. She stated that these professionals help to manage the classroom and control disciplinary issues. Thino asked the Board's support for teachers.
Mary Kerbenic – a parent of children in Guilford County Schools. She asked the Board to support Superintendent Green’s proposed budget. She shared with Board members an online petition which had 1200 signatures from citizens which supported Mr. Green’s proposed budget.

Mark Tool a resident of Greensboro- Tool stated that he chose to locate in Greensboro due to the educational opportunities offered by Guilford County. Tool urged the Board to fully fund education to support students for college and career readiness.

Michal Johndus – He stated his displeasure regarding recent State budget cuts to education and schools. He shared how the cuts impact his students. He also stated that budget cuts have limited his effectiveness as a teacher.

Vicky Misenhimer of High Point North Carolina. Ms. Misenhimer works as a teacher assistant in the Guilford County School system. Misenhimer expressed the need and value of teacher assistants. She commented on teacher assistants’ ability to work with severely challenged students. She asked for the Board to fund Superintendent Green’s proposed budget.

Dave Lavine - Associate Professor at Elon Law School. Mr. Lavine stated that he is a parent of child who attends Guilford County Schools. Lavine spoke in support of the budget proposed Superintendent Green. Lavine stated that he was drawn to Greensboro due to the strong support for public education.

Dot Kerns – former Guilford County Commissioner and Guilford County Board of Education member of High Point. Ms. Kerns stated that when the economy has been dire our leaders have always found effective and creative methods to stabilize our future. Kerns shared stories relating to Guilford County’s history. Kerns thanked the Board for their tremendous support and service. Kerns asked the Board to support Superintendent Green’s proposed budget.

Judy Rain - Northwest Guilford County resident. Rain spoke in support of Superintendent Green’s proposed budget. Rain shared her experiences with budget cuts in the School system.

Jamie Cyrus - Manager of Jamestown Public Library – Cyrus shared that Jamestown Public Library is facing a loss of $44,000. Cyrus stated that the reduction would directly impact the quality of services which the Library can provide. She stated that the Library has one full time staff member and four part time employees. Cyrus requested the Board return the Library to full funding of $55,500. Cyrus then remarked on the services offered by the Library.

Dale Mets -a retired educator and principal. Thanked the Board for allowing him to speak. Mr. Mets and his wife are involved with the Friends of the Jamestown Library. Mets commented that the Library has 65 volunteers a week who assist with implementing Library programming which compensates for the limited staffing found at the facility. The Library serves as a community center, according to Mets. Mets requested continued funding for the Library. Chairman Shaw thanked Mr. Mets for his work.
Gary Haynes - VP of the Old Jamestown School Association. Mr. Haynes commented on the services offered by the Jamestown Public Library. Haynes also shared the history of the founding and development of the Library. Haynes urged the Board to fully fund the Library.

Chairman Shaw commented that the schools that serve Jamestown and Ragesdale have educated Sen. Trudy Wade, Gov. Pat Mcrory and herself.

Julia Eden - Chair of Library Committee at the Jamestown Public Library – Ms. Eden commented on services and events offered by the Library. Ms. Eden stated that the patrons of the Jamestown Library are found throughout Guilford County.

The Board took a ten minute break.

After the break the Board reopened the floor to speakers.

Jean Recon - Volunteer with the Jamestown Library. Ms. Recon stated that she is a retired school nurse. Recon provided Board members with information regarding an organization- Partners in Public Health. Recon spoke to the lack of school nurses in the Guilford County School system and a need for more physicians at public health facilities. Recon stated that the County needed at least three additional nurses.

Jonathan Gasell - an Assistant Teacher for Guilford County Schools. Mr. Gasell became a teacher assistant to make a difference in the lives of the young people of Guilford County. Gasell cited the importance of teaching assistants.

Brenda Formo – graduated from Page High School. Formo expressed concern regarding the Common Core standards and a grant which was accepted by the state of North Carolina. Formo shared her concerns regarding the unknowns associated with the common core curriculum and data collection. Formo asked that the Board suspend funding for common core curriculum expenses.

Chuck Hodier - Executive Director of Youth Focus. Hodier requested that his organization receive CBO funding. Hodier asked for funding for the Act Together Crisis Center in the amount of $70,000. Hodier stated that the facility is the only shelter for homeless youth in the County, serving about 200 children annually. The second program Hodier addressed was the Transitional Living programs offered in Greensboro and High Point. Hodier requested $30,290 for the Transitional Living programs. Program serves women who are pregnant and homeless. The organization receives a federal grant in the amount of $380,000 to help pay for programming, but is required to secure a local match in order to obtain the federal funds. Hodier also requested $18,990 in funding for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program.

Lela Cobb - Frazier Elementary Student, requested that the Board fund Guilford County Schools.

Markisha Cobb – a 1st grade teacher for the past 15 years with Guilford County Schools. Ms. Cobb shared that her school needs additional funding to purchase technology resources. Cobb expressed concerns regarding the limited number of teacher assistants at her school. She stated
that the children need more one on one time with both teachers and tutors. Cobb expressed a concern regarding class sizes at her school.

Commissioner Davis stated that Ms. Cobb was his daughter and that Lela is his granddaughter.

Maria Bethea – YWCA- Parenting and Mentoring program – The program helps teen mothers graduate from school and prevent second pregnancies. Ms. Bethea asked the Board to support the mentoring program by offering funding.

Chip Garry - United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro. Garry thanked the Board for moving the Arts Council into the category of economic development, as it relates to funding. The Arts community generates approximately 118 million dollars in economic impact for the County, according to Garry. Garry commended the Manager and Staff for their work on the budget. Garry asked Board members to approve the proposed County budget.

Jermiah Pfeifer - student at Ferndale Middle. Pfeifer asked the Board to support education funding.

Ray: Expressed her support of County schools. She also stressed the importance of education.

Vicky Miller - President of the High Point Principals Student's Fun Run. Ms. Miller shared the supplies that her organization has been able to purchase for schools located in High Point. Miller shared her experience working in the Guildford County School system and the efforts of the teachers and administrators. Miller implored the Board to support Superintendent Green's budget.

Anthony Sedenberry – Member of Citizens for Central in High Point and Guilford County Parent. Thanked Board members for their efforts and for listening to citizens. Mr. Sedenberry asked Board members to please continue to fund the schools in Guilford County.

Karen Hanes - Mother of children at Alamance Elementary. Ms. Hanes expressed concerns regarding overcrowding and class sizes at their school. Ms. Hanes stated the importance and need for teacher assistants in local schools.

Lashariq Clemmons - Youth Director of African American Attellie Around the World Youth Program – Thanked Board members for funding the program in the past. Ms. Clemmons shared the services offered by the program, including arts and internship programs. Ms. Clemmons asked Board members to please fund the arts in Guilford County.

Samantha LaGrande – asked Board members to support the programming of the African American Atelier. She also stated that the programs were fun and enjoyable.

Dasha Hawkins - serves as a surrogate parent to foster children in the school system. She asked the Board to support Superintendent Green's proposed budget.
Karen Collie-Dickerson - North Carolina Teacher of the Year – Teacher at Grimsley High School. Ms. Dickerson has worked in education for seven years. Ms. Dickerson stated schools in Guilford County are in need of new materials and supplies. Dickerson cited issues faced by teachers in Guilford County Schools. Dickerson asked the Board to support the proposed budget presented by Superintendent Green.

Jordan Daniels- Teacher at Grimsley High School- stated that he supported Superintendent Green’s proposed budget. Thanked the Board for past years of flat funding. Daniels commented that he is working on his Masters degree. Daniels stated that the School System would need to offer more pay and resources to attract and retain well qualified teachers.

Mike Galbert- Teacher at Grimsley High School- Galbert cited issues impacting teachers in Guilford County, including low pay and limited resources. Shared the strain placed on the teachers as result of lack of adequate funding. Galbert stated that he supported Superintendent Green's budget.

Pamela Bunch- Vice President of the Guilford County Association of Educators and a career and technical education teacher- Ms. Bunch asked Board members to please fully fund the public schools.

Sam Miller – of UNCG- Miller stated that Guilford County educators are doing a wonderful job. He also commented that schools in the County are in need of additional funding.

Doug Thorn, member of the Guilford County Education Alliance- Mr. Thorn expressed his support of the educators and administrators of Guilford County Schools. Mr. Thorn asked the Board to support Superintendent Green’s proposed budget.

Joyce Snarce – of Greensboro is a former French teacher with Guilford County Schools. Ms. Snarce thanked the Board for previous school funding. Snarce urged the Board to approve the increased funding request. Snarce spoke highly of the efforts of both educators and administrators of the Guilford County school system.

Paul Lasart - President of the High Point Community Center- He stated that he is an advocate and supporter of Guilford County Schools. Lasart stated that now is not the time to cut the County school budget. Lasart urged the Board to support the proposed School budget. He stated that quality education leads to productive and strong local markets.

Roy Newby - Chair of the City of Greensboro Library Board of Trustees - Mr. Newby spoke on the behalf of the trustees, and Friends of the Library. Newby thanked the Board for their participation in their community events. Newby thanked Jeff Phillips, as he serves as the Liaison to their Board. Mr. Newby requested the Board provide the same level of funding found in last year’s budget.

Eddie Hall – represented the Hemphill Branch Public Library – Hall shared his experiences volunteering at the Library and the impact it has had on his life.
Brenda Dorsett – A resident of High Point- Dorsett expressed concerns relating to school funding. Dorsett asked Board members to support Superintendent Green’s proposed budget. Dorsett also shared accomplishments achieved by Guilford County Schools.

Kristina Jones - STOP program (Barium Program). Jones stated that the STOP program had recently been transferred to Barium Springs. Program served 55 youth last year. The program needs additional staff to provide trauma treatment for abused juveniles. Jones asked Board members to provide the $14,000 which the organization was not able to secure during the CBO process, due to the fact that the program is new. The organization is required to receive a 30% County match.

Josh Rubeo – Summerfield resident and the PTA president of Northern Elementary- Mr. Rubeo requested that the Board please pass the Superintendent's proposed budget. Rubeo stated that public schools are now competing with Charter schools. Rubeo asked the Board to keep funding the public schools in Guilford County.

Cynthia Roberts – ShaKan – A Greensboro resident- Shakan asked the Board to support Superintendent Green’s budget and shared recent successes of Guilford County Schools.

Adrian Johnson - ACT Together- Johnson shared the importance of the program and asked the Board to consider funding the program. ACT Together works to keep youth out of the juvenile delinquency system.

Neils Chapman – Associate Pastor of Genesis Baptist Church – Chapman stated that his Church has started to participate in the adopt a schools program, in order to invest in our community. Church also participates in local PTAs according to Chapman. Chapman stated he was disappointed that North Carolina is ranked 48th in the nation for education funding.

Mary Justice- Greensboro Resident - President of PTA in Millis Road Elementary- Ms. Justice congratulated the School System for a safe and successful school year. Mills Road Elementary has been in operation for 52 years, without any major renovations. Justice stated there is no gym. She stated that a gym would help students become more physically active and could host school functions. The school library also needs renovations stated Justice. She then asked Board members to please fund Superintendent Green’s proposed budget.

John Capes - Stated his support of funding for the Jamestown Library. Mr. Capes urged the Board to fund the $55,000 request and thanked members for listening to all the speakers.

Robin Williams - Program Director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Ms. Williams spoke regarding the program and requested that the Board restore funding to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program. Williams stated that the organization’s staff has been reduced from 9 to 3. Williams commented that Big Brothers-Big Sisters has over 300 children on the waiting list to enter the program.

Joe Stafford – Stafford stated that Guilford County is below the state average for SAT scores. Stafford stated that the County is 55 points below the average SAT score for the Winston
Salem/Forsyth County school system. Stafford requested the County remove all of school resource officers from middle schools. Stafford also asked Board members to abolish the mission possible program.

Jennene Standards - President of the Big Brother and Big Sisters advisory board. Standards shared the successes of the mentoring program, including helping students to be more successful while in school while avoiding delinquency. She asked the Board to invest in the program.

JD Henley of High Point - Mr. Henley stated he was pleased with the leadership of the School system and High Point Central. Henley stated that he sees energy, efficiency, and care from school system staff and leaders. Mr. Henley expressed the importance of funding the schools.

Van Clippard - Oak Ridge- Mr. Clippard encouraged the participants of the Commissioners’ meeting to attend a Guilford County School Board meeting to receive updates on funding goals and program initiatives. Clippard asked the Board to cut taxes.

Darlene McClinton - 614 Warren Street in Greensboro - African American Attiller Board of Directors- Ms. McClinton expressed her support of the program and asked the Board to provide funding.

David Coleman - Assistant Director of Youth Focus- Mr. Coleman shared his support of ACT Together. Coleman stated that ACT Together is Guilford County's only shelter specifically designed for youth, which is licensed by the state of North Carolina. Coleman commented that the shelter served over 200 youth last year and provides a safe place for kids in crisis. Coleman asked the Board for support.

Hannah Labus - SAFE PLACE Coordinator for Guilford County - Ms. Labus expressed her support of the ACT Together Crisis care program. The Safe Place initiative works with ACT Together when youth are in need of shelter. Ms. Labus asked the Board to please support ACT Together and their work.

Sarah Rottlinger – Program Director for My Sister's Susan's house- Homeless Shelter that serves young women who are pregnant or under distress. Teenagers can stay up to 2 years. Rottlinger helps connect residents to counseling services. Rottlinger also commented on the transitional living program in High Point – for at risk youth. She asked for continued funding stating the organization needed the County’s support in order to qualify for federal funding grants.

Angie Williard – PTA Member- Nathanial Green School - expressed concerns for needed improvements at the school. Williard was also concerned about class sizes.

Carman Lee Stanford – Stated that Schools need supplies and resources. Spoke in support of technology in the schools. Asked the Board to support the Superintendent's budget.

Shirley Corpman - One Step Further Mediation Services of Guilford County - shared the value of the mediation process and the One Step Further Program. The program serves youth ages eleven
and older to help them work through problems and disagreements. Corpman asked for the Board to reinstate funding to the organization.

Lisa Clapp - Eastern Guilford High School Parent- Concerned about the outcry regarding school funding. Clapp asked that Guilford County Schools provide the County with financial information to show how tax dollars are spent. Clapp commented on waste in the School System.

Yoavan Perry - Thanked the Board for serving and listening to the speakers. Perry, a retired educator, stated that there is a need and asked the Board to support the schools.

Margaret Arbuckle - Executive Director of the Guilford Education Alliance- Former County Commissioner- Arbuckle stated that her organization supported the Superintendent’s budget. Arbuckle shared the purpose and goals of the Educational Alliance. She welcomed the new County Manager and asked the Board to make public education a top priority.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve the receipt of the PayTel Communications Annual Signing Bonus in the amount of $50,000 to be used to enhance technology needs as it relates to Law Enforcement.

1. Increase the FY 12/13 Law Enforcement budget to reflect the receipt of a Annual Signing Bonus from PayTel Communications in the amount of $50,000.

2. Approve the purchase of 204 - Microsoft Office Packages for the In-car computers. This will help communications in their reporting module and to interact with positive ID to identify suspects using a print reader in the patrol vehicles and checking the fingerprints on file in the Detention computer system. The purchase will be made from a North Carolina State Contract Number 208H from SHI International Corporation, P.O. Box 952121, Dallas, TX. 75395-2121, in the amount of $49,995. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Trapp to approve item X. A1, A2.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
NOES: None
B. New Business from County Commissioners

No new business was offered by Commissioners.

XI. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The following Boards and Commissions had appointments or reappointments:

Adult Care Home Community Advisory Board
Appoint Sarah Henning
Appoint Shelvey Wallace

Board of Health
Reappoint Dr. Heather Oman

Board of Social Services
Reappoint Commissioner Ray Trapp

Fire District Commission- Alamance
Reappoint Claude Church
Reappoint Enos Smith
Reappoint Floyd Fogleman

Fire District Commission- Climax
Reappoint Douglas Curtis
Reappoint Lydane Reddick
Reappoint Terry Sheppar

Fire District Commission- Colfax
Reappoint Terry Frazier
Reappoint Curtis Bane
Reappoint Richard Trexler

Fire District Commission- #18 – Deep River
Reappoint Larry Morgan
Reappoint Sandra Clinard Powell
Reappoint Chris Clark

Fire District Commission- Julian
Reappoint Barry T. Ward
Reappoint William O. Collier
Reappoint John T. Shepard

Fire District Commission- McLeansville
Reappoint Harold Apple, Sr.
Fire District Commission- Northeast
Reappoint Barron Troxler
Reappoint Thomas Chrismon
Reappoint Rick Murray

Fire District Commission- Pinecroft Sedgefield
Reappoint TG Madison
Reappoint Steve Hodgin
Reappoint JC McCuiston

Fire District Commission- Pleasant Garden
Appoint Bill Greene

Fire District Commission- Rankin
Reappoint Michael Summer
Reappoint Wayne Martin
Reappoint James Cottrell

Fire District Commission- Southeast
Reappoint Christopher Bowman
Reappoint Richard Miles
Reappoint David Merrill

Fire District Commission- Stokesdale
Reappoint Peggy Joyce
Reappoint Christopher Albert
Reappoint Robert L. Casey

Fire District Commission- Summerfield
Reappoint Leonard Troxler
Reappoint Mark Doggett
Reappoint Carl Clayton

High Point Convention & Visitors Bureau
Appoint Stephen Nalley

Historic Preservation Commission
Appoint Vanessa Morehead

Industrial Facilities & Pollution Control
Reappoint Andrew Robb

Jamestown Planning & Zoning Board
Reappoint T.G. Madison
Reappoint Daniel McRae
The Board decided to table the proposed appointments to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and the Planning Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve item XI – board appointments

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
NOES: None

XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Branson thanked all the individuals who came out to speak to the Board. Branson stated that the Board plans to continue to work hard and diligently as the budget process moves forward.

Branson attended the Mountains to Sea Trail ribbon Cutting and the LaNova ribbon cutting.

Commissioner Cashion stated that she attended the LaNova ribbon cutting. Cashion stated that she was proud to have products manufactured in North Carolina and the United States. Cashion also attended the Grimsley Cafeteria Ribbon Cutting. Cashion stated that plans are under way to retro-fit the old cafeteria into classrooms. Cashion commented that the Wally Harrelson building dedication was set for next Wednesday and invited all to attend. Cashion thanked Davis and Branson for serving on the Building Naming Committee.

Commissioner Phillips - Shared that providing for the children, educators, and families of Guilford County is the Board’s highest priority. Phillips commented that 47% of the County’s current budget is allocated to Guilford County Schools. Phillips stated that Guilford County ranks 8th in the State for funding education, which shows a strong commitment and dedication to public schools.

Phillips also commented that he wanted to keep the residents of Oklahoma, who have experienced storms recently, in our thoughts.

Linda Shaw asked the County Manager to arrange a recognition honoring the North Carolina Principal and Teacher of the Year, as both winners are from Guilford County.

XIII. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

Mr. Lawing, County Manager – Reminded Board members of an upcoming Budget Work Session which will be held, next Monday, June 10th at 12:30 in the Blue Room.
Commissioner Branson - Asked the Manager to invite representatives from emergency service providers, Fire Districts and EMS, in the County.

Commissioner Coleman – Asked if the proposed budget fully funded all requests from County Fire Districts.

Budget Director Halford – stated that the proposed budget does not fund all requests made by County Department Directors and Fire Districts.

Commissioner Branson stated that some of the County Fire Chiefs have been invited to the work session.

Commissioner Coleman – Asked the Mr. Lawing how long the meeting will last.

Mr. Lawing - Difficult to gauge, but it is scheduled to start at 12:30 and perhaps will go to 5:00 PM.

Commissioner Coleman – Asked if lunch would be provided.

Mr. Lawing – stated that arrangements will be made for lunch.

Commissioner Cashion – Commented on a recent Legislative Committee initiative. Cashion noticed that the funding allotted for County School construction which is provided via State lottery proceeds has been reduced. Cashion stated that the North Carolina House was to vote on the measure next week. Cashion encouraged Board members to contact their NC House representatives to express concerns regarding the funding issue.

Commissioner Davis offered condolences to Mr. Ed Price on the passing of his Mother – Irma Price. Davis stated that the funeral will be held at 11:00 at the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

Commissioner Ray Trapp stated that the MWBE item could be removed from the work session, and asked for the issue to be rescheduled for an upcoming meeting.

Chairman Shaw - Thanked everyone for their attendance tonight. Shaw also thanked Joe Killian.

Motion was made by J. Phillips, and seconded by B. Bencini to approve Motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
NOES: None
XIV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

No speakers signed up to speak.

XV. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Henning.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
NOES: None

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Chairman

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Deputy Clerk to the Board