The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on September 17, 2015 at 5:30PM, in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Hank Henning, presiding; Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips; Commissioners Alan Branson, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue, and Ray Trapp.

ABSENT: Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster.

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Marty Lawing; County Attorney Mark Payne; Clarence Grier, Deputy County Manager; Robin Keller, Clerk to Board; Ariane Webb, Deputy Clerk to Board; J. Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director; Michael Halford, Budget Director; Robert McNiece, Property Management/Facilities/Parks & Recreation Director; Merle Green, DHHS-Public Health Director; Jim Albright, Emergency Services Director; Bonnie Stellfox, Purchasing Director; Jeff Fowler, Security Director; and members of the community and media.

I. INVOCATION

The Board led those present in a moment of silence.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Henning led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Henning welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 5:40PM.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Alan Hawkes of Greensboro thanked the Board for their support of including Charter Schools in the Say Yes initiative. He spoke to the benefits of Charter Schools within the community.

Vy Bui, a charter school student in High Point, spoke in support of including Charter Schools in the Say Yes initiative.
Andy Stevens of Greensboro applauded the Board for their support of Charter Schools and advocating for their inclusion into the Say Yes initiative. He stated that today is Constitution Day and urged the Board to continue to support the United States constitution.

Portia Shipman, Greensboro resident and Executive Director of the Sherri Denise Foundation for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, requested the Board’s support of the "Paint Greensboro Purple" campaign events being held October 26-November 7, 2015 in order to bring awareness to Domestic Violence prevention in our community.

Gabrielle Gray, NC A&T State University student and member of the Alpha Mu Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, spoke in support of the “Paint Greensboro Purple” campaign.

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. 2015-080 RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOLLEY MADISON WOMAN’S CLUB OF GREENSBORO

Commissioner Cashion invited the President of The Dolley Madison Women’s Club, and their members, to accept the resolution. She read the Resolution celebrating the organization’s 40th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, the Dolley Madison Woman’s Club of Greensboro, a member of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, formed with the purpose of “promoting education and civic growth in our City, County, State and Nation”; and

WHEREAS, the Dolley Madison Woman’s Club of Greensboro, formed in the fall of 1975 to provide a service outlet for the working woman, has proven to be a vital part of Greensboro and Guilford County with several of its charter members still actively serving the community; and

WHEREAS, through service activities focusing on arts, education, public affairs, and charitable giving; and always adhering to the Dolley’s Motto “Unity in Diversity”, the Dolley Madison Woman’s Club engages with the members of our community and strives to make a positive difference in the lives of the citizens of Guilford County; and

WHEREAS, the Dolley Madison Woman’s Club of Greensboro has been involved with many service projects, including: sponsorships of student arts competitions locally, district and statewide; partnership and support for innovative arts education programs at the Guilford County Juvenile Detention Center; serving as docents for Preservation Greensboro Open Houses; working with YWCA to support our homeless through the donation of clothes; food and personal care products, support and advocacy of the Guilford County Family Justice Center; ongoing support and endowments for Family Service of Greensboro; provision of scholarship fund for domestic violence shelter clients; support for the Red Cross Heroes project, establishment of a Library at Summit House; and annual Christmas gifts for juveniles housed in the Guilford County Juvenile Detention facility; and

WHEREAS, for these efforts and for the body of work that has spanned almost 40 years, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners honors the Dolley Madison Woman’s Club of...
Greensboro for its service on behalf of its citizens, for the time and effort its members have given to the club over the years, and for the positive difference it continues to make in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Guilford County Board of Commissioners that it hereby honors the Dolley Madison Woman’s Club of Greensboro, acknowledges the good work of its membership and offers the club our best wishes as they continue to make Guilford County a better place to live, work, and raise a family as they celebrate their 40th Anniversary.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of September, 2015.

Gloria Essa, President of The Dolley Madison Women’s Club, thanked the Board for their recognition.

2. 2015-027 PRESENTATION BY REPUBLIC SERVICES, INC. GENERAL MANAGER, MARK BACON, RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF GUILFORD COUNTY STAFF AND CITIZENS IN THE COMPANY ACHIEVING A 90% RECYCLING PARTICIPATION RATE AMONG ITS GUILFORD COUNTY CUSTOMERS FOR 2014/2015

3. 2015-081 PRESENTATION OF $1,000 DONATION BY MARK BACON, REPUBLIC SERVICES, TO GUILFORD COUNTY’S KIDS, CANS & CASH RECYCLING PROGRAM

Mark Bacon, General Manager of Republic Services Inc., introduced the ongoing Kids, Cash and Cans Recycling Program and noted the program is in its tenth year. He announced a donation of $1000 to the winning schools. Mr. Bacon also shared that the County achieved a 90% recycling participation rate from July 2014 through June 2015 and noted approximately 19 million pounds of recyclable materials have been diverted out of County landfills. He thanked the Board for their support.

Eric McAden, Republic Services Division Manager, thanked the Board for their support and encouragement of recycling programs.

Leslie Bell, Planning and Development Director, shared that Guilford County has five staff members who aid in the solid waste and recycling programs in Guilford County.

Commissioner Coleman commended Mr. Bacon and his team for their agency’s community involvement and shared that as a client of their services, she appreciated their quality work.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA
Chairman Henning asked if any Commissioner wished to pull an item from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Coleman requested item C.5 pulled from the consent agenda for further consideration.

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. 2015-031 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION BUDGET AMENDMENT-BE SAFE PROGRAM

   **Suggested Action:** Approve to budget unexpended balance of $10,000 of a contract with NC A&T State University to administer the BE SAFE program.

2. 2015-057 APPROPRIATE $50,000 OF ADDITIONAL STATE JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION FUNDING FOR THE ECKERD PROJECT BRIDGE - ALTERNATIVES TO COMMITMENT PROGRAM

   **Suggested Action:** Increase the Coordinated Services (Juvenile Crime Prevention Council) budget by $50,000 to reflect the appropriation of state funding for the Project Bridge - Alternatives to Commitment program.

   [Guilford Support Letter - Eckerd](#)

   Project Bridge program agreement

3. 2015-094 APPROPRIATION OF PRIOR YEAR EMERGENCY SERVICES GRANTS

   **Suggested Action:** Approve increase in FY2016 Emergency Services budget by $100,000 to reflect receipt of FEMA reimbursement from March 4, 2014 ice storm received in FY2015 to carry forward for completion of a capital project to upgrade the electronic transfer switch for the Meadowood facility.

4. 2015-093 APPROPRIATION OF PRIOR YEAR LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS - $207,516

   **Suggested Action:** Increase appropriation to Law Enforcement by $207,516, appropriate $313,690 in prior year Federal/State Revenue, and decrease appropriated fund balance by $106,174.

   [CARRY FORWARD GRANT BREAKDOWN](#)

B. CONTRACTS
1. **2015-023 APPROVE FIVE (5) PRICE ONLY CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE FACILITIES DEPARTMENT**

   **Suggested Action:** Approve five (5) Price Only Contracts for Professional Architectural & Engineering Services for the Facilities, Property Management & Parks Department. Contracts effective September 17, 2015 for a term of 1 year with two one-year renewal options.

   ARCVISION STUDIOS, PC - Architect & Engineering Contract Scanned

   EFIRD SUTPHIN PEARCE & ASSOCIATES PA - Architect & Engineering Contract Scanned

   MOSER MAYER PHOENIX ASSOCIATES PA - Architect & Engineering Contract Scanned

   PNP DESIGN GROUP, PLLC - Architect & Engineering Contract Scanned

   TFF ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS, LLP - Architect & Engineering Contract Scanned

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2. **2015-053 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION PIEDMONT HEALTH SERVICES AND SICKLE CELL AGENCY CONTRACT - $107,613**

   **Suggested Action:** Approve Piedmont Health Services and Sickle Cell Agency (PHSSCA) Contract, in substantial form, in the amount of $107,613 to be effective June 1, 2015 for a term of one (1) year.

   PHSSCA - Contract 102069-07-08-009 Amend 4 - 6-1-2015

   PHSSCA - Version Approved by Legal.doc

3. **2015-054 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION FAMILY SERVICE OF THE PIEDMONT, INC. CONTRACT - $123,000**
Suggested Action: Approve Family Service of the Piedmont, Inc. (FSP) Contract, in substantial form, in the amount of $123,000 to be effective July 1, 2015 for a term of one (1) year.

FAMILY SERVICE OF THE PIEDMONT INC - Healthy Start CBO Contract - 7-1-2015.docx

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 2015-077 APPROVE ONE (1) VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (VAD) APPLICATION AND THREE (3) ENHANCED VOLUNTARY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (EVAD) APPLICATIONS

Suggested Action: Approve one (1) VAD and three (3) EVAD applications.

VAD Application-H. Stafford Gray
EVAD Application-B. Rush Hardin
EVAD Application-Fields Farm
EVAD Application-Jeffrey Isley
NC Agricultural Districts Brochure

2. 2015-076 TAX COLLECTION AND BEVERAGE LICENSE REPORTS

Suggested Action: Accept and approve tax collection and beverage license reports for the months ending July 31, 2015 and August 31, 2015.

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3. 2015-075 PROPERTY TAX REBATES AND RELEASES

Suggested Action: Accept and approve property tax rebates and releases for the months
ending July 31, 2015 and August 31, 2015.

**July 2015 Rebates & Releases**

**July 2015 NCVTS Pending Refund report**

**August 2015 Rebates & Releases**

**August 2015 NCVTS Pending Refund Report**

4. **2015-090 AMENDMENT TO 2014 HOME PROGRAM SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN GUILFORD COUNTY AND PIEDMONT TRIAD REGIONAL COUNCIL AND AMENDMENT TO SCOPE OF SERVICES**

_Suggested Action:_ Approve Amendment, new Scope of Services, Federal Construction Contract Requirements, and the Internal Audit Monitoring Policy to the HOME Program Funds Subrecipient Agreement with the Piedmont Triad Regional Council for Single Family Housing Rehabilitation.

- Email City of Greensboro Resolution for Amendment Passed HOME Program Funds PTRC
- BCC Approval Documentation of 2014_GC_PTRC_HOME Funding Agreement
- Amendment to Home Program Subrecipient Agreement

_Removed from the Consent Agenda_

5. **2015-101 MINUTES**

_Suggested Action:_ Approve the following sets of meeting minutes: 04/16/15 - Regular Meeting 05/07/15 - Regular Meeting 06/04/15 - Regular Meeting 06/16/15 - Work Session 07/16/15 - Regular Meeting 08/27/15 - HHSVS Sub-Committee 08/31/15 - Work Session

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Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Branson, seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE: Motion carried 8-0
NOES: None

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

5. 2015-101 MINUTES

Suggested Action: Approve the following sets of meeting minutes:04/16/15 - Regular Meeting05/07/15 - Regular Meeting06/04/15 - Regular Meeting06/16/15 - Work Session07/16/15 - Regular Meeting08/27/15 - HHSVS Sub-Committee 08/31/15 - Work Session

Commissioner Coleman expressed concern over the volume of minutes presented for approval. She requested the Board delay adoption of the minutes until the next meeting to allow time to review the minutes.

Commissioner Conrad questioned the reason for delaying approval of the minutes. Commissioner Coleman explained that the volume of minutes required additional time for thorough review.
Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Ray Trapp, to table approval of the following sets of meeting minutes: 04/16/15 - Regular Meeting, 05/07/15 - Regular Meeting, 06/04/15 - Regular Meeting, 06/16/15 - Work Session, 07/16/15 - Regular Meeting, 08/27/15 - HHSVS Sub-Committee, 08/31/15 - Work Session, to the next regular Board meeting.

VOTE: Motion carried 8-0
NOES: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2015-086 RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS HOLD A REFERENDUM AS REQUESTED BY TOWN OF STOKESDALE IN REGARDS TO THE FIRE TAX RATE CAP

Suggested Action: Adopt a resolution requesting the County Board of Elections hold a referendum in the Stokesdale Fire District on March 15, 2016 on an increase in the District's Fire Tax Cap in accordance with NC Session Law 2015-128 (HB 347) as requested by the Stokesdale Town Council.

Stokesdale Town Council Fire Tax Cap Resolution.pdf

Commissioner Conrad moved approval of a resolution requesting the Guilford County Board of Elections hold a referendum as requested by the Town of Stokesdale in regards to the Fire tax Rate Cap.

WHEREAS, the Stokesdale Rural Fire Protection District was formed on November 9, 1954, as a result of passage of a referendum by the voters of said district to provide fire protection for the citizens in that part of Stokesdale which lies in Guilford County; and

WHEREAS, the authorized levy allowed under NC General Statute 69-25.1 was not to exceed ten cents (10c) per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property, and that cap was just reached in 2014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to NC Session Law 2015-128, House Bill 347, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners may order a special election to be held to consider the increase of the maximum allowable levy from ten cents (10c) per one hundred dollars ($100) valuation of property, to fifteen cents (15c) per valuation of property, either by a resolution from Stokesdale Town Council requesting same, or by their own motion; and

WHEREAS, it is understood the actual fire tax rate cannot increase without approval by the Guilford County Board of Commissioners during annual budget hearings; and
WHEREAS, the Stokesdale Town Council supports the efforts of Stokesdale Fire District Inc. to continue to provide the same excellent service our community has enjoyed since 1954, and understands the necessity to ensure future funding needs be met.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to NC Session Law 2015-128 (HB 347) and in response to the request of the Stokesdale Town Council, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners requests the Guilford County Board of Elections to hold a referendum on the question of increasing the Fire Tax Rate Cap from ten cents (10c) per one hundred dollar ($100) valuation of property to fifteen cents (15c) per one hundred dollar ($100) valuation of property on the same date as the State Primary elections on March 15, 2016.

ADOPTED this the 17th day of September, 2015.

Commissioner Conrad discussed the resolution and noted Stokesdale’s unique situation as a city housed within two counties: Guilford and Rockingham. He reviewed the Fire District Overlay which covers both Stokesdale and those areas in the taxing district located within Rockingham County. Conrad stated the resolution does not raise the Fire Tax, but allows the citizens to vote to make that decision, if additional revenue is required for their fire department.

Commissioner Branson questioned if this would be applicable to any of the other fire departments and taxing districts that cross county lines.

County Attorney Mark Payne clarified that there is local legislation specifically authorizing this type of election for only this fire tax district.

Commissioner Conrad stated that if this situation were to arise in another district, they would have to petition the NC General Assembly.

Motion was made by Commissioner Justin Conrad, seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to adopt a resolution requesting the County Board of Elections hold a referendum in the Stokesdale Fire District on March 15, 2016 on an increase in the District's Fire Tax Cap in accordance with NC Session Law 2015-128 (HB 347) as requested by the Stokesdale Town Council.

VOTE: Motion carried 8-0
NOES: None

B. 2015-079 GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS PROJECT ORDINANCE CHANGES - Southwest HS, High Point Central HS, & Northwood ES
Suggested Action: Approve the amendments to the project ordinances for Southwest High School, High Point Central High School and Northwood Elementary School.

Southwest High School - Amendment Pending 9.17.2015
High Point Central High School - Amendment Pending 9.17.2015
Northwood ES - Kitchen Renov. - Amendment Pending 9.17.2015
Memo RE HP Central HS BOCC 9-17-2015
Memo RE Northwood ES BOCC 9-17-2015

A Guilford County Schools representative reviewed the various projects. They discussed the roofing issues with High Point Central High School and noted the project was initially designed to patch roofing, however over the years the water damage has increased, and required removal of the roof and renovation of the walls.

Michael Halford, Budget Director, clarified that the motion should indicate there is an amendment to the additions and renovations capital project at High Point Central High School.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, seconded by Commissioner Ray Trapp, to approve the amendments to the project ordinances for Southwest High School, High Point Central High School and Northwood Elementary School.

VOTE: Motion carried 8-0
NOES: None

C. 2015-046 201 N. EUGENE - OFFER FOR PURCHASE OF PARKING LOT

Suggested Action: Accept an offer to purchase approximately 1.48 +/- acres of real property comprised of a portion of 201 N. Eugene Street, Greensboro NC (Tax Parcel No. 0001799), from Carroll Capital Investments, LLC. in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($1,500,000.00) ; and Authorize the County Manager to enter into sales contract (attached hereto) for the agreed upon amount; and further, authorize staff to take all reasonable and necessary steps to execute the sale of the property.

Letter of Intent Carroll Capital Investments.pdf
Robert McNiece, Property Management/Facilities/Parks & Recreation Director introduced the item. He advised the Board of the upset bid process.

Commissioner Coleman spoke to the motion and shared that Caroll Capital Investments, LLC offered $1.5 million for 1.48 acres of land located across the street from the downtown ball park. She noted that the property was not listed for sale, but was placed on the surplus listing and an upset bid process was noticed. Coleman stated that the property was appraised at a higher value both by an independent appraisal and through the Guilford County Tax Department. She stated that although no one submitted an alternate bid, but another contractor expressed interest in the total parcel and noted that the total parcel is currently appraised at $8 million.

Commissioner Coleman noted that as the economy continues to recover the land will continue to rise in value and stated that dividing the property lowers the value of the total property as we lose parking spaces. She shared that parking downtown is about $65 per month and noted that if the property sells then county and state employees will need to find parking elsewhere. Coleman stated that if we sell at the offered rate, the County will lose approximately $800,000 on the remaining property, and an additional $800,000 on the tax appraised value. She discussed the potential tax earnings of $145,000 per year if a $20 million development is built, and noted that renting parking spaces to the Greensboro Grasshopper minor league baseball franchise and State employees would earn the County $146,000 per year. Coleman referenced discussions with other developers who stated that the County failed to advertise the upset bid process for a sufficient length of time, which eliminated the potential for offers from developers in Charlotte, NC and South Carolina. She reiterated her concerns with selling this property at such a low value and urged the Board to reconsider selling the property.

Motion made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, seconded by Commissioner Alan Branson, to accept an offer to purchase approximately 1.48 +/- acres of real property comprised of a portion of 201 N. Eugene Street, Greensboro NC (Tax Parcel No. 0001799) from Caroll Capital Investments, LLC in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($1,500,000.00); and authorize the County Manager to enter into sales contract (attached hereto) for the agreed upon amount; and further, authorize staff to take all reasonable and necessary steps to execute the sale of the property.

VOTE: Motion to approve carried 7-1
H. Henning, J. Conrad, J. Phillips
NOES: C. Coleman

D. 2015-044 APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2015 GUILFORD COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
**Suggested Action:** Approve the Resolution to Adopt the 2015 Guilford County Emergency Operations Plan.

**EOP Project Summary and Executive Overview**

**EOP Major Revisions Overview 2015**

Jim Albright, Emergency Services Director, introduced the 2015 County Emergency Operations Plan, and noted that the revisions to the plan would be reviewed during closed session.

Chairman Henning noted that once the plan was reviewed in closed session, the Board would vote on the item.

**E. 2015-074 RECEIPT OF THE 2015 NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY - DWI TASKFORCE ENFORCEMENT GRANT - $422,670**

**Suggested Action:** Approve receipt of the 2015 Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant for the DWI Taskforce in the amount of $422,670 and adopt the accompanying Local Governmental Resolution. Also, increase the FY2016 Law Enforcement budget by $93,459 and increase Federal/State Revenues by $93,459.

**2016 Taskforce Grant**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ray Trapp, seconded by Commissioner Alan Branson, to approve receipt of the 2015 Governor’s Highway Safety Program Grant for the DWI Taskforce in the amount of $422,670 and adopt the accompanying Local Governmental Resolution. Also, increase the FY2016 Law Enforcement budget by $93,459 and increase Federal/State Revenues by $93,459.

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

**AYES:** A. Branson, A. Perdue, H. Henning, K. Cashion, R. Trapp

H. Henning, C. Coleman, J. Conrad, J. Phillips

**NOES:** None

**F. 2015-087 RECEIPT OF THE 2015 NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY DWI TASKFORCE EDUCATOR GRANT - $73,735**

**Suggested Action:** Approve receipt of the 2015 Governor's Highway Safety Grant for
the DWI Taskforce Educator in the amount of $73,735 and adopt the accompanying Local Governmental Resolution. Increase the FY2016 Law Enforcement budget by $9,776 to appropriate grant funds and increase Federal/State Revenue by $9,776.

2016 DWI Educator Grant

Motion made by Commissioner Alan Branson, seconded by Commissioner Ray Trapp, to approve receipt of the 2015 Governor's Highway Safety Grant for the DWI Taskforce Educator in the amount of $73,735 and adopt the accompanying Local Governmental Resolution. Increase the FY2016 Law Enforcement budget by $9,776 to appropriate grant funds and increase Federal/State Revenue by $9,776.

VOTE: Motion to approve carried 8-0
       H. Henning, C. Coleman, J. Conrad, J. Phillips
NOES: None

G. 2015-089 RECEIPT OF THE 2015 NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY LAW ENFORCEMENT LIASON GRANT - $20,000

Suggested Action: Approve receipt of the 2015 North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Law Enforcement Liaison Grant in the amount of $20,000, adopt the accompanying Local Government Resolution, and increase the FY2016 Law Enforcement budget by $20,000 to appropriate the grant funds.

2016 LEL Grant

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to approve receipt of the 2015 North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Law Enforcement Liaison Grant in the amount of $20,000, adopt the accompanying Local Government Resolution, and increase the FY2016 Law Enforcement budget by $20,000 to appropriate the grant funds.

VOTE: Motion to approve carried 8-0
       H. Henning, C. Coleman, J. Conrad, J. Phillips
NOES: None

H. 2015-091 RECEIPT OF THE 2015 NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY BIKE SAFETY GRANT - $5,000

Suggested Action: Approve receipt of the 2015 North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Bike Safe Grant in the amount of $5,000, adopt the accompanying Local
Governmental Resolution, and increase the FY2016 Law Enforcement budget by $5,000 to appropriate the grant funds.

**2016 Bike Safe Grant**

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Branson, seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to approve receipt of the 2015 North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Bike Safe Grant in the amount of $5,000, adopt the accompanying Local Governmental Resolution, and increase the FY2016 Law Enforcement budget by $5,000 to appropriate the grant funds.

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

**NOES:** None

**VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. 2015-085 PUBLIC HEARING ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE GRANT TO QORVO, INC.**

*Suggested Action:* Conduct a public hearing on an Economic Development Incentive Grant Request from Qorvo, Inc.

County Manager Marty Lawing introduced the hearing topic and introduced Brent Christensen with Greensboro Partnership.

Brent Christensen, CEO of Greensboro Partnership, reviewed the details of the proposed investment, noting the company proposed to create one hundred (100) research and analyst positions at the average salary of $80,000 per year. He stated the company was formally known as RF Micro Company and merged with TriQuint Semi-Conductor to become Qorvo. Christensen shared that the company currently employs over 1400 employees at the Greensboro location and stated that this is a very rapidly moving project, with a final location decision being made at the end of September 2015. Christensen noted the company is considering another location near their Oregon headquarters and discussed how the request would offset the real and/or perceived infrastructure deficiencies of the Guilford County site. He urged the Board to consider approving the economic incentive request and introduced company representatives who were available to answer questions from the Board.

Chairman Henning opened the public hearing for proponents of the incentive request. There being no proponents, the floor was opened to opponents of the request.

Andy Stevens of Greensboro, spoke in opposition to the incentive. He shared that the RF Micro Company has received over six (6) series of incentives over the past fourteen (14) years totaling
over $8.2 million of tax payer funds. Stevens reviewed the history of prior incentives received by the company and questioned the numbers of potential employees that would be residents of Guilford County, along with the true value of resulting sales tax revenues. He noted the company failed to meet prior job creation requirements. Stevens reviewed the NC General Assembly legislative updates regarding corporate income taxes and decreases in the local property taxes, and reiterated that in excess of $9 million in taxpayer dollars has been distributed to the company. He urged the Board not to spend public money on private ventures.

There being no additional respondents, Chairman Henning opened the floor for rebuttal. There being no rebuttals, Chairman Henning closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Coleman questioned the type of positions that will be created by the company.

Jeff Howland, General Counsel for Qorvo, stated that the positions are almost solely engineers.

Commissioner Coleman asked if there was a breakdown indicating the number of positions that will be entry-level.

Howland stated that they do not know at this time, as they are considered part of future growth.

Commissioner Coleman asked for specific minority breakdown statistics.

Howland stated that they do not have those statistics available at this time.

Commissioner Coleman stated that she has supported the company in the past and will support the incentive, but would like to have that data.

Howland stated he would forward this information to the Board for review.

Commissioner Trapp spoke to the benefits of the incentive and shared his support of the request and its possibilities for job creation. He noted the high level of engineering talent graduating from NC A&T State University.

Vice Chairman Phillips expressed appreciation to RF Micro, TriQuint, and Qorvo in their efforts to create jobs. He shared his concerns with the incentive given the serious consideration of the company having two headquarters. Phillips noted the risk associated with not supporting the incentive is the potential loss of new jobs and existing positions.

Commissioner Branson requested the number of employees located at the Oregon headquarters.

Howland replied that approximately 1000 employees are located at the Oregon offices. He explained the equal breakdown of the boards and employees between both companies and reiterated that the companies have merged equally.

Commissioner Branson questioned the history of incentives given to RF Micro in the past and asked if they have fulfilled prior incentive requirements.
County Attorney Mark Payne stated that the county has a standard clawback provision that allows the county to recoup incentive grants should the company not meet its employment or structural obligations.

Commissioner Branson expressed his concerns regarding awarding incentives to businesses.

Lawing reviewed the past incentive agreements and stated that based upon prior incentive requests, RF Micro has maintained more positions than initially required.

Commissioner Conrad spoke in support of the incentive.

Commissioner Cashion spoke in support of the request and noted the tremendous value of having high level engineering positions as a result of Guilford County being home to one of the best engineering schools in the nation. She expressed concern over the loss of this talent to other employers outside of the County, and spoke to benefits of investing in local infrastructure.

Commissioner Perdue spoke in support of the incentive and discussed the need to retain corporate initiatives within the County.

Chairman Henning echoed the comments of the Board and spoke in support of the initiative.

Motion made by Commissioner Ray Trapp, seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to conduct a public hearing on an economic development incentive grant request from Qorvo, Inc.

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Howland thanked the Board for their support.

IX. (CANCELLED) QUASI-JUDICIAL PROCEEDING

A. 2015-095 REQUIRED QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT CASE #15-06-GCPL-02809 (MCLAUREN FARMS-WOODS OF TERROR)

Suggested Action: Conduct required quasi-judicial hearing for special use permit case #15-06-GCPL-02809 and upon conclusion of evidentiary hearing, render decision.
The Quasi-Judicial hearing was cancelled due to a withdrawal of the appeal by the appellant.

X. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

Chairman Henning announced the Health and Human Services updates were discussed during the September 17, 2015 work session.

A. 2015-056 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD OF HEALTH FOR ACCREDITATION

Suggested Action: Approve the Roles and Responsibilities of Board of Health as it pertains to Accreditation.

B. 2015-073 DHHS-PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION AGENCY GUIDELINES

Suggested Action: Approve DHHS-Public Health Division Agency Guidelines.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Trapp announced the upcoming Food Desert Storm on Saturday, September 9, 2015. He reviewed the scheduled events which include cooking lessons, personal training, cooking demonstrations and a grocery store trips for those in the pilot community. Trapp stated that the event will last for ten (10) weeks with an emphasis on weight loss, improving blood pressure and Body Mass Index (BMI).
Commissioner Conrad introduced Stokesdale Mayor Randy Braswell and Stokesdale City Council members Bill Jones and Vicki Lawrence and thanked them for their attendance and support of the Fire Tax resolution. He shared his visit with Industries of the Blind and discussed the products made by the company. Conrad encouraged the Board to visit the company.

Commissioner Cashion provided an update regarding the Sandhills Advisory Board and shared major cuts to the Mental Health budget at the State level. She noted the board is awaiting news of how these cuts will affect local communities.

Vice Chairman Phillips announced that he has become a grandfather. He discussed the Animal Shelter updates received during the previous work session and noted the positive changes that County staff are making at the Shelter. Phillips recognized Deputy County Manager Clarence Grier, Lieutenant Chris Martin of the Sheriff's Department, and Logan Rustan of Animal Control and thanked staff, on behalf of the citizens, in their efforts to care for the animals in our custody.

Commissioner Perdue congratulated the City of Greensboro and all community partners who helped make the National Folk Festival a success. He shared he attended the ground-breaking for the new schools of Health Sciences and Pharmacy at High Point University. Perdue shared he attended the Say Yes Initiative Kick-Off event, and announced September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. He encouraged citizens to wear gold in support of the need for more research to combat childhood cancer.

Commissioner Branson shared his attendance at the National Folk Festival and thanked the volunteers, vendors, fire rescue and EMS staff who supported the event. He discussed his attendance of a 9/11 remembrance service held at Apple's Chapel in Gibsonville. Branson spoke in support of the Say Yes program and commented on its potential impact upon economic development within Guilford County.

Chairman Henning echoed the Board’s congratulations to Guilford County for becoming a Say Yes community and noted that Commissioner Foster is absent as a result of her husband, Otis Foster, being inducted into the North Carolina Baseball Hall of Fame.

**XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER**

Lawing stated he had no comments at this time.

**XIII. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. &sect; 143-318.11 (a) 3, 4, 5 and 9.**

Motion made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, seconded by Commissioner Ray Trapp, to hold closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 for the purpose of reviewing confidential information and consulting with the County Attorney.

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

**AYES:** A. Branson, A. Perdue, H. Henning, K. Cashion, R. Trapp
H. Henning, C. Coleman, J. Conrad, J. Phillips

**NOES:** None
The meeting went into recess at 7:15PM.

The meeting reconvened at 8:57PM.

PRESENT: Chairman Hank Henning; Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips;
Commissioners Alan Branson, Kay Cashion, Justin Conrad, Alan Perdue

ABSENT: Commissioners Carolyn Q. Coleman, J. Carlvena Foster, Ray Trapp

ALSO PRESENT: County Manager Marty Lawing; County Manager Mark Payne;
Robin Keller, Clerk to Board; Ariane Webb, Deputy Clerk to Board;
Jeff Fowler, Security Director; and members of the media.

Upon return from closed session into open session, a motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, seconded by Commissioner Justin Conrad, to approve the resolution to adopt the 2015 Guilford County Emergency Operations Plan.

VOTE: Motion to approve carried 6-0
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioners C. Coleman, C. Foster and R. Trapp

XIV. ADJOURN

There being no further business the Board adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 8:57PM.

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Robin Keller
Clerk to Board

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Paul “Hank” Henning, IV
Chairman