The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on March 20, 2014 at 5:30 PM, in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Bruce Davis.

ALSO PRESENT: Marty Lawing, County Manager; Mark Payne, County Attorney; Robin Keller, Clerk to the Board; Michael Halford, Budget Director; Merle Green, Public Health Director; Bonnie Stellfox, Purchasing Director; Hemant Desai, Information Services Director; Robert McNiece, Facilities, Property Management, and Parks Director; Jim Albright, Emergency Services Director; Ben Chavis, Tax Director; Jeff Fowler, Security Director; Paul Lowe, Deputy Clerk to the Board; and members of the media and community.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplin Chavis presented the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bencini called the meeting to order.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR (Each speaker will be allowed three minutes to address the Board. Speakers from the Floor will last for a maximum of 30 minutes.)

Mark McGash, of Greensboro and a Navy Veteran, shared that he is homeless and was working to start an organization to help the area's homeless population with life and job skills.

Dr. Caraway an Air Force veteran stated that he volunteers to help homeless veterans in the area. Dr. Caraway urged Commissioners to support initiatives which benefit the homeless population.
Teresa Hicks, founder of Trailways Housing Services, wanted to share her support and empathy for the County’s homeless population.

Castella Graham of Greensboro shared her support for programs which support Greensboro’s homeless residents. Graham commented that she works with homeless individuals. Graham suggested that there are many gaps in services which are provided to the homeless population.

Lemont Conviation of Greensboro expressed concerns with DSS and the court system.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF DIANNE LEBURNE WALTON MUNDEN

Commissioner Coleman presented Dr. Munden’s family with the framed resolution and shared that she was a personal friend of Munden.

Ms. Evette Jones-Bethea, Dr. Munden’s daughter, thanked the Board for honoring her mother.

Commissioner Cashion stated that she had the pleasure to serve with Munden on the Sandhills Mental Health Board.

Commissioner Shaw commented that Dr. Munden was a delightful woman and Guilford County would miss her hard work and kind spirit.

Commissioner Trapp thanked Dr. Munden for her work and offered condolences to her family.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DIANNE LEBURNE WALTON MUNDEN

WHEREAS, Dr. Dianne LeBurne Walton Munden passed away at the age of 68 on December 13, 2013. A native of Greensboro, Munden was a civic and community leader- who believed that service is the rent- we pay to live on this earth; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Munden was a graduate of Dudley High School and North Carolina A &T State University, and later earned a Master’s degree in Christian Education from Living Epistle Bible College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Munden was a loving mother to James Jones, Arlette Jones-Lawson and Evette Jones-Bethea; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Munden was a dedicated employee of the Lorillard corporation of Greensboro and retired after thirty eight years of loyal service to the firm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Munden was a well respected community leader who served on a number of civic boards- including the Guilford County Planning Board and Library Commission
for the City of Greensboro. As Dr. Munden was dedicated to improving the level of educational attainment of the students of Guilford County, she served as the Executive Director of “Stay Up While You’re Down” a drop-out prevention program implemented at Ben L. Smith High School. Dr. Munden was also an active member of the Greensboro Branch of the NAACP and the George C. Simkins PAC- and was instrumental in helping many candidates seeking elected office. As such- Dr. Munden made a life-long commitment to community service and civic engagement; and

    WHEREAS, Dr. Munden was recognized for her tireless efforts to serve and was awarded the prestigious Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Governor James B. Hunt Jr. Dr. Munden was also honored by her alma mater- when Living Epistle Bible College bestowed her with an honorary doctorate degree.

    NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Guilford County Board of Commissioners that it hereby expresses its appreciation and admiration for the service and life of Dr. Dianne LeBurne Walton Munden and extends its sincere condolences to her family and friends in her passing.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. a) Approve receipt of the Bureau of Justice State Criminal Alien Assistance Grant (SCAAP) in the amount of $65,979.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

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B. CONTRACTS

1. Approve contract in substantial form, as attached hereto, with lowest responsive bidder, Accela, Inc., to purchase Professional Consulting Services to assist with the upgrade of Accela applications to version 7.3 as result of Bid Event 388. This expenditure includes: * Project Planning and Management * Upgrade Accela 6.7 to 7.3 * Testing * Final Preparation, Go Live and Post Go Live Support The Contract amount is $98,420. The funding source for this project is the approved FY 13-14 County Technology Fund. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS.

2. Approve a Price Only Contract in substantial form, as attached hereto - Contract Renewal #2 with Otis Elevator Company, 1208 East Mountain Street, Kernersville, NC for
Guilford County Elevator Maintenance Services with no price increases and not expected to exceed the amount $68,376.00 listed for FY14/15 for Guilford County locations as shown on the attached list. Renewal period will begin July 1, 2014 and end on June 30, 2015 with no renewal options remaining. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

3. Approve Price Only Contract with Gen-Probe Sales & Service Inc. in substantial form, as attached hereto, in the amount $198,000 annually for a term of five (5) years totaling $990,000. Bid Event 409 was released to establish prices for a Price Only Contract for Nucleic Acid Application Testing for N. Gonorrhrea and C Trachomatis. After evaluation of the bids it was determined that Gen-Probe Sales & Service Inc. (Hologic), 10210 Genetic Center, San Diego, CA 92121 was the lowest responsive bidder meeting the bid specifications. The contract will be for five years to begin May 1, 2014 and end on April 30, 2019 at the same price, terms and conditions. The contract is for four different product description testing(s) as listed in the contract. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS.

C. MISCELLANEOUS


2. Accept the Tax Department's Beverage License and Tax Collections Reports for the month ending February 28, 2014.

3. Approve NCDOT's notice of necessity to disinter and relocate approximately five (5) graves from Midway Pilgrim Holiness Church (Midway Chapel) Cemetery Located at 2324 Huffine Mill Road, McLeansville NC as they fall within the proposed right of way for the Eastern Loop from US 70 to US 29; authorize staff to take all necessary measures to ensure compliance with N.C. Gen. Stat.§ 65-106 and ensure proper oversight of the disinterment and re-internment of the identified graves.

4. Approve the following sets of County Commissioner's Meeting Minutes: 3/06/14-Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner B. Davis.
VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Hold Second meeting to Consider and adopt Amendments as identified and amended at during the duly noticed Public Hearing held 03/06/13 Board of Commissioners Meeting to Chapter 11, Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses, Sec. 11-5, Discharge of Firearms, and Chapter 13, Parks and Recreation, Section 13-5, Firearms, Fireworks, Etc., of the Guilford County Code of Ordinances in order to comply with the changes to the North Carolina General Statutes governing the regulations of firearms by the local governments.

Chairman Bencini introduced the topic and asked the County Attorney to speak to the proposal.

County Attorney Mark Payne provided clarification regarding parliamentary procedure.

Commissioner Coleman shared that she would be voting against the measure. Coleman commented that she disagreed with the North Carolina General Assembly’s decision to allow concealed carry permit holders to bring their weapons into parks. Coleman stated that concealed carry permit permits are issued for six years which could exacerbate the likelihood that mental health issues might lead to weapons being misused. Coleman shared that she did not support the proposal of allowing guns into recreation facilities.

Commissioner Cashion stated that she had heard from many concerned constituents regarding the issue. Cashion commented that ensuring safety at County operated recreation facilities was a concern she held and shared that she could not support the proposal.

Commissioner Shaw called the question.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Vice Chairman Hank Henning to approve and adopt Amendments as identified and amended at during the duly noticed Public Hearing held 03/06/13 Board of Commissioners Meeting to Chapter 11, Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses, Sec. 11-5, Discharge of Firearms, and Chapter 13, Parks and Recreation, Section 13-5, Firearms, Fireworks, Etc., of the Guilford County Code of Ordinances in order to comply with the changes to the North Carolina General Statutes governing the regulations of firearms by the local governments.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 – 2.


NOES: Commissioners C. Coleman and K. Cashion.

ABSENT: Commissioner B. Davis.
VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 1) 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. PayTel is the vendor who provides telephone service to the inmate population. Per their contract with Guilford County, a $50,000 signing bonus is received annually to be utilized to enhance technology for Law Enforcement; AND Approve an increase to the FY 2014 Law Enforcement budget to reflect the receipt of an Annual Signing Bonus from PayTel Communications in the amount of $50,000. Per contract guidelines, the following items are being purchased: NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

a. Modify the rollover of Touch Screen Stations on Housing Floors, in the amount of $44,064.


c. Pelco Camclosure Surface Camera, in the amount of $1,515. Miscellaneous technology equipment (thumbdrives and scanners etc.) in the amount of $1,179.

Major C.J. Williamson, Guilford County Sheriff Department- Court Service Bureau, introduced the topic and shared that the $50,000 would help to pay for items that were not budgeted for including laptop computers and security cameras. Williamson provided an update regarding recent changes which were implemented by the FCC. Williamson stated that the FCC had placed limits on the charges which could be assessed to interstate phone calls.

Commissioner Trapp asked for clarification.

Williamson stated that the County had been receiving the grant for at least five years.

Commissioner Trapp asked if the practice was legal.

Payne shared that the rebate acted as part of the payment plan from the vendor. Payne stated that the agreement is similar to a franchise. Payne commented that the funds provided to the County were actually not a grant- but a part of the contract between the Sheriff’s Office and the vendor. Payne shared that the contract is updated each year.

Commissioner Shaw stated that she has had a problem with the issue for years. Shaw commented that she has received many calls regarding the practice since being elected to the Board. Shaw suggested that the Sheriff’s Office place limits on the length of phone calls made by inmates.

Williamson commented that the phone system at the jail is made available for inmates to use between the hours of 7:00 AM-11:00 PM. Williamson stated that the family members of inmates can choose not to receive collect calls.
Commissioner Coleman asked for the Sheriff’s Office to investigate a more cost effective system for inmates to place phone calls. Coleman shared that many do not have the heart not to accept calls from their loved ones. Coleman commented that that the financial burden regularly falls onto those who simply cannot afford it.

Commissioner Cashion expressed concerns with some of the terminology found in the contract. Cashion stated that she was especially concerned with the term “signing bonus”.

Williamson shared that the language was found in the last contract between the County and the vendor.

Payne commented that the $50,000 was not a grant but is a part of the County’s contract.

Commissioner Phillips asked for clarification regarding the terms of the contract.

Williamson shared that the last contract was signed in 2011 and expires in June 2014.

Commissioner Phillips expressed concerns with the Sheriff’s Department’s aspirations to spend the rebate funds so quickly.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw, and seconded by Commissioner Jeff Phillips to 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. PayTel is the vendor who provides telephone service to the inmate population. Per their contract with Guilford County, a $50,000 signing bonus is received annually to be utilized to enhance technology for Law Enforcement; AND Approve an increase to the FY 2014 Law Enforcement budget to reflect the receipt of an Annual Signing Bonus from PayTel Communications in the amount of $50,000. Per contract guidelines, the following items are being purchased: NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 – 2.
NOES: Commissioners C. Coleman, R. Trapp.
ABSENT: Commissioner B. Davis.

B. New Business from County Commissioners

No new business was offered by the County Commissioners.
IX. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Adjustment

Reappoint Willie Johnson- term expiring 3/20/2017
Appoint Franklin Haves- term expiring 3/20/2017

City/County Insurance Advisory Committee

Appoint Richard Trexler- term expiring 3/20/2017

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Appoint Ashley McRae- term expiring 3/20/2016
Appoint Christine Madden- term expiring 03/20/2016

Tourism Development Authority (CVB)

Appoint Stephen Bandreau- term expiring 3/20/2017

Vice Chairman Henning stated that after conferring with County staff, the Tax Department, and the Board of Commissioners, he proposed making alterations to the County’s Board of Equalization and Review (E&R Board). Henning shared that after conducting a review of E&R Boards found across the State- that most had between three and five members. Henning commented that streamlining the operations of the E&R Board would hopefully improve its efficiency- while providing better customer service to Guilford County citizens.

Commissioner Cashion commented that she did not know that E&R Board members was paid for their service. Cashion asked if any other Boards were paid by the County.
Payne commented that the County is required to pay the members of the E&R Board in accordance to State statues.

Commissioner Coleman shared that the majority of jurisdictions which were included in her and Vice Chairman Henning’s review paid their E&R Board members.

Commissioner Cashion stated that the members of the Nursing Home Board should be paid for their time and service to the County.

Vice Chairman Henning commented that the members of the Nursing Home Board are reimbursed for their mileage.

Marty Lawing, County Manager, shared that the E&R Board receives appeals both during and in-between revaluation years.
Commissioner Phillips expressed concerns regarding the pay provided to the E&R Board.

Chairman Bencini suggested that Phillips contact Ben Chavis, Tax Director, regarding any questions about the E&R Board.

Payne explained the NC General Statute which regulates the pay and compensation provided to E&R Boards Statewide. Payne stated that the level of compensation is left to the discretion of each County.

Chairman Bencini shared that the County Clerk Robin Keller informed him that currently nine Boards and Commissions are paid.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hank Henning, and seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Coleman to approve appointments and reappoints to various Board and Commissions and to adopt a resolution altering the composition of the Board of Equalization and Review from seven regular members and four alternates to five regular members and three alternates.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 8 – 0.


**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner B. Davis.

**X. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Trapp stated that he wanted to start receiving reports which explain how many people are released from the County Jail each day. Trapp shared that he did not want to receive the report which provides a daily count of prisoners housed in County Jails any more.

Commissioner Branson thanked all the emergency management and utility workers who helped respond to the County’s recent snow and ice storm. Branson shared that limb pick up in the rural sections of the County was still a problem. Branson asked when funding from FEMA would be provided to assist with the cleanup efforts.

Lawing stated that he felt that the County would receive funds to help with the ongoing cleanup efforts. Lawing shared that the County had never maintained an active limb-removal contract and has relied on the NCDOT in the past to assist with cleanup operations in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Commissioner Branson expressed concerns that the NCDOT would only pick up limbs from State maintained right-of-ways.

Jim Albright, Emergency Services Director, stated that FEMA representatives had visited the County and declared a state of emergency. Albright shared that FEMA would be letting contracts for debris cleanup and management. Albright commented that the estimated amount of debris found in the County was about 200,000 cubic yards (including 88,000 cubic yards in High Point
and 80,000 cubic yards in Greensboro). Mr. Alright stated that a schedule must be followed properly to ensure that the County is reimbursed.

Commissioner Coleman shared that she had talked with the Mayor of Pleasant Garden regarding the cleanup efforts. Coleman asked if debris would only be picked up from State maintained right-of-ways.

Commissioner Branson asked for clarification regarding how limbs should be positioned.

Albright stated that County Emergency Management staff would provide the requested information to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Cashion asked for clarification regarding the schedule set for limb pick up.

Albright shared that the cleanup process is governed by a strict set of requirements established by FEMA. According to Albright, the requirements must be followed to ensure jurisdictions can be reimbursed for cleanup operations. As a result, Albright commented that some of the emergency management operations might be slowed.

Commissioner Cashion expressed concerns regarding the speed of FEMA’s response.

Albright stated that his staff worked hard to meet FEMA mandated reporting standards and would act as quickly as possible to address the concerns regarding limb removal.

Commissioner Cashion asked if the City of Greensboro was going to employ subcontractors to help with the cleanup operations due to staffing constraints.

Albright commented that the City of Greensboro would be subcontracting some services to increase the speed of the cleanup effort.

Commissioner Shaw stated that she appreciated all the emergency workers that helped out during the recent snow/ice storm. Shaw also shared it was the first day of spring and hoped the weather would improve.

Vice Chairman Henning thanked all of the first responders for their service to the County.

Commissioner Shaw also thanked Duke Energy personnel for their hard work to restore power to homes and businesses during the recent storm.

Commissioner Coleman applauded all of the first responders.
Commissioner Phillips thanked all of the front line responders during the recent inclement weather. Phillips shared that he recently attended an assembly regarding pet responsibility at a local Elementary School. Phillips commented that it was a great program to teach children how to properly care for their pets.

Commissioner Shaw shared that the program aims to promote animal wellbeing in the County.

**XI. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER**

Lawing introduced Robert McNiece- who was recently hired as the new department head of the consolidated Facilities, Property Management, and Parks Department. Lawing shared that McNiece is a Professional Engineer (PE) and brings a wealth of experience to the position.

**XII. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR** (Each speaker will be allowed three minutes to address the Board. Speakers from the Floor will last for a maximum of 30 minutes.)

No speakers signed up to address the Board.

**XIII. ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Commissioner Trapp, and seconded by Vice Chairman Hank Henning to adjourn.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 8 – 0.


**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner B. Davis.

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Chairman

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