MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
OF GUILFORD COUNTY

Greensboro, North Carolina
February 3, 2011

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on February 3, 2011 at 5:30 p.m., in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, 301 W. Market St., Greensboro; North Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Linda Shaw; Commissioner Bill Bencini, Commissioner Carolyn Coleman, Commissioner Kay Cashion, Commissioner Bruce Davis, Commissioner Paul Gibson, Commissioner John Parks, Commissioner Kirk Perkins, Commissioner Mike Winstead, Commissioner Billy Yow.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Brenda Fox, County Manager; Sharisse Fuller, Assistant County Manager/Human Resources Director; Mark Payne, County Attorney; Effie Varitimidis, Clerk to Board; Crystal Maurer, Deputy Clerk to Board and members of the press.

Chairman Alston asked the Board to include Wally Harrelson, former Board of Commissioners Chairman, in their thoughts and prayers due to his recent hospitalization.

I. INVOCATION

George Ragsdale, 404 E. Main Street, Jamestown, provided the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members of Girl Scout Troop 1714 from Mr. Pisgah church led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Troop Leader Melody Rose thanked the Board for recognizing the girls and encouraged citizens to support Girl Scouts throughout the community by purchasing their Girl Scout Cookies.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Mary Brooke Green, citizen, showed a slideshow on the facility needs at Ragsdale High School. She showed the overcrowding and poor conditions at the school.
George Ragsdale, 404 E. Main Street, Jamestown, spoke in support of funding needed capital repairs to Ragsdale High School. He said a school is more than bricks and mortar. He added that the school is in a terrible state of disrepair and urged the Board to visit the school and see the needs themselves and contact the Board of Education to fund Ragsdale appropriately.

Linda Welborn, 4903 Warfield Drive, Greensboro, member Southeast Education Advancement Coalition, said she is a southeast resident that supports funding for capital improvements at Ragsdale High School. She also spoke on southeast schools. She said it is in the best interest of the community to put any dollars designated for Southeast Elementary School on hold for the current budget year and urged the Board to encourage the Guilford County School Board to look for a different site for Southeast Elementary School. She asked supporters stood.

Joanne Wittenborn, 3809 Waldenbrook Road, Greensboro, read a letter from the League of Women Voters published in the News and Record on January 22, 2011. She said she is not a member of the League of Women Voters but agrees with the letter concerning the leadership of County Manager Brenda Fox.

Dan Rogers, 4802 Archwood Drive, Greensboro, member Southeast Guilford Community Association, spoke about his displeasure of the proposed school site for Southeast Elementary School. He said Guilford County Schools will not compromise and urged the Board of Commissioners to send a message to the Board of Education that they are accountable to the citizens of Guilford County and request the Southeast Elementary School bond project be put on hold.

Jeremy Williams, 2009 Treyborn Lane, High Point, requested County Commissioners allow sales tax information to appear on the ballot. He said that the XMG controversy allows for more questions to be answered. He also said the taxpayers deserve an investigation that allows full disclosure in order to prevent something like this from happening again. He thanked the Board of Commissioners that continue to ask the schools for information and urged them to continue to communicate with the schools and request they prioritize their projects.

Jodi Riddleberger, 4017 Westmount Road, Greensboro, asked when the Board of Commissioners last spoke with their representatives at the State and Federal levels. She also commented on the deceiving language used on Board agendas regarding no increases and no additional county funds required.

Brett Riddleberger, 4017 Westmount Road, Greensboro, said that Chairman Alston has indicated that demand on social services, public health, mental health and the jail population is up. He questioned how taxpayers are supposed to pay for the increases in demand. He reported that there are too many entitlements and fraud that exist that cause increased costs. He noted the funding the following areas are of concern to him: XMG, Alma Adams Museum, NC Shakespeare Festival, United Arts Council, employee longevity pay, tobacco prevention and vasectomy procedures. He said this is not a money problem but a leadership problem and asked the Board if they are supportive of Chairman Alston as their representative to raise taxes.
Melissa Adams, 5100 Deep Forest Drive, Greensboro, southeast area parent, requested several school projects be put on hold. She also asked for support on two specific matters: delaying the purchase of the proposed property for Southeast Elementary School and supporting the facility needs at Ragsdale High School.

Terry Jo Huigens, 3517 Mizell Road, Greensboro, expressed concern about the Board raising taxes without the citizens voting on the matter. She said Greensboro and Guilford County are the highest taxed residents in the state. She also said the citizens expect a better and creative solution to solve Guilford County’s financial challenges.

V. APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Parks made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, to approve the following consent agenda: motion carried 9 to 2 on the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 2
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston, Vice Chairman Linda Shaw, Commissioner Bill Bencini, Commissioner Kay Cashion, Commissioner Carolyn Coleman, Commissioner Bruce Davis, Commissioner John Parks, Commissioner Kirk Perkins, Commissioner Mike Winstead,
NOES: Commissioners Paul Gibson and Billy Yow.

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. Approved Public Health's request to increase the FY 2011 budget $93,322 as detailed below: NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.
   Adult Services: $2000
   INCREASE Other receipts $1,000 to reflect funds to be received from Evonik Stockhausen LLC (donation) for use at the new Evans-Blount clinic (operational expenses to be determined).
   INCREASE State receipts $1,000 to reflect funds to be received from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services for use in our Diabetes Self Management Program. Funds will be used for educational materials and program data collection costs via our Tiara software system.
   Community / Environment: $70,770
   INCREASE Federal receipts $80,000 (Centers for Disease Control funding), DECREASE Fund Balance Appropriated $9,230 to align budgets in our Public Health Emergency Response (Preparedness) Programs. Funds can support revision and expansion of pandemic influenza plans, activities allowing the department to rapidly detect and respond to further influenza outbreaks, implementation / promotion of mass vaccination campaigns and related response activities, and all remaining vaccination-related gaps.
   Family and Children: $20,552
   INCREASE Other receipts $5,902 (grant funds from Cone Health Foundation) And INCREASE Fund Balance Appropriated $14,650 (re-Allocation of unused Foundation grant funds received in fiscal year 2010) for utilization in our Smart Girls Life Skills Training Program. Funds will be used for operational expenses (supplies, postage, training, etc…).
The Board adopted the following Budget Ordinance Amendment:

General Fund:

Increase appropriation to Public Health $93,322

Increase State/Federal Revenues $81,000

Increase Other $5,902

Increase Appropriated Fund Balance $5,420

2. Approved the purchase of a website Content Management System from Ektron, 542 Amherst Street, Nashua, NH 03063, in the amount of $5,000 and increase the FY 2010-11 budget for the Sheriff’s Office by $5,000 to reflect the appropriation of Federal Forfeiture Funds in the amount of $5,000. This program will provide the Sheriff’s Office with a web based content and document management solution with advanced functionality. The content management system will provide our website with blogs, forums, threaded discussions, activity streaming, micro-messaging, calendars and message boards. We will be able to launch an internet and intranet within the same platform. We will be able to efficiently and effectively manage website traffic and launch campaigns to increase customer loyalty and keep them coming back to our site with subscriptions, Web alerts and RSS feeds. This company was awarded the bid being the lowest price of $5,000. The cost of $5,000 includes (5) five user licenses, as well as, unlimited telephone, email support and free upgrade software. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

The Board adopted the following Budget Ordinance Amendment:

General Fund:

Increase appropriation to Law Enforcement $5,000

Increase Appropriated Fund Balance $5,000

(Federal Forfeiture Fund)

B. CONTRACTS

1. Authorized the amendment to Dynamic Quest contract #106656-08/10-10-036 for Phase II of outsourced Help Desk Services in an amount not to exceed $130,000 (Year 1 - $37,000; Year 2 - $93,000). The initial contract period is for 18 months, beginning March 1, 2011, with an option to renew yearly for a maximum of five years. This is Phase II of the outsourced services approved by the Board of Commissioners on July 22, 2010. Funds are included in the FY 2011 budget. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.
2. Approved the bid award to Emergency Services Consulting International to perform a Fire Service Agency Evaluation and Emergency Services Master Plan Study for Guilford County in the contract amount of $89,911. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Approved the quarter ending December 31, 2010 financial report for the Guilford County Guilford Center in accordance with North Carolina General Statute G. S. 122C-117(c)

2. Approved minutes from the following Commissioners' Meetings:
   10/07/10 - Regular Meeting
   12/06/10 - Organizational Meeting
   01/04/11 - Committee Meeting - School/Budget Committee

VI. HELD PUBLIC HEARING

A. Held public hearing to consider a request to amend Sec. 1-14. General penalty; continuing violations of the Guilford County Ordinances.

Mark Payne, Guilford County Attorney, explained the request. He said the provision affords the opportunity to seek administrative costs from the violator and not the taxpayer.

Chairman Alston opened the public hearing and asked for the proponents to come forward. Seeing none, he asked for the opponents to come forward. Seeing none, he closed that portion of the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Davis, to amend Sec. 1-14. General penalty; continuing violations of the Guilford County Ordinances and it carried on a 10 to 1 on the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Motion carried 10 - 1
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston, Vice Chairman Linda Shaw, Commissioner Bill Bencini, Commissioner Kay Cashion, Commissioner Carolyn Coleman, Commissioner Bruce Davis, Commissioner Paul Gibson, Commissioner John Parks, Commissioner Kirk Perkins, Commissioner Mike Winstead
NOES: Commissioner Billy Yow
VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Approved Public Health's request to increase the FY 2011 budget $199,668 as detailed below: NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

   Adult Services: $14,791
   INCREASE Federal receipts $13,639 to align budgets in our In-Home Care Management Program. The new grant funds will be used for medical referrals. Additional local funds for required County match will come from within existing FY 2011 Public Health budget.
   INCREASE Federal receipts $1,489, DECREASE Fund Balance appropriated $337 to align budgets in our Tobacco Prevention Program. Additional funds will be used for program operational expenses.

   Family and Children Services: $184,877
   INCREASE State receipts $28,523, DECREASE Fund Balance appropriated $26,412 to align budgets in our four Smart Start and Child Care Programs.
   INCREASE Fund Balance appropriated $182,766 (re-allocation of unused Gardisil Program Grant funds received in FY 2008-2009) These unused funds must be returned to the Duke Endowment as the program has concluded efforts to educate the public on cervical cancer prevention.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to approve Public Health’s request to increase the FY 2011 budget $199,668 as detailed above: NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED. The motion carried on a 9 to 1 on the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 1
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston, Vice Chairman Linda Shaw, Commissioner Bill Bencini, Commissioner Carolyn Coleman, Commissioner Bruce Davis, Commissioner Paul Gibson, Commissioner John Parks, Commissioner Kirk Perkins, Commissioner Mike Winstead
NOES: Commissioner Billy Yow

NOTE: Commissioner Cashion did not vote on this item and the vote was recorded 9 to 1. However, later in the meeting Commissioner Cashion stated her vote on the above item was a yes and final vote is recorded and on record as 10 to 1.

The Board adopted the following Budget Ordinance Amendment:

General Fund:

   Increase appropriation to Public Health $199,668
   Increase State/Federal Revenues $43,651
   Increase Appropriated Fund Balance $156,017
B. Approved Public Health's request to increase the FY budget $16,323 as detailed below: Adult Services: $16,323 INCREASE Federal receipts $16,323 to reflect funds to be received from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services for the provision of (1) four female tubal ligations ages 34-40 (clients of our Women's Health Program who request this service) and (2) long acting reversible contraceptive devices. Clients in our Women's Health Program generally do not have the financial means to pay for these pregnancy prevention services.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Gibson to approve Public Health's request to increase the FY budget $16,323 as detailed below:

Adult Services: $16,323

INCREASE Federal receipts $16,323 to reflect funds to be received from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services for the provision of (1) four female tubal ligations ages 34-40 (clients of our Women's Health Program who request this service) and (2) long acting reversible contraceptive devices. Clients in our Women's Health Program generally do not have the financial means to pay for these pregnancy prevention services.

Ken Carter, Assistant Health Director explained the agenda item.

Commissioner Cashion stated she will not support this request. She said these funds should be used for other health services.

Commissioner Coleman asked how many requests for tubal ligations the health department receives a year and Mr. Carter responded 20 in 2009, 9 in 2010 and indicated 40 are currently on the waiting list this year.

Vice Chairman Shaw added that she cannot support the request.

Following discussion, the Board approved Commissioner Cashion’s motion, seconded by Commissioner Gibson to approve Public Health’s request to increase the FY budget $16,323 as detailed above and the motion carried 6 to 5 on the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 5
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Alston, Commissioner Carolyn Coleman, Commissioner Bruce Davis, Commissioner Paul Gibson, Commissioner Parks, Commissioner Perkins.
NOES: Vice Chairman Linda Shaw; Commissioner Bill Bencini, Commissioner Kay Cashion, Commissioner Mike Winstead, Commissioner Billy Yow,
The Board adopted the following Budget Ordinance Amendment:

General Fund:

Increase appropriation to Public Health $16,323
Increase State/Federal Revenues $16,323

C. Approved amendments as indicated on the attached document to the Guilford County Code of Ordinances and Resolutions, Chapter 15.5 Solid Waste, Sections 15.5-1; 15.5-2; 15.5-3; 15.5-4. The public hearing was held on 1/13/11 and a second reading is required because the vote on the first reading was not unanimous.

Motion was made by Commissioner John Parks and seconded by Commissioner Kirk Perkins to approve amendments as indicated on the attached document to the Guilford County Code of Ordinances and Resolutions, Chapter 15.5 Solid Waste, Sections 15.5-1; 15.5-2; 15.5-3; 15.5-4. The public hearing was held on 1/13/11 and a second reading is required because the vote on the first reading was not unanimous. The motion carried unanimously 11 to 0.

VOTE: Motion carried 11 - 0
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston, Vice Chairman Linda Shaw, Commissioner Bill Bencini, Commissioner Kay Cashion, Commissioner Carolyn Coleman, Commissioner Bruce Davis, Commissioner Paul Gibson, Commissioner John Parks, Commissioner Kirk Perkins, Commissioner Mike Winstead, Commissioner Billy Yow.
NOES: None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Postponed Annual Report from the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority until March 17th

Chairman Alston announced that the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority requested their presentation be heard on March 17th due to a scheduling conflict

B. Heard Report from the Downtown Greenway Committee requesting cooperation of Guilford County in marketing its property at 506 Battleground Avenue in downtown due to a street closing and the adjacent greenway.

John McLendon, representative from Downtown Greenway, gave an overview on the Downtown Greenway. He introduced several people involved on the Greenway committee. He said the Downtown Greenway is a public private collaboration by the City of Greensboro, Action Greensboro and a number of supporting organizations and many volunteers. He referred to a site plan showing the functional design of the Greenway and a small corner park. He said the first section has opened and construction will begin on another phase in the spring. He indicated a
future section of the Greenway will be located on a County owned parcel at Battleground Avenue, Smith Street and Eugene Street. He requested the County work with the City to coordinate certain details.

Chris Spencer, Engineering Division Manager, City of Greensboro Department of Transportation, reviewed the functional plan for the area and the street closing process. He said the improvements will help the pedestrian and traffic flow. He said they will work with utility agreements and property owners concerning their driveways. He said commissioner support is the beginning of many stages of the approval process.

Commissioner Paul Gibson expressed concern regarding access for current property owners.

Commissioner Mike Winstead questioned if Guilford County was marketing the site and Brenda Fox, County Manager said the property has been declared surplus. Commissioner Winstead stated the value of the county site should increase with the added improvements to the area.

Commissioner Cashion said she liked the realignment of Eugene Street because it makes it safer.

Following the presentation, a motion was made by Commissioner Mike Winstead and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to authorize a petition requesting cooperation of Guilford County in marketing its property at 506 Battleground Avenue in downtown due to a street closing and the adjacent greenway. The motion carried unanimously 11 to 0.

VOTE: Motion carried 11 - 0
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston, Vice Chairman Linda Shaw, Commissioner Bill Bencini, Commissioner Kay Cashion, Commissioner Carolyn Coleman, Commissioner Bruce Davis, Commissioner Paul Gibson, Commissioner John Parks, Commissioner Kirk Perkins, Commissioner Mike Winstead, Commissioner Billy Yow.
NOES: None.

C. Heard Presentation concerning the "People & Paws 4 Hope" program and use of the vacant County building at 710 Huffine Mill Road in Greensboro.

Vice Chairman Shaw recognized "Chamberlin" a dog that was mistreated and is making animal laws change in Raleigh to break the cycle of abuse.

Frankie Heath, President People & Paws 4 Hope, a 501c(3) charitable organization serving Guilford County, requested shared use of the building and full use of the property on 710 Huffine Mill Road as a central home for People & Paws.

Mrs. Heath said she is asking for no funding. She explained their mission is to create a more humane community dedicated to the wellbeing of people and animals through compassion, education and legislation. She spoke on the New Leash on Life program in partnership with the Guilford County Correctional Center. She also explained their partnerships with other programs such as One Step Further and Canine for Kids.
Commissioner Kirk Perkins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner John Parks to approve the request.

Commissioner Kirk Perkins thanked Frankie Heath for her program and said this is a win-win for Guilford County at no cost and stated he will support the request.

Commissioner Mike Winstead said this is a great program. He asked if the Huffine Mill Road Building is being marketed by the County and about the rationale for the property being used by this organization instead of selling it.

County Manager Brenda Fox said the property has not been declared surplus by the Board but she does not recommend it for surplus because of its location. She said the property is currently vacant and explained the procedures for selling surplus property.

Vice Chairman Linda Shaw thanked Ms. Heath for her hard work with the People & Paws organization.

Commissioner John Parks said he admires all the work she has done with the New Leash on Life program. He also thanked her for keeping the Board informed on their activities in the community.

Commissioner Kay Cashion applauded the programs offered by People & Paws. She also asked several questions pertaining to the lease agreement.

Discussion ensued and Commissioner Cashion made an amendment to the motion that People & Paws use the County building at 710 Huffine Mill Road and be offered a three year lease with an option to renegotiate. Commissioner Kirk Perkins agreed.

Commissioner Kirk Perkins suggested the County Attorney advise the Board on the specifics of the lease when completed. He stated that he thinks the property is a great location for a future animal shelter.

The County Attorney advised he will include the possibility of an “out” if circumstances change to be included in the lease. He pointed out the lease will come back to the Board for final approval.

Commissioner Bruce Davis asked how long the building has been vacant and the County Manager stated for quite a long time. Commissioner Davis said that he thinks this property is the perfect place for People & Paws and commended Ms. Heath on creating a model program.

Chairman Alston asked for clarification regarding if a dollar amount should be included on the lease.
Commissioner Yow said he thinks the Board should move forward on the request but suggested the lease be consistent with other county leases. He said the Board should examine the lease before moving forward to finalize this request.

Commissioners Gibson and Coleman also thanked Ms. Heath for her work with animals for many years.

Commissioner Coleman suggested to Ms. Health that she not invest a great deal of money into the building just in case the building is sold in the future.

Chairman Alston also commended Ms. Heath on her admirable work in the community.

There being no further discussion, the Board approved the motion made by Commissioner Kirk Perkins and seconded by Commissioner John Parks, to allow People & Paws to use the vacant County building at 710 Huffine Mill Road and establish a three year lease agreement with them at no cost with an option to renegotiate. The motion carried unanimously 11 to 0.

VOTE: Motion carried 11 – 0
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston, Vice Chairman Linda Shaw, Commissioner Bill Bencini, Commissioner Kay Cashion, Commissioner Carolyn Coleman, Commissioner Bruce Davis, Commissioner Paul Gibson, Commissioner John Parks, Commissioner Kirk Perkins, Commissioner Mike Winstead, Commissioner Billy Yow.
NOES: None.

The Board took a short recess at 7:05 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

D. Heard MWBE Report for the new detention facility.

Sheriff B. J. Barnes introduced the presenters on the MWBE Report for the new detention facility.

Jimmy Anderson, Balfour Beatty Construction, said they are slightly over their goal and are continuing to increase their numbers.

Calvin Stevens, Balfour Beatty Construction Diversity Coordinator, said they reached their project goal and are exceeding it. He explained their contracts currently on the project and went over the breakdown of MWSBE numbers.

Commissioner Coleman asked for the names of the primary African American companies and locally owned female companies used on the project.

Mr. Stevens provided several names of companies.
Commissioner Paul Gibson inquired about the amount of local dollars on the project and Mr. Anderson said 14 million dollars were spent locally out of approximately 35 million dollars. Commissioner Gibson also thanked Balfour Beatty Construction for doing a fine job on the project.

Commissioner Kirk Perkins thanked Balfour Beatty Construction for the report and asked about the expected completion date. He also addressed a recent news story regarding non-payment of subcontractors.

Mr. Anderson said the anticipated completion date for the project is next year in early summer. He also added that a lower tier subcontractor in Guilford County had some problems and to date all have been paid.

Commissioner John Parks made comments regarding the realization that additional staff will be needed and trained on time.

Commissioner Carolyn Coleman requested clarification on the name change from MWBE to MWSBE.

Mr. Stevens said MWSBE represents Minority Women Small Business Enterprise.

E. New Business from County Commissioners

Commissioner John Parks said it is his understanding that negotiations between the City of Greensboro and Guilford County have broken down. He said that may be between staff but not with elected officials. He proposed that Greensboro and Guilford County elected officials meet on February 21st to discuss matters of joint interest.

Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston said he is trying to schedule a meeting with the City of Greensboro to discuss contracts and instructed staff to work with everyone and inform all parties of the date agreed upon as soon as possible.

Commissioner Billy Yow expressed concerns about resolving the Stewart Mill property school matter.

Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston pointed out that Guilford County Schools to date have not presented anything to the Board of Commissioners for consideration regarding the Stewart Mill Property for further consideration.

Commissioner Bruce Davis asked if there was an option on the Stewart Mill property and questioned how many times the schools are going to bring the same matter to the Board of Commissioners for consideration.

County Attorney Mark Payne advised the Board on negotiating property.

Sharron Ozment, Guilford County Schools Finance Officer, said the property option is a routine procedure and any dollars paid toward the option would go toward the purchase price of the
property. She also said the current option for the Stewart Mill property is in place until the end of the month. She added that the property is still under consideration by the school board as well as additional property.

Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston stated Guilford County Schools can ask the Board of Commissioners to reconsider a site and they are going through our process.

Commissioner Billy Yow said he is concerned with the process. He said this should be the one of the first projects the school board postpones due to economic constraints.

Commissioner Carolyn Coleman said the Board should wait until the schools come forth with their request and then discuss the matter.

Commissioner Bruce Davis said he is concerned about taxpayers dollars.

**IX. HELD CLOSED SESSION FOR THE POSSIBLE LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRY AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Kirk Perkins, seconded by Commissioner John Parks to enter into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the possible location or expansion of industry and potential litigation. The motion carried unanimously 11 to 0.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:30 p.m.

**X. MADE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Linda Shaw and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Davis to approve appointments and reappointments to various Boards and Commissions. The motion carried 11 to 0.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 11 – 0

**AYES:** Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston, Vice Chairman Linda Shaw, Commissioner Bill Bencini, Commissioner Kay Cashion, Commissioner Carolyn Coleman, Commissioner Bruce Davis, Commissioner Paul Gibson, Commissioner John Parks, Commissioner Kirk Perkins, Commissioner Mike Winstead, Commissioner Billy Yow.

**NOES:** None.

- **Adult Care Community Advisory Committee**
  - Appointed Cyndy Hayworth (term expiring 2/4/14)

- **Board of Equalization and Review**
  - Reappointed Douglas Walker (term expiring 2/24/11)
  - Reappointed Frank Rakestraw (term expiring 2/24/11)
  - Appointed Ervin Tate (term expiring 2/24/11)
City/County Insurance Advisory Committee  
Appointed Jerry Cowan (term expiring 4/30/14)

Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control  
Reappointed Bradley Peete (term expiring 2/17/17)

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council  
Reappointed Christopher Townsend (term expiring 1/8/13)  
Reappointed John Hughes (term expiring 7/1/11)  
Appointed Maria Hicks Few (term expiring 7/1/12)  
Appointed Beverly Swain (term expiring 7/1/11)

Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee  
Appointed Diane McLaughlin (term expiring 2/3/12)  
Reappointed Callie Cashwell (term expiring 2/4/14)  
Reappointed MaryLou Andrew-Blakeney (term expiring 2/3/14)  
Reappointed Gladys Huggins (term expiring 2/4/14)

Welfare Reform Liaison Project Board  
Appointed Bernita Sims

APPROVED TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE REQUEST

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Cashion to set a Public Hearing for an economic incentive request pursuant to N.C. General Statute 158-7.1 on March 3, 2011. The motion carried 8 to 3 on the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 3
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston, Vice Chairman Linda Shaw,  
Commissioner Bill Bencini, Commissioner Kay Cashion, Commissioner  
Carolyn Coleman, Commissioner Bruce Davis, Commissioner Paul  
Gibson, Commissioner John Parks.
NOES: Commissioner Kirk Perkins, Commissioner Mike Winstead,  
Commissioner Billy Yow.

XI. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bill Bencini asked about the process for appointing Commissioner liaisons to various Boards and Commissions and term requirements.

Vice Chairman Linda Shaw said discussion on this matter will be forthcoming and said this has also concerned her.
Commissioner Paul Gibson said he attended the Interactive Resource Center opening and thanked Commissioner Yow for his efforts in securing washers and dryers for the center. He also said he supports the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners legislative agenda which includes giving taxing authority to all counties that any other county has. He further explained the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners position on the matter.

Commissioner Carolyn Coleman said she gave greetings to the Atelier Art Gallery on behalf of the Board of Commissioners in honor of their 20th Anniversary and encouraged Commissioners to attend upcoming events at the gallery.

Commissioner Bruce Davis said he visited the new Social Services building in High Point on Russell Street. He said there were some concerns raised regarding a long list of small items to be fixed. He said the contractor has rectified some of the problems and thanked several staff members for staying on top of the issues. He also said they will continue to meet once a month until all concerns have been addressed by the contractor and the County is satisfied with a quality product.

Commissioner Kay Cashion announced the “Red Cross Salute to Heroes” event to be held on February 28th at the Carolina Theatre and encouraged everyone to attend.

Honoring veterans and first responders in the community WWII veterans will enter free. Call Red Cross if need tickets. Sheriff will also be honored that evening.

She also announced that the Guilford County Citizens Academy will begin in April and urged citizens to register to attend.

Commissioner Billy Yow thanked Commissioner Bruce Davis for his support for the citizens of southeast Guilford County regarding schools.

Vice Chairman Shaw urged the Board to encourage the school board to assist Ragsdale High school in the efforts for funding.

Commissioner John Parks informed the Board of many community events he attended. He specifically commented on the great need for funding Ragsdale High School. He also said that High Point was recently profiled in a publication for economic development through the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Commissioner Mike Winstead commended the Interactive Resource Center for their efforts. He also suggested the County Manager work with the IRC regarding possible employment opportunities for those served.

Commissioner Kirk Perkins commented the solid waste providers in the County and said the solid waste ordinance is a step in the right direction. He said he is also supportive of Ragsdale High School and their efforts to secure funding for needed repairs.
Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston said he also supports Ragsdale High School and suggested Commissioners consider serving on committee chairs and join being a liaison on various boards and commissions. He also announced the International Civil Rights Museum banquet will held February 5, 2011 and encouraged everyone to attend.

XII. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

XIII. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Leon Nutez, 214 Peach Orchard Road, Greensboro, expressed his concerns on the land fill the City of Greensboro is considering reopening.

Dwight Meredith, 3639 Gramercy Road, Greensboro, urged the Board to support funding for new autism wings in the schools. He also spoke about the poor condition at McIver School and urged the Board to support funding for autism needs in the community.

Sandra Koritz, 1801 Murrayhill Road, Greensboro, spoke on behalf of Triad Jobs for Justice. She asked the Board to help obtain and sustain jobs in the community and emphasized the importance of using local labor. She also hoped that the Board would continue to find a way to employ and continue to employ teacher aids in the community.

James R. Holt, Southeast resident, said he was really disappointed regarding southeast school decisions. He said the southeast area needs an elementary school but not in the wrong place. He said the location is the issue not the need. He displayed a map of Guilford County divided into eight segments showing that the proposed southeast school location is wrong. He urged the Board to not allow the school board to build the school.

Van Clippard, 8404 Creek Edge Court, Oak Ridge, thanked Commissioners for their individual questions on agenda items but expressed his displeasure for the Board as a group approving all funding requests before them.

COUNTY MANAGER FILES REPORTS ON OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AND CONTRACTS FOR MONTHS OF JANUARY 2011

County Manager Brenda Fox filed her report on out of state travel and contracts approved by her for the month of January 2011.

XIV. ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:10 p.m.

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Chairman, Guilford County Commissioners

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Clerk to Board