MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
OF GUILFORD COUNTY

Greensboro, North Carolina
February 2, 2012

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on February 2, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room, 301 W. Market Street, Greensboro; North Carolina.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Linda Shaw.

ALSO PRESENT: Brenda Fox, County Manager; Sharisse Fuller, Assistant County Manager/Human Resources Director, Mark Payne, County Attorney, Effie Varitimidis, Clerk to Board, Katredia Martin, Executive Administrative Assistant.

I. INVOCATION

Reverend Diane Givens Moffitt, St. James Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, provided the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Girl Scout Troop #40081 led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and Chairman Alston recognized Troop Leader Kim Boone.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER  Chairman Melvin "Skip" Alston

Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston welcomed everyone.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Jim Lewis, 1101 Hammel Road, Greensboro, spoke on the ACLU letter that the Board received regarding the ban on multimedia videos and violation on the First Amendment Rights. He asked the Board to eliminate their ban on multimedia presentations during the public comment periods during County Commissioners meetings and include a disclaimer to the video that Guilford County is not endorsing the message.
Joanne Lapple, 410 James Doak Parkway, Greensboro, spoke on last year’s budget and recommended budget process. She offered the following solution: The final version of this year’s budget with all amendments be given to all Commissioners and be available for public view two weeks before the official scheduled vote.

Ernie Wittenborn, 3809 Waldenbrook Road, Greensboro, asked the Board to review the Guilford County Schools budget process. He said the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to oversee that county spending is done in an efficient and effective way and that the districts use of funds is transparent, current and complete. He also urged the Board to request current versus actual costs on an ongoing basis from the schools.

Bud Frediani, 4 Northline Place, Greensboro, Chairman of the “Salute to Heroes” program for the American Red Cross, urged the Board and citizens to attend the event on Monday, February 27, 2012 at the Carolina Theater. He promoted the program and highlighted that World War II Veterans will be admitted free of charge. He indicated several Guilford County employees are involved in the program and said Commissioner Bruce Davis is Co-Chair of the event.

Commissioner Davis commented that the “Salute to Heroes” is a wonderful collaborative event between the American Red Cross and the War Memorial Foundation. He also recognized Sharisse Fuller, Assistant County Manager/Human Resources Director, for her work on the program.

Commissioner Cashion thanked Bud Frediani for his work on the program.

Keith Hobson, 4602 Oakmoore Circle, Greensboro, owner of two properties in Lynwood Lakes, spoke in support of water and sewer in the area. He questioned why several property owners had changed their minds.

Chris Phillips, 504 Beach Street, Greensboro, referenced a January 19 Commissioners meeting when the Board was asked to dig deep into details of the 2013 budget. He urged the Board to understand how county dollars are spent and directed. He asked the Board to not increase dependency, but rather to increase self sufficiency.

Jean Blasingame, 101 Castleton Place, Jamestown, spoke regarding a letter from the ACLU regarding free speech rights. She asked the Board to reverse their decision on multimedia presentations during the public comment period and develop a new policy.

Leon Nutez, 214 Peach Orchard Lane, Greensboro, spoke in support of free speech during the Speakers from the Floor period. He said the Tea Party has a right to speak but thinks no electioneering should be allowed.

William E. Heasley, 4103 King Edward Court, Greensboro, read an essay “Exit from no exit.” He also suggested leasing schools instead of owning them. He said Guilford County should have an economic construction program instead of a political construction program.
Maria Hicks Few, 608 Piedmont Cross Drive, High Point, Vice President of Business 2012 High Point Junior Jaycees, invited the Board to their distinguished service awards banquet for young professionals under 40. She also introduced the following High Point leadership staff present: Steve Pruitt, Vice President of Community Development; Joe Caporaso, Vice President of Membership, Jill Alexander, Vice President of Membership, Jordan Green, Chairman of the Board, Ryan Kokojako, Director of Business.

V. APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Alston asked if Commissioners would like to remove any items from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. He also advised the Board of revisions located at their seats for Items V. C. 1 and VI. A. He pointed out that their electronic agenda is correct.

Commissioner Perkins asked to remove Item V. C. 1 and Commissioner Coleman asked to remove Item V. C. 2 for separate consideration.

Motion was made by Commissioner Parks and seconded by Commissioner Perkins to approve the following consent agenda. The motion carried 8 to 1 on the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 1
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Kirk Perkins; Commissioners, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman, Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, John Parks, Mike Winstead.
NOES: Commissioner Billy Yow
ABSENT: Commissioners Bill Bencini and Linda Shaw.

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. Decreased the FY 2012 public health budget by ($619,911) as detailed below (includes a reduction in appropriated fund balance of $2,566). NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

   Adult Services: $1,000
   a. Approved a $1,000 increase in state receipts to reflect funds received from the State Communicable Disease Branch to cover travel expenses, etc. for two staff members teaching the Eastern North Carolina STD Update in Greenville, NC
   b. Approved a ($6,230) decrease in federal receipts, a $6,230 increase in user charges (Medicaid) to align revenues in our Refugee Health Program.

   Family and Children’s Services: ($193,965)
   a. Approved a $650 increase in other receipts (donations) to reflect funds received from two local citizens wishing to support services at the Chandler Dental Clinic in Greensboro. Funds will be used for medical supplies.
   b. Approved a decrease in federal receipts of ($193,143) a decrease of ($1,472) in appropriated fund balance to reflect the transfer of the Triad Baby Love Program to a local health agency. There will be no loss of service for the community.
Community/Environment: ($426,946)

a. Approved a decrease in federal receipts of ($425,852) and a decrease of ($1,094) in appropriated fund balance to reflect the transfer of the Public Health Regional Surveillance Team to the State of North Carolina, per direction from the state. The merger of the programs is aimed at increasing the efficiency of statewide preparedness efforts.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

General Fund:
Decrease Appropriation PUBLIC HEALTH ($619,911)
Decrease FEDERAL/STATE REVENUE ($624,225)
Increase USER CHARGES $6,230
Increase OTHER REVENUE $650
Decrease APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE ($2,566)

2. Increased the FY 2011-2012 budget for Cooperative Extension to reflect the acceptance of a 2011 grant for $15,300 from High Point Community Foundation for the purpose of purchasing supplies to establish "Growing Healthy Families School Gardens" at various Guilford County Schools. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

General Fund:
Increase Appropriation to Cooperative Extension by $15,300.
Increase Misc. Revenue by $15,300.

B. CONTRACTS

1. Approved (Price Only) contract with lowest responsive bidder Northwestern Emergency Vehicle for purchase of three (3) Complete Ambulance Units, equipped with three (3) Rescuenet Road Safety Systems. This is to replace ambulance that have completed their life cycle and support the ambulance functions for the Emergency Services Department. The contract amount is $532,449 for one year only. The contract period will begin on or about February 15, 2012 and end on February 14, 2014 with the option to renew for one (1) additional year and no price increase. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

ITEMS V. C. 1 and V. C. 2 REMOVED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

3. Approved a tax exempt loan for $400,000 from United Financial of North Carolina, Inc. for Colfax Fire Department for the purchase of a new fire apparatus. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.
4. Approved the Tax Department Rebate and Release Reports as submitted. (See file.)

5. Approved the Tax Department Beverage Licenses and Collection Reports as submitted. (See file.)

6. Adopted the following Resolution ordering the Advertisement of the 2011 Tax Liens:

   RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GUILFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

   BE IT RESOLVED:

   (1) That the list of delinquent taxes that are liens on real property be filed with these minutes.
   (2) That the Tax Director, in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 105-369, is authorized and directed to proceed with the advertisement of tax liens on real property for which taxes have not been paid.
   (3) That the tax liens of all townships in Guilford County shall be advertised in the Greensboro News and Record, the High Point Enterprise and the Carolina Peacemaker once the third week in March.

ITEM V. C. 1 REMOVED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION (ADOPTED)

1. Adopted bond resolution authorizing issuance of fixed rate tax exempt General Obligation bonds for Schools and Law Enforcement in an amount not to exceed $150,000,000 and Adopted a resolution authorizing issuance of fixed rate taxable General Obligation bonds for schools in an amount not to exceed $17,150,000 as Qualified School Construction Bonds.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Perkins and seconded by Commissioner Parks to approve Item V. C. 1.

Vice Chairman Perkins asked Reid Baker, Finance Director, to explain the revisions.

Mr. Baker indicated the revisions were to clarify the issuance of fixed rate tax exempt General Obligation bonds for Schools and Law Enforcement and issuance of fixed rate taxable General Obligation bonds for schools. He said there is a rebate on the interest on the taxable bonds.

Commissioner Cashion asked if there will be a rebate this year and Mr. Baker responded no. He said there will not be any debt service payments on the bonds this year.

The motion carried 9 to 1 on the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 1
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Kirk Perkins; Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman, Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, John Parks, Mike Winstead.

NOES: Commissioner Billy Yow.

ABSENT: Commissioner Linda Shaw.

**ITEM V. C. 2 REMOVED FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION (APPROVED)**

2. Approved a tax exempt loan not to exceed $520,000 from The Bank of Oak Ridge for the Summerfield Fire District Inc. to refinance the existing mortgage loan. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman and seconded by Commissioner Parks to approve Item V. C. 2.

Commissioner Coleman asked what the current interest rate is and what the new rate interest rate will be.

Don Campbell, EMS, responded that the current interest rate is 4.92% for a 15 year term and the new rate is 2.44% for a 10 year term.

There being no further discussion the Board voted on the motion and it carried 10 to 0 on the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Motion carried 10 - 0

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

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Linda Shaw.

**VI. HELD PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ITEM VI. A (APPROVED)**

A. Held public hearing as required by G.S 160A-20 concerning financing not in excess of $17,000,000 in Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB’s) and as required by G.S. 153A-158.1 concerning the County’s acquisition of an interest in real estate of certain School property involved in the financing to be used as collateral for the debt.

Reid Baker, Finance Director, explained the request. He said the (QSCB) bonds will fund the major maintenance projects that the school board previously approved. He said the schools have started projects and it is now time to issue the bonds to fund the projects.

Chairman Alston opened the public hearing and asked for proponents to come forward.
Having no proponents present Chairman Alston asked for opponents to come forward.

George Hartzman, 2506 Baytree Drive, Greensboro, spoke in opposition to the school construction bonds. He expressed his displeasure on the financial burden of the county debt. He said the amount of borrowing is great and should be thoroughly reviewed. He said there were budgetary concerns regarding projects and asked several questions concerning the debt. He stated future taxing will be required to pay off the debt.

Leon Nutez, 214 Peach Orchard Lane, Greensboro, said Mr. Hartzman knows his numbers. He said he is deeply concerned that his taxes are going up to pay for these bonds. He asked the Board to make wise decisions.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to approve the financing not in excess of $17,000,000 in Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB's) and as required by G.S. 153A-158.1 concerning the County’s acquisition of an interest in real estate of certain School property involved in the financing to be used as collateral for the debt.

Commissioner Yow clarified that the $17,000,000 is going toward schools that have been neglected. He said he supports helping existing schools be maintained. He pointed out this item is to sustain what the County has already invested in and urged his fellow Commissioners to support this item.

The Board voted on the motion made by Commissioner Gibson and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to approve Item VI. A. and it carried 10 to 0 on the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Motion carried 10 - 0
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Kirk Perkins; Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman, Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, John Parks, Mike Winstead, Billy Yow.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner Linda Shaw.

ITEM VI. B. (APPROVED)

B. Held public hearing for adoption of bond order authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds not to exceed $100,000,000 for the refunding of all or any portion of the 2000C series and 2005A and B series Variable Rate Public Improvement General Obligation Bonds and 2) Adopted the bond order, at the conclusion of the public hearing and 3) Adopted resolution authorizing issuance of bonds. Savings resulting from the refunding are currently estimated at approximately $1.8 million.

Chairman Alston opened the public hearing and asked for proponents to come forward.

Having no proponents present Chairman Alston asked for opponents to come forward.
There was no opposition present.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cashion and seconded by Commissioner Parks to approve ITEM VI. B. as presented.

The motion carried 9 to 1 on the following roll call vote:

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

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Reconsidered the Board of Commissioners approval of January 19, 2006 to cause water and sewer to be extended to and throughout Forest Oaks Estates as an assessed project. (APPROVED)

Betty Garret, Guilford County Planning, explained the request and said she received feedback letters.

Motion was made by Commissioner Yow, and seconded by Commissioner Parks to approve to cause water and sewer to be extended to and throughout Forest Oaks Estates as an assessed project.

Vice Chairman Perkins asked to amend the motion that any assessments be deferred for five years if they do not hook up and the interest rate be set at 5%.

Mark Payne, County Attorney, explained that it is within the Board’s purview to approve the motion as amended, but pointed out a public hearing will be required. He went on to state that there must be separate action amending the assessment. He further advised that if the motion were to pass, then it would include setting a public hearing.

Commissioner Yow expressed concern regarding the motion and suggested clarification.

Commissioner Coleman questioned if advertising the public hearing was required in order to make the change and County Attorney Payne said yes.

Following discussion, Vice Chairman Perkins withdrew his amendment to Commissioner Yow’s motion to approve to cause water and sewer to be extended to and throughout Forest Oaks Estates as an assessed project as indicated on the agenda The motion carried 10 to 0 on the following roll call vote:
Motion was made by Vice Chairman Perkins to delay assessments for five years for people that choose not to hook up to water and sewer with no interest or payments and that their interest rate will be capped at 5% and request a public hearing for consideration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coleman.

Chairman Alston asked if the Board had the authority to defer payment and County Attorney Payne said yes.

Betty Garrett, Guilford County Planning, said the assessment would be held in abeyance. Betty confirmed it would be five years from the date of confirmation of the assessment roll which takes place after the construction is completed.

Commissioner Davis asked for further clarification on the terms of the assessment.

Betty Garrett further explained the assessment and the terms in Vice Chairman Perkins motion.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concern regarding the people that have already paid their assessments. She asked the County Attorney to explore fair options for them.

In response to Commissioner Coleman’s concerns, County Attorney Payne advised the matter will be problematic for the following reasons: Most of the people that paid ahead did so because of a sale of the property. He said there could be different land owners and land transfers. Mr. Payne said the property owners could request their money back and pay at the new rate.

The Board voted on the motion made by Vice Chairman Perkins and seconded by Commissioner Coleman to delay assessments for five years for people that choose not to hook up to water and sewer with no interest or payments and that their interest rate will be capped at 5% and request a public hearing for consideration and it carried 10 to 0 on the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Motion carried 10 - 0
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Kirk Perkins;
Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman,
Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, John Parks, Mike Winstead, Billy Yow.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner Linda Shaw.

B. Reconsidered the Board of Commissioners approval of December 13, 2007 to cause water and sewer to be extended to and throughout Lynwood Lakes Subdivision as an assessed project.
Betty Garrett explained the request and said on November 17, 2011 there was a public hearing held regarding water and sewer to be extended to Lynwood Lakes. She said a petition was submitted at that time and resubmitted on January 19, 2012. She said she received several feedback letters and 13% represented were in favor of the project and 54% were in opposition to the project. She indicated that 33% of the subdivision as a whole had no response. She explained that they looked at the project in Phases. She gave figures for Phase I (the eastern side of Lynwood Lakes) and the Phase II (the western side of the Lynwood Lakes). She said the majority of residents in both Phases were opposed.

Commissioner Coleman asked for a compilation of the signers on the petition and a citizen said 54% of the property owners do not want the project.

Motion was made by Commissioner Coleman to provide water and sewer for Phase I of Lynwood Lakes and the project be paid for with bond money. The motion was seconded by Chairman Alston.

Commissioner Coleman said several families are suffering in the area. She said she was concerned that some misinformation on the cost of the assessments was being distributed in the area. She said she is aware of some of the health hazards in the area and asked the Board to support her motion.

Commissioner Yow said he cannot support Commissioner Coleman’s motion, singling out Phase I. He said the majority of property owners do not want it. He also said senior citizens cannot afford the assessment. He said the project will cost more if it is done in phases and urged the Board to support the will of the people and vote against it.

Commissioner Cashion expressed concern regarding the process for citizens to respond with their opinion on the project.

Chairman Alston stated a letter was sent to the residents asking them to respond whether they were in support or not for the project.

Commissioner Gibson said he received many letters from Lynwood Lakes residents. He said he is concerned about the commitment the Board made to the residents of Lynwood Lakes. He said the area has a problem and it will get worse. He asked the County Attorney to explain the new annexation legislation.

County Attorney Payne said the City of Greensboro requires an annexation agreement be signed prior to acquiring service to the area. He also said the new legislation is more burdensome to cities than before. He explained if the city annexes the property then they will be required to provide water and sewer services at no cost for three and half years.

Vice Chairman Perkins said the property will increase in value with water and sewer. He said several people have told him that they need the project. He said some people are suffering in the area and in order to minimize the total cost, the project should be done in its entirety rather than in phases. The said the total cost of the project is great but it will only get more expensive if it is
prolonged. He said the Board has an obligation to move forward on the project. He said the
thinks the Board should approve the whole project and offer the same options that were offered
the residents in Forest Oaks Estates.

Commissioner Coleman said she has no problem with approving the whole project but pointed
out that the majority of the residents in Phase II were against the project. She also indicated the
Board is offering the citizens better rate options at this time than before. She said the Board
should do the right thing because it is the right thing to do.

Commissioner Cashion said she is disturbed about bacteria in their water. She asked the residents
present to show by hands if they were in favor of Phase I with the changes in payment options.
Several raised their hands in support.

Commissioner Parks asked those present how many were in favor of the water and sewer project
for Phase I and II. He said the residents deserve a better quality of life than what they currently
have in that part of the county.

Commissioner Winstead asked Ms. Garret for the project cost and she explained the total project
cost.

Commissioner Davis expressed concern regarding the health issues.

Ken Carter, Assistant Guilford County Health Director, responded that there were no health
requests on the petitioned project. Mr. Carter shared the average life expectancy of septic
systems and the associated costs.

Commissioner Davis said the project cost is great, however he does support funding for Phase I
at this time.

Vice Chairman Perkins urged the Board to support the entire project because the costs will be
greater in the future and because there are people in need. She also emphasized the citizens will
actually be paying for 13% of the project and all other funds will come from a majority of other
sources.

Commissioner Parks made a substitute motion to fund Phase I & Phase 2 of the Lynwood Lakes
Subdivision as an assessed project. Commissioner Bencini seconded the substitute motion.

Commissioner Gibson asked Ms. Garrett to confirm the $4.3 million deficit to complete the
entire project and she did.

County Manager Fox explained that with approval of Forest Oaks Estates project and the
possible approval of Phase 1 and 2 of the Lynwood Lakes project using all available bond funds,
the Board will be $3.4 million short and dollars could come out of the trust fund. She stated that
that would leave $9 Million in the fund which could be used toward the Eastern Sewer project.
Chairman Alston asked the County Manager to clarify the total cost for the project, bond funds
and trust fund dollars used to fund the project, and what funds will be available to collaborate
with the City of Greensboro on the Eastern Sewer Project.
County Manager Fox said $12 million is the county’s half and explained possible funding options.

Commissioners Coleman and Cashion asked for clarification on the sources of funding the projects.

Commissioner Cashion asked Mr. Carter, Assistant Public Health Director, if they test wells. Mr. Carter said if a request is made by the homeowner they will do testing, but it is normally offered by request only.

Commissioner Yow asked Mr. Carter what type of bacteria has been found in wells tested.

Mr. Carter reported some of the findings and said the bacteria found can be treatable.

Commissioner Yow said Lynwood Lakes is a nice neighborhood but the complaints do not justify the total cost of the project. He said a majority of the residents have indicated they do not want the assessed project and the Board should support them. He asked the Board to be mindful of the infrastructure investment.

Commissioner Coleman asked the County Manager if there was $24 million in the trust fund and she said yes. She also asked the Assistant Health Director if he knew how many residents were having problems on the back side of the lake in Phase II. He responded approximately 50%.

Commissioner Gibson said he did not have confidence in the numbers that the Board has received on the project. He said the dollars should come from the trust fund if the Board has money in the trust fund.

There being no further discussion, the Board voted on the substitute motion made by Commissioner Parks and seconded by Commissioner Bencini to cause water and sewer to be extended to and throughout Lynwood Lakes Subdivision as an assessed project. Commissioner Parks was supportive of the amendment and the motion carried 9 to 1 on the following roll call vote:

VOTE:  Motion carried 9 - 1
AYES:  Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Kirk Perkins; Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman, Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, John Parks, Mike Winstead.
NOES:  Commissioner Billy Yow.
ABSENT: Commissioner Linda Shaw.
The County Manager asked for clarification and further direction. She asked the Board to authorize staff to make the necessary budgetary changes in project ordinances.

County Attorney Payne confirmed that in the previous motion the Board agreed to fund and construct the Lynwood Lakes project as presented and authorized staff to take such measures, including budget amendments, project ordinances, and agreements necessary to undertake the project. He also asked for a point of clarification regarding the motion on the rates.

Commissioner Perkins made a motion to set a public hearing to consider modification of payment terms and change applicable interest rates on the assessment previously charged to residents of Lynwood Lakes (delay assessments for five years for people that choose not to hook up to water and sewer with no interest or payments and that their interest rate will be capped at 5%). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parks and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Alston called for a short recess at 7:55 p.m. and the Board reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Business from County Commissioners.

SUPPORT JOINING CITY OF GREENSBORO IN SPONSORING TO FUND THE EASTERN WATER AND SEWER PROJECT (PHASE I) (APPROVED)

Commissioner Coleman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Parks that Guilford County support joining the City of Greensboro in sponsoring to fund the Eastern Water and Sewer Project (Phase I) contingent upon the city’s support of ½ of the water for the Lynnwood Lakes Project.

Commissioner Bencini questioned the wording “support” and expressed concern about committing a set amount of money.

Commissioner Coleman explained her motion in more detail and said Guilford County will be using money that is left in the trust fund after the projects are completed. The Board then voted on her motion, seconded by Commissioner Parks, to support joining the City of Greensboro in sponsoring to fund the Eastern Water and Sewer Project (Phase I) with the balance remaining in the trust fund contingent upon the city’s support of ½ of the water for the Lynnwood Lakes Project.

The motion carried 10 to 0 on the following roll call vote:

VOTE: Motion carried 10 - 0
AYES: Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Kirk Perkins; Commissioners Bill Bencini, Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman, Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson, John Parks, Mike Winstead, Billy Yow.
NOES: None.
Vice Chairman Perkins announced that the Fire Service Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at the Agricultural Center, in Greensboro. He said they will begin evaluating the fire system in the county and the public is invited to attend.

**SET APRIL 12, 2012 COMMISSIONERS MEETING AND CANCEL MAY 17, 2012 COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

Chairman Alston indicated the Board needed to set April 12, 2012 as the April Commissioners meeting instead of April 19th and cancel the May 17th Commissioners meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

Commissioner Coleman made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bencini to set April 12, 2012 as the April Commissioners meeting instead of April 19th and cancel the May 17th Commissioners meeting. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

**RESCIND VIDEO BAN AND ALLOW VIDEOS TO BE SHOWN WITH A DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (DENIED)**

Motion was made by Commissioner Yow, and seconded by Commissioner Bencini to consider rescinding the video ban and allow videos to be shown with a disclosure statement at the bottom.

Commissioner Yow urged the Board to reconsider rescinding the ban to bring harmony in the community.

The motion failed 3 to 7 on the following roll call vote:

**VOTE:** Motion failed 3 – 7  
**AYES:** Commissioners Bill Bencini, Mike Winstead, Billy Yow.  
**NOES:** Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston; Vice Chairman Kirk Perkins; Commissioners Kay Cashion, Carolyn Coleman, Bruce Davis, Paul Gibson., John Parks.  
**ABSENT:** Commissioner Linda Shaw.

**IX. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Parks announced events that he recently attended.

Commissioner Cashion reported on a recent NACo meeting. She said the emphasis was on pre-trial services and re-entry. She said she attended a Telehealth presentation which provides health care to individuals via technology. She said they also discussed cyber security and encouraged everyone to be educated on threats. She said Guilford County will be eligible to host a cyber summit. She also pointed out that technology and cyber security will be an emphasis area of the next NACo administration.
GUILFORD COUNTY TO HOST CYBER SUMMIT

She made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Coleman, Guilford County host a cyber summit in late spring or the summer.

Chairman Alston said a motion is not usually made at this time on the agenda and asked the Board if they would like to ask staff to move forward in hosting a cyber summit in Guilford County. There were no objections.

Commissioner Cashion also provided everyone with an update on the Building Naming Committee.

X. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

There were no comments from the County Manager.

IX. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gibson requested the Chairman reconvene the group considering parking options due to the opening of the new detention center.

Chairman Alston agreed to do so and encouraged Commissioner Gibson to participate in the discussions.

XI. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Harold Garratt, 4515 Indian Wells Drive, Forest Oaks Estates resident, asked the Board to take into consideration that many septic tanks in the area were installed that never should have been approved. He asked the Board to provide the services with the least possible financial burden on the property owners and thanked the Board for their action on this matter earlier.

Van Clippard, 8404 Creek Edge Court, Oak Ridge, asked the Board to do some soul searching on their priorities.

COUNTY MANAGER FILES REPORTS OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AND CONTRACTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2012

County Manager Fox files her report of out of state travel and contracts approved by her for the month of January 2012. (See copy in file with these minutes.)

XII. ADJOURNED

Chairman Alston made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. and it was seconded by Commissioner Winstead. The motion carried by unanimous consent.