MINUTES OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUILFORD COUNTY
Greensboro, North Carolina
June 18, 2015

The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on June 18, 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, Ray Trapp, Justin Conrad, J. Carlvena Foster, Carolyn Q. Coleman and Alan Perdue.

ABSENT: None.

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; Donna Riner, Legal; Michael Halford, Budget Director; Joe Raymond, DHHS Director; Merle Green, DHHS-Public Health Director; Captain Ken Whitesell, Sheriff’s Office; Major C.J. Williamson, Sheriff’s Office-Detention Services; Bonnie Stellfox, Purchasing Director; J. Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director; Reid Baker, Finance Director; Ben Chavis, Tax Director; Jeff Fowler, Security Director; members of the community and media.

I. INVOCATION

Chairman Henning led those present in a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the tragedy that occurred in Charleston, South Carolina on June 17, 2015. Board Chaplin, Ben Chavis, provided the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER (Chairman Hank Henning)

Chairman Henning welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 5:44pm.
IV. PRESENTATION

A. Resolution Honoring the Life of Mrs. Mary Louise Noble Oliver (Commissioner Trapp)

Resolution Honoring Life of Mary Oliver

Commissioner Trapp invited members of the Oliver family to come forward and receive the honoring resolution.

WHEREAS, Mary Louise Noble Oliver passed away at the age of 84 on May 2, 2015. An engaged community leader, Ms. Oliver is remembered as a loving mother, champion of those in need, and advocate for promoting projects which improved the lives and safety of her fellow community members; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Oliver is survived by one brother, nine children, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; of whom she has instilled her strong values of community involvement, determination and compassion for others; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Oliver was an enduring figure of the Claremont Courts Homes community in Greensboro and served as Resident Council President bringing about the free lunch program where she served hot lunches to children and families in need for nearly 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Oliver was instrumental in the creation of the first library in the Claremont community which is still in operation having grown into the now 10,000 square foot McGirt-Horton Library and was employed with Greensboro Urban Ministry from 1987 until her retirement in 2004; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life Ms. Oliver took pride in her community and was involved in numerous civic and grass roots organizations including: membership in the Greensboro Assoc. of Poor People; North East Greensboro Concerned Citizens, Moonlight Basketball Programs through the Hayes-Taylor YMCA and development of police neighborhood resource centers; Ms. Oliver received many honors and awards including: service recognition from the Bennett College Community Drug Awareness Program, showcase in the “1993 African American Women of Distinction” exhibition, and receipt of the Greensboro Commission on the Status on Women as one of the Women of Achievement in Greensboro, NC; and

WHEREAS, described as a pillar of her community, Mrs. Oliver was a tireless advocate for education, and community involvement.

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 Mary Louise Noble Oliver and extends its sincere condolences to her family and friends in her passing.
B. Resolution in support of "Stepping Up" Campaign (Commissioner Cashion)

Resolution Supporting STEPPING UP NACo

Commissioner Cashion reviewed the focus of the “Stepping Up” campaign and read the supporting resolution.

WHEREAS, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year; and

WHEREAS, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in jails are three to six times higher than for the general population and almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders; and

WHEREAS, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs; and

WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, Guilford County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, through Stepping Up, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Foundation are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, THAT the Guilford County Board of Commissioners, do hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in my state and across the country to support a national initiative and encourage all county officials, employees and residents to participate in Stepping Up.

Commissioner Cashion expressed her appreciation for the efforts of Colonel T.R. Powers and requested he receive the resolution. She also thanked members of the Jail Population Reduction Committee, Commissioner Coleman, and Commissioner Trapp for their continued efforts to study and address mental illness in jail populations.
V. 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.)

1. Phillip Wood, of High Point, spoke to the welfare of animals in the Guilford County Animal Shelter and thanked the Board for the efforts involved in preparing the new contract.
2. Dr. Beverly Levine, of Greensboro, discussed the rise in expectations of transparency in non-profit agencies who receive taxpayer funding. She spoke to the need for higher standards of accountability in these contracts. She thanked the Board and County Manager for the renewed Animal Shelter contract, and thanked the United Animal Coalition (UAC) board and employees for their service.
3. Misty Mills, of Summerfield, expressed concerns with current shelter operations, and urged the Board to investigate and consider concerns presented by shelter volunteers.
4. Ann Stringfield, of Greensboro, spoke in support of the proposed Animal Shelter renewal contract and her appreciation of the requirements for monthly reporting and partnerships with local agencies. She thanked the Board for their support of shelter volunteers.
5. Laura Gonzo, with the American Pit Bull Foundation, urged the Board to reconsider policies forbidding the Animal Shelter to adopt out certain breeds of dogs and discussed the need for improving the shelter screening processes.
6. Randy Mayo, UAC Volunteer Manager, spoke to the challenges and stresses of work at the Animal Shelter and stated that every employee has the best interests of the animals in mind.
7. Andy Stevens, of Greensboro, referenced the tragic events in Charleston, South Carolina and spoke to his concerns with gun-free zones. He spoke in favor of returning to a full 1% property tax discount for early payment and discussed his support of the recommended adjustments in the proposed budget.
8. Marissa Studivant, UAC employee, spoke in support of Animal Shelter Executive Director, Marsha Williams, and discussed programs developed to assist animals and employees with the management of the shelter. She spoke to the passion and commitment of shelter employees.
9. Wiley Cousins, Guilford County employee, urged the Board to consider compensation for employees and discussed the efforts made by employees to ensure they meet the needs of Guilford County citizens.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Commissioner Foster requested item B.5. pulled from the consent agenda for additional consideration.

Commissioner Coleman questioned why the Board would adopt items commensurate with adoption of the FY2015-2016 when they will later adopt the FY2015-2016 budget.
County Manager Marty Lawing stated that these contracts were not discussed during the work session or recommended for additional changes. He noted this was the process conducted during prior budget years.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns with the redundancy of the process.

Chairman Henning questioned if the bulk of these contracts were previously approved under the Department of Social Services (DSS) board in prior years. He requested staff provide these contracts to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to passing of the next year’s budget, to allow time for additional consideration.

Commissioner Branson clarified that the total amount of combined DHHS contracts included on the agenda is $4,016,591.13.

Chairman Henning questioned the need for a work session to review the contracts.

Commissioner Coleman noted these contracts could have been pulled during a previous work session for additional review, and questioned why the option was given to pull the contracts again if there were no requests for further consideration during the work session.

Commissioner Perdue explained the background of prior Board approval processes. He requested additional clarification from the County Attorney.

County Attorney Mark Payne clarified that the validity of the contract is dependent upon the availability of funding in the adopted budget to cover the cost of the contract.

The Board discussed the contract approval process and the opportunity to discuss contracts during earlier work sessions.

Vice Chairman Phillips requested staff include these contracts on earlier agendas for additional consideration prior to budget approval.

Commissioner Cashion requested clarification that the contracts were already included in the proposed budget.

Lawing stated that these contracts were included in the proposed budget.

Commissioner Trapp questioned if the DHHS contracts were historically presented and approved by the prior DSS Board.

Lawing stated these contracts were previously presented to the DSS Board for review.

Commissioner Trapp stated that since consolidation, the Board of Commissioners had taken on the role of the DHHS board, which would potentially require work sessions and additional time to review the volume of contracts generated by DHHS.
Vice Chairman Phillips requested items B.8 through B.14 pulled from the consent agenda for additional consideration, with the exception of item B.9 which was removed from the consent agenda per addendum.

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Approve an increase to the FY 2015 Health and Human Services Department (Public Health Division) budget by $16,500 as outlined below: Community/Environment: $16,500

Approve an $11,000 increase in Other Revenues ($5,500 City of Greensboro, $5,500 City of High Point) and a $5,500 increase in Appropriated Fund Balance in order to replenish the Hazardous Materials cleanup fund. This fund is maintained to ensure prompt cleanup of hazardous materials when the responsible party cannot be immediately identified and is replenished when the fund balance is reduced to $10,000. The current fund balance is $16,156.52 and we have an invoice due to A & D Environmental Services for $26,914.50 for the Bridford Parkway cleanup (Merle Green)

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B. CONTRACTS

1. Approve (Maximum exposure) contract, in substantial form, with Northwood's Consulting Partners for Software Maintenance services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $156,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)

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Northwood 2015-2016 scope of work

2. Approve an amendment to the existing Interlocal Agreement with the City of Greensboro (Guilford County contract 36460-04/95-211), in substantial form, for upgrades and maintenance to the shared ownership 800 MHz radio system in Fiscal Year 2016. Funding for the project has been previously approved through the Capital Improvements Plan. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS. (Jim Albright)

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GREENSBORO CITY OF - 800 MHz Contract Amend 9 - revised 5-26-15
3. Approve (maximum exposure) contract, in substantial form, with Communities in Schools of Greater Greensboro for Child and Family Enrichment services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $100,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)

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Communities in School greater Greensboro 2015-2016 scope of work

4. Approve (maximum exposure) contract, in substantial form, with Communities in Schools of High Point for Child and Family Enrichment services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $100,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)

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Communities in School High Point 2015-2016 scope of work

Removed from the Consent Agenda

5. Approve (maximum exposure) contract, in substantial form, with The Salvation Army for Crisis Intervention Program, PNG Share the Warmth, and Low Income Energy Assistance Program services, by and through the Guilford County Department of Health and Human Services (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $353,780.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)

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Salvation Army Scope of Work 2015-2016

6. Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with Adult Center for Enrichment for adult day care services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $292,811.13. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)

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Adult Center for Enrichment 2015-2016 Scope of Work
7. Approve (maximum exposure) contract, in substantial form, with Family Service of the Piedmont for Domestic Violence services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $150,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)

Family Service of the Piedmont DV 2015-2016 Scope of Work

Removed from the Consent Agenda

8. Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with National Mentor Healthcare for foster care room and board services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $411,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)

National Mentor 2015-2016 Scope of Work

10. Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with Youth Unlimited for foster care room and board services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $130,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)

Youth Unlimited 2015-2016 Scope of Work

11. Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with Omni Visions for foster care room and board services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $220,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)

Omni Visions 2015-2016 scope of work
12. **Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with The Children's Home for foster care room and board services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $128,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)**

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**The Children's Home 2015-2016 Scope of Work**

13. **Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with Florence Crittenton for Maternity Residential room and board services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $155,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)**

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**Florence Crittenton 2015-2016 Scope of Work**

14. **Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with Children's Home Society for room and board services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $1,420,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)**

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**Children Home Society 2015-2016 Scope of work**

15. **Approve the list of Price Only Contacts with no price increases and not expected to exceed the amount list for FY15/16. The contract periods will begin July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016 with the following suppliers: (Bonnie Stellfox)**

   (a) Bound Tree Medical, 5000 Tuttle Crossing, Dublin, Ohio 43016, Contract #14544-05/13-247, Amendment #1, $375,000. for Emergency Services Medical Supplies, with two one year renewals options remaining. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF FY15/16 BUDGET

   (b) Toshiba Business Solutions, Inc., P.O. Box 1299, Mount Gilead, NC 27306, Contract #108099-09/11-111, Amendment #2, $272,452. for Guilford County Multifunctional Copiers, no renewals options remaining will need to be bid for next fiscal year. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF FY15/16 BUDGET

   (c) Aramark Correctional Services LLC., 2010 Garden View Lane, Philadelphia,
PA 19107, Contract #00208-07/12-003, Amendment #3, $145,000. for Juvenile Meals in compliance with NC State Regulations. No remaining renewals options will need to be bid for next fiscal year. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF FY15/16 BUDGET

(d) Aramark Correctional Services LLC., 2010 Garden View Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19107, Contract#00208-07/12-004, Amendment #3, $1,860,000. for Inmates Food at Greensboro and High Point Jails, with no remaining renewals options, will need to be bid for next fiscal year. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF FY15/16 BUDGET

(e) Ominco, 8359 Chapel Hill Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27513, Contract #111156-07/14-066, Amendment #1, $200,640. for Janitorial Services at the Greensboro Courthouse, three one year renewals options remaining. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF FY15/16 BUDGET

(f) Matt's Janitorial, 212 Lane Drive, Trinity, NC 27370, Contract #109154-09/13-157, Amendment #1, $102,071. for Janitorial Services at 1203 Maple Street, with two one year renewal options remaining. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF FY15/16 BUDGET

(h) Millers Maintenance LLC., P.O. Box 24513, Winston Salem, NC 27411, Contract #107569-07/13-063, Amendment #1, $106,400. for Janitorial Services for three locations - Independence Building, Evans-Blount Clinic, Russell Street, with two one year renewal options remaining. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF FY15/16 BUDGET

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C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Accept and approve the Property Tax Rebate and Release Reports for the month ending May 31, 2015. Complete report maintained on file with the Clerk to the Board. (Ben Chavis)

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2. Accept and approve the Tax Department's Beverage License and Tax Collection reports for the month ending May 31, 2015. Complete reports are maintained on file with the Clerk to the Board. (Ben Chavis)

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Motion made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion, to adopt the consent agenda.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 - 1
NOES: R. Trapp

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

5. Approve (maximum exposure) contract, in substantial form, with The Salvation Army for Crisis Intervention Program, PNG Share the Warmth, and Low Income Energy Assistance Program services, by and through the Guilford County Department of Health and Human Services (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $353,780.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)

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Commissioner Foster expressed concerns regarding the contract and stated Open Door Ministries was not provided the opportunity to re-negotiate their proposal.

Elizabeth White, Economic Services Director-DSS, reviewed the proposal process and discussed the meetings held with Open Door Ministries and Salvation Army to review the proposal process and opportunities for negotiation. She explained the reasons for choosing Salvation Army as the contract vendor. White stated the Salvation Army’s proposal results in no additional County funding required to implement the program, and also included extended hours to administer the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) and dual application sites in Greensboro and High Point. She stated Open Door Ministries operational figures would have resulted in the County spending $68,000 to operate the program.

Commissioner Foster questioned if the Salvation Army has a location in High Point.

White stated that they do have a High Point office, but it is not large enough to serve the volume of residents who receive assistance through these programs. She noted Salvation Army’s plan to secure and move into a new High Point location between July 1 and December 1.

Commissioner Foster noted she is aware that the Salvation Army continues to search for a site within High Point.

White replied that Salvation Army is searching for locations and are waiting upon Board approval of the contract prior to spending earnest money on a new facility.
Commissioner Foster questioned if there was still opportunity to renegotiate with Open Door Ministries.

White stated there is still opportunity to renegotiate with Open Door Ministries.

Commissioner Coleman questioned if the County had a contract with Salvation Army in Greensboro and the amount of the contract.

White confirmed the contract with Salvation Army of Greensboro and stated the cost for FY2014 was $238,826.48.

Commissioner Coleman questioned the number of citizens or households served by Salvation Army.

White stated Salvation Army served approximately 5,069 families and distributed approximately $1.3 million in assistance through the LIEAP program. She noted the agency served 4,705 families and distributed approximately $1.2 million in assistance through the Crisis Intervention Program (CIP).

Commissioner Coleman questioned how the Salvation Army was able to provide services at a lower cost than Open Door Ministries.

White explained the Salvation Army is a larger entity that receives funding from other sources, which allows them to maintain more full-time staff, and keeps them from spending additional funds on temporary staff to handle the volume of families served by these programs.

Commissioner Coleman questioned the County’s ability to ensure that designated funds are used for the County programs.

White reviewed the scope of work for the vendors.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns that larger organizations were considered for DSS contracts to the exclusion of smaller, local non-profit agencies.

White shared that staff considered the most fiscally responsible way to administer the program to eligible households without use of County funding.

Commissioner Coleman questioned if additional County funds must be used if Open Door Ministries is included in the contract.

White confirmed that the cost to the County would be approximately $68,000.

Commissioner Coleman questioned if vendors had opportunity to negotiate their bid proposals.

White stated they had worked with the vendors and was informed by Open Door Ministries that the bid offered is what they required to administer the program.
Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns that staff could not accurately track the total amount required by Salvation Army to administer the LIEAP and CIP programs because the agency receives additional funding from other sources.

White noted that Salvation Army is required to provide a monthly invoice documenting all program-related expenses.

Commissioner Trapp questioned if LIEAP funding was exhausted.

White stated the LIEAP program ended March 31, 2015 and would begin again December 1, 2015.

Commissioner Trapp questioned if there were additional energy assistance programs available.

White stated the CIP program was still available to assist eligible households.

Commissioner Foster stated she would like Open Door Ministries to have opportunity to provide these services to customers in High Point with the current available balance.

White stated she will contact Open Door Ministries.

Commissioner Foster stated that the contract could not be approved at this time.

Chairman Henning requested clarification from County Attorney Mark Payne.

Payne stated that the Board could table the item for action at a future meeting.

Chairman Henning questioned the outcome of delaying action on the item.

White stated that without an approved contract, the CIP program could not be administered effective July 1, 2015.

Commissioner Coleman offered a substitute motion to have Salvation Army work jointly with ODM for $117,291, which was seconded by Commissioner Foster.

Vice Chairman Phillips noted that contracting with both agencies would require $68,450 of County funding to administer the programs.

White confirmed no additional funding beyond this amount was required.

Commissioner Foster clarified she is requesting Open Door Ministries administer the program in High Point for the contracted amount of $117,291, and is not requesting additional County funding.

Vice Chairman Phillips questioned the need for additional County funds of $68,450 to contract with two (2) agencies.
White stated Open Door Ministries increased their bid proposal from $114,000 for FY2014 to approximately $174,000 for FY2015. She noted that representatives from Open Door Ministries indicated they would require this amount to administer the program.

Vice Chairman Phillips questioned the effect of delaying contract approval and if the Board could approve a portion of the contract amount to move forward with administering the program.

Payne clarified the motion on the floor.

Commissioner Foster stated Open Door Ministries stated they would be willing to negotiate their proposal.

Vice Chairman Phillips noted staff’s comment that Open Door Ministries representatives were unwilling to negotiate their bid amount.

Commissioner Foster reiterated that Open Door Ministries wanted the opportunity to negotiate.

Vice Chairman Phillips questioned the possibility of approving a portion of the contract to allow program implementation effective July 1, 2015.

Lawing stated this was a competitive bid process and now that the unsuccessful bidder is aware of the competitor’s proposal, it was the Board’s decision on the outcome of the purchasing process.

Vice Chairman Phillips suggested allowing the vote to occur, and if the substitute motion passes, the Board must reconsider the contract.

Commissioner Coleman suggested the contract be contingent upon acceptable negotiations with Open Door Ministries, and if the proposal is not acceptable, the entire contract would default to Salvation Army.

Commissioner Perdue expressed his initial concerns with the processes.

Myra Thompson, Administrative Services Division Director-DSS, stated this was not a competitive bid process that was administered by the Purchasing process. She explained the proposal process.

Commissioner Perdue spoke to his concerns with renegotiating the contract and recommended the possibility of declining all bids and re-starting the process.

Commissioner Foster shared her concerns that the vendor was informed they would be allowed to negotiate, but were not afforded the opportunity. She questioned if the Greensboro contract were approved, would this preclude High Point residents from receiving benefits.
White clarified that the contract included administration of benefits to all Guilford County residents.

Commissioner Cashion questioned if the Salvation Army’s bid was a concession amount because they were awarded a contract for the entire county.

White reviewed the Salvation Army proposals.

Commissioner Cashion shared she did not understand why Open Door Ministries felt there was no opportunity to negotiate.

White discussed her conversations with Open Door Ministries regarding their bid proposals.

Commissioner Cashion asked the County Attorney if it was ethical to re-open the bid process since the proposals were public record.

Payne explained that these are contracts for services, which would allow additional negotiations. He cautioned the Board to authorize the appropriate contracts by July 1, 2015 to avoid any delays in service delivery.

Commissioner Conrad expressed his concerns with re-opening bid processes. He stated he will not support this option.

Commissioner Branson echoed Commissioner Conrad’s comments and stated he would not support the substitute motion.

Commissioner Coleman noted this was not a formal bidding process, but was a discussion with both vendors regarding their proposals. She spoke to the need for the Board to offer contracts to smaller non-profit organizations.

Vice Chairman Phillips shared his appreciation for the great work accomplished by Open Door Ministries and noted it would be unfortunate for the citizens of High Point if this organization did not receive a portion of the contract. He expressed his concerns over Open Door Ministries’ unwillingness to administer services at rates comparable to those in FY2014. Phillips suggested approving the portion of the contract granted to Salvation Army, and go into discussion with Open Door Ministries regarding pricing. He questioned potential issues if the service was provided by two entities versus one.

White stated both organizations worked well during FY2014. She discussed the reasons for choosing Open Door Ministries to administer services in previous years.

Vice Chairman Phillips noted the importance of Salvation Army’s willingness to administer services with no additional County funding, and should expect comparable services at the same funding levels from Open Door Ministries.
White noted Salvation Army served 65% of the total program applicants during FY2014, while Open Door Ministries served 35% of the applicants. She stated Open Door Ministries’ services were supplemented by Salvation Army of High Point, who is no longer partnered with the organization.

Payne clarified the motion to direct staff to enter into an agreement with SA of Greensboro to administer the CIP/LIEAP programs and enter into discussion with Open Door Ministries to administer the program at the same level of service under the same dollar amount, and if they agree, to enter into agreement for program administration. He noted that if Open Door Ministries was unwilling to agree to the amount, then the contract would be awarded in whole to the Salvation Army.

Commissioner Foster confirmed clarification of the motion.

Commissioner Cashion questioned the amount of the bid increase from Open Door Ministries.

White provided the differences in the bid amounts for FY2014 and FY2015.

Commissioner Cashion questioned the reason behind the bid increase.

White explained the requirement to serve any citizen within Guilford County and Open Door Ministries increase of their bid in anticipation of serving residents outside of High Point.

Vice Chairman Phillips stated the need for the Board to act quickly to ensure the programs could provide services by July 1, 2015.

Commissioner Perdue reviewed the funding requests at their current level and questioned the ability of staff to quality control (QC) with decreased funding.

White stated staff will be required to conduct QC, but there will be no additional funding available.

Commissioner Perdue stated the motion should include no additional County dollars and questioned how QC would be conducted without funding.

Thompson reiterated staff are mandated to conduct QC and the County would have to incur the cost.

Chairman Henning expressed concerns regarding the contract and questioned if Open Door Ministries asked about the deadline date for contract approval.

White clarified there was no formal RFP and negotiations were informal.

The Board discussed the negotiation process.

Commissioner Foster called the question.
A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, seconded by Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster to direct staff to enter into an agreement with Salvation of Greensboro to administer the CIP/LIEAP programs and enter into discussion with Open Door Ministries to renegotiate their bid, and if an acceptable bid offer was provided, to enter into agreement for program administration.

VOTE: Motion failed 4-5
AYES: C. Foster, C. Coleman, R. Trapp, J. Phillips

Motion was made by Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster, seconded by Commissioner Ray Trapp, to approve (maximum exposure) contract, in substantial form, with The Salvation Army for Crisis Intervention Program, PNG Share the Warmth, and Low Income Energy Assistance Program services, by and through the Guilford County Department of Health and Human Services (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $353,780.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. Funds commensurate with the adoption of the FY2015/2016 budget.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 - 2
NOES: C. Coleman, J. Carlvena Foster

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VI.B.10 Cover

Youth Unlimited 2015-2016 Scope of Work
11. Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with Omni Visions for foster care room and board services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $220,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)

**VI.B.11 Cover**

**Omni Visions 2015-2016 scope of work**

12. Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with The Children's Home for foster care room and board services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $128,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)

**VI.B.12 Cover**

**The Children's Home 2015-2016 Scope of Work**

13. Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with Florence Crittenton for Maternity Residential room and board services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $155,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)

**VI.B.13 Cover**

**Florence Crittenton 2015-2016 Scope of Work**

14. Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with Children's Home Society for room and board services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $1,420,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET. (Heather Skeens)

**VI.B.14 Cover**

**Children Home Society 2015-2016 Scope of work**

Vice Chairman Phillips noted the similarities in services for the bulk of the items, but questioned the differences in rates for the contracts.
Thompson explained the rates are based on age of the child, the license held by the facility, and the state licensing schedule. She discussed the differences between therapeutic and normal foster care.

Joe Raymond, DHHS Director, discussed the differences in rates for therapeutic and standard foster care facilities. He stated the rates are based upon the state licensing schedule and set by the state Social Services Commission. Raymond noted that the County does receive reimbursement for these costs.

Vice Chairman Phillips expressed astonishment at the staggering annualized costs of foster care services and spoke to his interest in scheduling additional meetings to discuss these rates in depth.

Raymond shared his interest in scheduling a meeting to further discuss foster care needs in Guilford County. He acknowledged that this is very expensive substitute care and that the trend for children in foster care is increasing statewide. He noted Guilford currently has 416 children in foster care, and that the majority of reimbursement is via federal dollars.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to approve the following consent agenda items:

B.8. Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with National Mentor Healthcare for foster care room and board services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $411,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET.

B.10. Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with Youth Unlimited for foster care room and board services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $130,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET.

B.11. Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with Omni Visions for foster care room and board services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $220,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET.

B.12. Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with The Children's Home for foster care room and board services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $128,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET.
B.13. Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with Florence Crittenton for Maternity Residential room and board services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $155,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET.

B.14. Approve (Price Only) contract, in substantial form, with Children's Home Society for room and board services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $1,420,000.00. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016. FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY2015/2016 BUDGET.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
NOES: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 1) Receive as information from the School Board an update on transfers between System-wide Roofing projects. Transfers for Roofing System-wide maintains funding within the current Commissioners-approved master roofing capital project ordinance; however, the bond dollars will be moved from completed projects to roof repair/replacement projects to be completed at Smith High School, Nathanael Green Elementary School and High School Ahead in the building formerly occupied by Melver Education Center (see attachment). Since there is no change to the overall project ordinance, no action is required from the Board of Commissioners; AND

2) Approve amendments to multiple School Capital Project Ordinances to transfer a total of $1,681,673 consisting of bond, Public School Building Capital Fund (PSBCF) ADM, PSBCF Lottery and annual capital outlay funds from current projects into HVAC projects at Gateway Education Center, Jamestown ES, High School Ahead, and the Pisgah Church Road facility that houses Guilford County Schools' Twilight program, and acknowledge the transfer of an additional $407,542 within the HVAC Project Ordinance from completed HVAC projects for the same purpose (see attachments for details). NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

(VII.A.) Cover Page

VII.A. - BOC - Roofing HVAC Transfer Requests - 6-4-2015
VII.A. - BOE Roofing & HVAC Transfer Requests 6-18-2015
VII.A. BOE Capital Project Ordinances Amended 6-18-15
VII.A. BOE Transfer Requests by Rev Source 6-18-15
Angie Henry, with Guilford County Schools, reviewed the item with the Board and requested a transfer of approximately $1.6 million, and an additional approximate $400,000, to fund HVAC projects at local schools.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ray Trapp, seconded by Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster; to 1) Receive as information from the School Board an update on transfers between System-wide Roofing projects. Transfers for Roofing System-wide maintains funding within the current Commissioners-approved master roofing capital project ordinance; however, the bond dollars will be moved from completed projects to roof repair/replacement projects to be completed at Smith High School, Nathanael Green Elementary School and High School Ahead in the building formerly occupied by McIver Education Center (see attachment). Since there is no change to the overall project ordinance, no action is required from the Board of Commissioners; AND 2) Approve amendments to multiple School Capital Project Ordinances to transfer a total of $1,681,673 consisting of bond, Public School Building Capital Fund (PSBCF) ADM, PSBCF Lottery and annual capital outlay funds from current projects into HVAC projects at Gateway Education Center, Jamestown ES, High School Ahead, and the Pisgah Church Road facility that houses Guilford County Schools’ Twilight program, and acknowledge the transfer of an additional $407,542 within the HVAC Project Ordinance from completed HVAC projects for the same purpose (see attachments for details). NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
NOES: None

B. Approve Contract Amendment, in substantial form as attached hereto, in the annual fiscal year amount of $1,569,000, extending the terms of the contract for and additional two year period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, with the United Animal Coalition for the continued operation of the Guilford County Animal Shelter. (Clarence Grier)

VII.B. - Cover

VII.B. - Contract Amendment

Deputy County Manager Clarence Grier presented the contract extension for Board consideration. He noted that this is a unique situation, as most animal shelters are traditionally managed internally versus through a contractor. Grier noted the contract included amendments to ensure transparency and accountability.

John Neiman, United Animal Coalition (UAC) board president, and Marsha Williams, Executive Director of the Guilford County Animal Shelter, introduced themselves to the Board.
Commissioner Perdue stated that over the last six months he has received several emails and calls regarding concerns with the operation of the animal shelter. He noted the need to address transparency and urged the vendor to start having open board meetings. Perdue discussed concerns with nepotism and the monthly reporting standards. He also noted concerns with accepting animals from outside counties into the Guilford County shelter.

Vice Chairman Phillips shared his appreciation for the passion of shelter employees, volunteers and UAC board members for the welfare of animals. He encouraged the UAC to address issues quickly and professionally, and to keep the County informed so the necessary support can be provided, when appropriate. Phillips thanked the UAC and volunteers for all of their hard work.

Commissioner Cashion spoke for the need to increase transparency and expressed her appreciation for the monthly postings recently added to the website.

Commissioner Conrad echoed Vice Chairman Phillips comments and shared his appreciation for the staff of UAC. He thanked Grier for the updates to the contract and asked that he keep the County informed of the shelter’s progress.

Chairman Henning asked the UAC to consider policy changes for animal visitations, or provide status reports to citizens on impounded animals.

Williams shared that if the animal is under quarantine for rabies observation, visitation is a liability and creates undue stress for the animal, but noted staff have made exceptions.

Nieman stated that they do take responsibility for poor customer service and have taken steps to address and correct these concerns immediately.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ray Trapp, seconded by Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster, to approve contract amendment, in substantial form as attached hereto, in the annual fiscal year amount of $1,569,000, extending the terms of the contract for an additional two year period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, with the United Animal Coalition for the continued operation of the Guilford County Animal Shelter.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
NOES: None
C. **Approve a contract, in substantial form, for a Interoperable Software System to Sungard Public Sector, located at 4000 OSSI Circle, High Point, North Carolina 27265 in the amount of $737,520.00** Event 462 was release for this purpose and after evaluation by a team, it was determine that the award be made to Sungard Public Sector, 4000 OSSI Cr., High Point, NC 27265 in the amount of $737,520.00. The maintenance cost of $26,080.00 will be free for the 1st year and will become due the 2nd year of the contract. There are currently 141 Law Enforcement agencies in North Carolina that are using Sungard. **NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.** (Sheriff Barnes)

VII.C. - Cover

Captain Ken Whitesell with the Guilford County Sheriff’s office, reviewed the functions of the software and noted that there are over 141 agencies in NC that are using the proposed vendor including Alamance, Forsyth and Davidson counties. He spoke to the efficiencies and operability that the department could access with transfer to the new system. Whitesell stated they are recommending awarding the contract to a local company based in High Point and noted no additional County funds are required.

Commissioner Branson clarified that transitioning to the new software will allow better communication with other emergency personnel within the County.

Captain Whitesell explained the improvements in communication between Guilford County, City of High Point, City of Greensboro and EMS. He noted the improvements in up-to-date mapping and utilizing GPS to find the locations of other units.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, seconded by Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster, to approve a contract, in substantial form, for a Interoperable Software System to Sungard Public Sector, located at 4000 OSSI Circle, High Point, North Carolina 27265 in the amount of $737,520.00** Event 462 was release for this purpose and after evaluation by a team, it was determine that the award be made to Sungard Public Sector, 4000 OSSI Cr., High Point, NC 27265 in the amount of $737,520.00. The maintenance cost of $26,080.00 will be free for the 1st year and will become due the 2nd year of the contract. There are currently 141 Law Enforcement agencies in North Carolina that are using Sungard. **NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.**

**VOTE:** Motion carried 9 - 0  
**NOES:** None
D. Approve contract extension with PayTel Communications for a two (2) year period, beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2016, with options for renewal for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods, to and including June 30, 2018. Beginning on July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, PAY TEL shall charge inmates and/or called parties the following calling rates and compensate GUILFORD COUNTY at the following commission percentage as shown on attached cover page: (Sheriff Barnes) Beginning July 1, 2015, the amount of the annual Technology Grant described in Paragraph 1 of the Agreement shall be increased to $326,000 per year, payable in quarterly increments of $81,500 at the beginning of each quarter, starting July 1, 2015.

VII.D - Cover

Major C.J. Williamson with the Guilford County Sheriff’s office reviewed the details of the contract extension and noted that Paytel is the current vendor for services.

Commissioner Foster left the meeting at 7:55PM.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns that the same vendor has been used since 1999. She questioned why no bids were received from other companies.

Major Williamson explained that the contract was not bid due to instability with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rates. He advised that in August 2015, the FCC is expected to include additional regulations to intra-state calls.

Commissioner Coleman questioned why the County could not negotiate a better deal.

Major Williamson responded that additional FCC regulations will further impact the market and is unsure how many vendors will be available in the near future.

Commissioner Coleman commented that the Board would be bound to the current contract for two years.

Major Williamson clarified that the contract will end June 30, 2016 with the option to renew, and noted the Board was not bound to renew the contract.

Commissioner Coleman stated that she has reviewed the contract and found there are better rates available. She opined that the cost is not a burden to the inmates, but rather a cost to families trying to contact the inmates. Coleman expressed concerns with Guilford County’s call rates compared to those in other counties.

Major Williamson discussed the call structures of other vendors and reviewed the parameters needed to monitor phone calls such as voice biometrics to monitor key words, and technology to identify calls to victims for intimidation purposes or illegal activities while in custody. He noted that these technologies are costly and that if the County reduced the cost, they would reduce this functionality.
Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns that the rates were only decreased by FCC mandate and reiterated her concerns with Guilford County rates compared to those in other counties.

Major Williamson stated Paytel provides excellent service and noted that decreasing call rates will result in loss of technological tools to monitor phone calls.

Commissioner Trapp questioned if this was a unique structure and if there were other services which created revenue for the County.

Payne noted the structure is rare, but not unique and noted that the County also receives revenue from commissary charges to inmates, as well as, vending contracts.

Commissioner Trapp shared his concerns regarding the legality of the process and these negotiations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Perdue, seconded by Commissioner Justin Conrad, to approve contract extension with PayTel Communications for a two (2) year period, beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2016, with options for renewal for up to two (2) additional one (1) year periods, to and including June 30, 2018. Beginning on July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, PAY TEL shall charge inmates and/or called parties the following calling rates and compensate GUILFORD COUNTY at the following commission percentage as shown on attached cover page:

Beginning July 1, 2015, the amount of the annual Technology Grant described in Paragraph 1 of the Agreement shall be increased to $326,000 per year, payable in quarterly increments of $81,500 at the beginning of each quarter, starting July 1, 2015.

VOTE: Motion carried 6 - 2
NOES: C. Coleman, R. Trapp
E. Review and Approve the implementation of the NC State Procurement Program 946A for Guilford County with Bank of America; and Adopt corresponding Policy and Procedures for utilization of program; Authorize County Manager to Administer Policy and Procedures upon adoption including any future revisions as is deemed necessary and in the best interest of the County. Attached: NC State Procurement Card Application and Response; Bank of America Application; Guilford County Draft Policy and Procedures (Bonnie Stellfox)

VII.E - Cover

VII.E - BOA Application 6-8-15

VII.E - NC State Procurement Card Letter & Response

VII.E - P-Card Program Policy and Procedures Manual

Bonnie Stellfox, Purchasing Director, reviewed the item and discussed the procurement card program. She noted that 72 of the 100 counties currently had a P-Card program.

Commissioner Foster returned to the meeting at 8:13PM.

Vice Chairman Phillips questioned if the employee agreement was secure enough to address reasons for immediate termination for willful misuse.

Stellfox reviewed the employee agreement and the consequences for failing to follow policy. She discussed research conducted to review policies in place within other counties.

Vice Chairman Phillips questioned if Guilford County has ever used a credit card system for purchasing.

Lawing explained the current credit card policy and noted it is rather cumbersome.

Vice Chairman Phillips expressed concerns with the potential for fraudulent use.

Payne noted that anyone who uses the P-card will have to sign a document acknowledging that they have reviewed and understand the policy.

Commissioner Coleman questioned who would use the card.

Stellfox stated department directors will determine which employees are authorized to use P-cards. She reviewed the limitations of the card and requirements for following the Guilford County purchasing policy.

Commissioner Coleman questioned if the employee could reimburse the County if the card is misused.

Stellfox stated there is no option for reimbursement.
Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Branson, seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to review and approve the implementation of the NC State Procurement Program 946A for Guilford County with Bank of America; and adopt corresponding Policy and Procedures for utilization of program; authorize County Manager to Administer Policy and Procedures upon adoption including any future revisions as is deemed necessary and in the best interest of the County.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
NOES: None

F. Adopt resolution concerning abandonment of maintenance for a portion of SR# 2810 (Peeden Drive). (J. Leslie Bell)

VII.F - Cover

VII.F - Peeden scan

J. Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director, reviewed the item.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Branson, seconded by Commissioner Ray Trapp to adopt resolution concerning abandonment of maintenance for a portion of SR# 2810 (Peeden Drive).

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
NOES: None

I. Approve award of Guilford County bid event #472 to H.M. Kern Corporation in the amount of $318,977.00; alternate #5 in the amount of $6,700.00; contingency in the amount of $40,000.00 for unseen repairs that could arise making the contract total $365,677.00, and Approve contract, in substantial form, and authorize staff to perform any and all actions necessary to finalize the contract details.

To accommodate downtown celebrations this summer, the project must be completed between July 5th and September 10th.

Adopt a Governmental Plaza Renovations capital project ordinance in the amount of $376,000 to be funded from an appropriation of County Building Construction Fund fund balance. (Robert McNiece)
Robert McNiece, Property Management/Facilities/Parks & Recreation Director, reviewed the item with the Board.

Commissioner Trapp requested the MWBE participation figures.

McNiece stated the vendor was at 10% participation, but the department is working with them to improve these figures.

Chairman Henning questioned the funding source.

McNiece stated that the funds would come out of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Vice Chairman questioned if funding was transferred for this project.

Lawing stated that the funds are coming from the fund balance of the CIP fund. He noted the time sensitivity of the project and the need to repair the Plaza prior to upcoming downtown celebrations.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, seconded by Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips, to approve award of Guilford County bid event #472 to H.M. Kern Corporation in the amount of $318,977.00; alternate #5 in the amount of $6,700.00; contingency in the amount of $40,000.00 for unseen repairs that could arise making the contract total $365,677.00, and Approve contract, in substantial form, and authorize staff to perform any and all actions necessary to finalize the contract details.**

**Adopt a Governmental Plaza Renovations capital project ordinance in the amount of $376,000 to be funded from an appropriation of County Building Construction Fund fund balance.**

**VOTE:** Motion carried 9 - 0


NOES: None

J. Increase the Room Occupancy/Tourism Development Tax budget (in the Room Occupancy and Tourism Development Tax Fund) from $5,500,000 to $6,000,000 to account for greater-than-budgeted occupancy tax revenues. In order for the county to remit the tax proceeds to the Greensboro/Guilford County Tourism Development Authority and the City of High Point in accordance with the enabling legislation, the budget must be adjusted to the expected final revenue total. (Reid Baker)

Reid Baker, Finance Director, reviewed the item with the Board.
Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Branson, seconded by Commissioner Alan Perdue, to increase the Room Occupancy/Tourism Development Tax budget (in the Room Occupancy and Tourism Development Tax Fund) from $5,500,000 to $6,000,000 to account for greater-than-budgeted occupancy tax revenues. In order for the county to remit the tax proceeds to the Greensboro/Guilford County Tourism Development Authority and the City of High Point in accordance with the enabling legislation, the budget must be adjusted to the expected final revenue total.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 - 0
NOES: None

G. Receive Health and Human Services update for the month of June. (Joe Raymond)

VII.G. - Cover

VII.G – HHSV June 2015 Update for BOCC

Chairman Henning stated there was no DHHS update required during this agenda.

The meeting went into recess at 8:53PM.

The meeting reconvened at 9:00PM.

H. Consider Adoption of the Budget and Budget Ordinance for FY 2015-2016

County Manager Lawing reviewed the draft budget ordinance and discussed the changes made during the recent budget work sessions. He noted that the tax rate is still listed at 77 cents.

Commissioner Coleman questioned the definition of “still need”.

Michael Halford, Budget Director, explained the “still need” column in the ordinance and reviewed funds needed to balance the budget.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns that the County has done a great injustice to the employees of the County, as well as, the students and citizens. She noted the amount given to the school was a $4 million increase from the prior year, but was still inadequate funding to provide services. Coleman noted the growth of charter schools affecting the budget of traditional public schools. She reviewed the manager’s recommendation of a 3% pay increase for employees, and noted this motion only allows for a 2% pool. Coleman discussed the growing concern of compression in the County pay plan and shared the difficulties in recruiting talented staff. She discussed the proposal of eliminating dependent care health insurance and proposed changes to employee longevity.
Commissioner Coleman addressed the decrease in the County tax rate and potential implications for citizens. She expressed her concerns with balancing the budget at the expense of employees and noted that she will not support the FY2015-2016 budget because it is not in the best interest of the citizens, but more of a political platform.

Commissioner Foster echoed Commissioner Coleman’s concerns regarding the lack of funding allotted to Guilford County Schools. She stated that withholding adequate funding is a disservice to the schools and spoke to the funding needs for the Mission Possible Schools initiative.

Commissioner Branson discussed the salary pay increases proposed by the NC Senate and the additional $3 million dollar plan to fund enrollment growth and $58 million for textbooks and technology. He spoke to the benefits of the Senate plan and shared his belief that the State is looking toward properly funding the school system and relieving the County of the financial burdens associated with the rising debt service.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner J. Carlvena Foster, seconded by Commissioner Ray Trapp, to direct approximately $2.7 million allocated to reduce the appropriated Fund Balance towards the operational expenses budget for Guilford County Schools.

VOTE: Motion failed 3 - 6
AYES: C. Coleman, J. Carlvena Foster, R. Trapp

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Ray Trapp, seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, to transfer $2,725,618 allocated to the reduced appropriated Fund Balance to fully fund every Human Services Community Based Organization (CBO) and Economic Development funding request received by the Board for FY2015-2016.

VOTE: Motion failed 3 - 6
AYES: C. Coleman, J. Carlvena Foster, R. Trapp

Vice Chairman Phillips stated he is proud that the Board has worked to reduce the debt level from approximately $900 million in FY2012 to $750 million as of June 30, 2015. He shared the County has a much improved reserve position which shows greater fiscal responsibility. Phillips noted the increases in employee compensation over the past three years. He spoke to the increases in school funding in the past three years, where there had been no increase for five years, and noted approximately 44% of the County budget goes towards education funding for Guilford County Schools and GTCC. Phillips spoke to the balanced approach adopted by the Board while reviewing the budget.
Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns with taking incentives away from employees and shared that the County has an obligation to fund school construction and ensure children have adequate resources for proper education. She noted her concerns with the tax rate listed in the motion and its potential effects upon the County’s ability to pay its debt service.

Commissioner Trapp expressed his concerns with the proposed budget and a lack of participatory budgeting with citizens. He shared his disappointment in the County not investing funds back into the community and stated that he would not support the current budget motion.

Commissioner Conrad spoke in support of the budget and noted the above average rate of unemployment in Guilford County. He expressed concerns with Guilford County having the 19th highest tax rate in the state and the highest municipal tax rate, and its potential effect upon economic development within the County.

Commissioner Cashion commented on her NO vote to allocate additional funds to education and noted the lack of community support to fully fund Guilford County Schools recommended budget. She expressed concerns that allocated funding is not directed to the students and classrooms, and shared her disappointment in the lack of responsiveness from the schools when information is requested.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Alan Branson, to approve the FY2015-2016 Guilford County Budget along with attached Budget Ordinances: A. Capital project ordinance for Guilford County Schools; B. Capital project ordinance for Guilford Technical Community College; C. All related provisions as included in the recommended budget subject to the changes noted in Attachment D with the exception of reduction in appropriated fund balance including an increase in the Room Occupancy and Tourism Development tax budget from $5.5 million to $6 million to reflect improving occupancy tax revenues; D. Set the Guilford County tax rate for FY2015-2016 to .76 cents per $100 valuation; E. Set the Fire Special District, Fire Protection District and Fire Service District overlay tax rates at the rates included in the budget ordinance; and F. Increase fund balance appropriated by $1,874,382.

VOTE: Motion carried 5 - 4
NOES: C. Coleman, J. Carlvena Foster, R. Trapp, K. Cashion

VIII. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Conrad thanked the staff for their work on the Family Justice Center opening. He announced the Town of Oak Ridge will have a Sunday Music in the Park event this Sunday at 7:30PM.
Commissioner Foster expressed congratulations to all Guilford County School graduates. She shared she served as graduation speaker at Penn Griffin School of the Arts and attended Southern Guilford High School’s graduation. Foster expressed her condolences for the victims of the Charleston, SC shooting. She shared her belief that although the Board represents different people, they do work well together and stated her appreciation of the learning experience.

Commissioner Cashion discussed the opening of the Family Justice Center, and expressed her appreciation for the event. She spoke to the immediate volume of clients serviced and shared that the County hosted NACo delegates from Washington, DC who reviewed the Family Justice Center, as well as, the Juvenile Justice Center. Cashion congratulated Catherine Johnson, Family Justice Center Director, on her hard work and thanked Doug Logan for his tour of the Juvenile Justice Center. She spoke to the overview of the Jail Population Reduction Committee provided by Commissioner Trapp for the benefit of visiting NACo representatives and thanked staff for their efforts. She spoke to potential state-level changes involving privatization of mental health care in NC.

Vice Chairman Phillips echoed Commissioner Cashion’s sentiments regarding the Family Justice Center opening and thanked Commissioner Cashion for all of her work to see the project to fruition. He thanked his fellow Commissioners and staff for their work during this budget season.

Commissioner Perdue expressed appreciation for the Family Justice Center. He spoke to the professionalism exhibited by the Board and staff during the budget process. Perdue shared he attend graduation ceremonies at Southern Guilford and Southeast Guilford High School. He wished good luck to staff in the upcoming Guilford Cup Softball game on Saturday at Gibson Park. Perdue noted that today is the anniversary of the nine firefighters lost in a tragic fire in Charleston, SC and expressed condolences for the victims of the city’s recent tragedy.

Branson echoed Commissioner Perdue’s condolences for the victims of the Charleston, SC incident, and shared his appreciation of the Guilford County staff for their hard work during the budget process and for the work they do each and every day. He spoke to the role of the tax base in encouraging economic development and growth within the County.

Chairman Henning expressed his sentiments and prayers to the families in Charleston, SC. He thanked staff for their efforts and expressed appreciation to Commissioner Cashion for her role in the Family Justice Center opening. Henning opined that the County is stabilized and the Board has worked with staff to prioritize spending and utilize the limited resources on hand to ensure the County is a better place to live.

IX. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

Lawing stated he had no comments at this time.
XI. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:49PM.

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Robin Keller
Clerk to Board

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Paul “Hank” Henning, IV
Chairman