The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on June 21, 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, Linda Shaw, Mike Winstead (entered at 5:51 p.m.), Billy Yow.

ABSENT: None.

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

I. INVOCATION

Ben Chavis, Guilford County Tax Director/Chaplain to the Board, offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Melvin “Skip” Alston welcomed everyone.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Leon Nutez, 214 Peach Orchard Drive, Greensboro, expressed his opinion on the County Manager’s retirement package. He also commented on a visit to his granddaughter’s high school in East Brunswick, New Jersey and said it was state of the art.
V. APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Alston asked if Commissioners would like to pull any items off the consent agenda for separate consideration.

Commissioner Davis asked to pull Item V. A. 4 from the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Parks and seconded by Commissioner Shaw to approve the consent agenda and the motion carried 7 to 3 on the following roll call vote:

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

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. Approved increase to the Emergency Services FY 2011-12 budget in the amount of $20,433 for reimbursement of funds from FEMA and the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. These funds offset expenses incurred during a NC Emergency Management assistance response request to areas of NC impacted by Hurricane Irene in August 2011 with the Ambulance Strike Team and Emergency Management support personnel. Also allow for disbursement of reimbursement funds to other jurisdictions that participated in the deployment. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund:
Increase Appropriation
Emergency Services $20,433
Increase Federal/State Revenue $20,433

2. Approved amending the FY 11-12 budgets for various General Fund departments (attached) to account for projected year-end expenditures and revenues. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund:
Increase Appropriation to:
Clerk to Board $5,500
Human Resources $25,000
Internal Audit $7,000
Purchasing $5,000
Information Services $205,000
Tax $20,000
Register of Deeds $17,000
Fleet $5,000
Solid Waste $105,000
Culture/Recreation $2,000

Decrease Appropriation to:
Planning & Development ($62,000)
Public Health ($100,000)
Child Support Enforcement ($7,500)
Law Enforcement ($200,000)
Emergency Services ($27,000)

Increase Sales Tax Revenue 1,500,000
Decrease Federal/State Revenue ($1,500,000)

Internal Services Fund:
Increase Appropriation to:
Employee Health Care Plan $386,000

Decrease:
User Charges $78,000

Increase:
Other Revenues $264,000
Fund Balance Appropriated $200,000

3. Approved increase to the FY 2011-12 Economic Development & Assistance budget of $113,600 for receipt of the "One NC Fund Grant" from the North Carolina Department of Commerce. The funds will be disbursed to Precor Incorporated in the amount of $113,600 per the terms of the One NC Fund grant. NO COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund:
Increase Appropriation
Economic Development & Assistance $113,600
Increase Federal/State Revenue $113,600

Item V. A. 4 Removed for separate consideration.

B. CONTRACTS

1. Approved the contract with One Step Further in the amount $100,000 for services provided to Court Services and the Specialty Courts. The primary services provided are instructional classes in areas such as Employment Readiness, GED Preparation and Anger Management. Outpatient substance abuse counseling is also provided. The contract period will begin on July 1, 2012 and end on June 30, 2013 with the option to renew for one year. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Approved increases/decreases of more than 10% to the original purpose and function allocation to the Guilford County Schools Local Current Expense Fund as required by North Carolina General Statute 115C-426(f).

2. Approved the attached final Budget Ordinance for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, which includes the final adjustments made to the ordinance to reflect the Board-approved changes to sales tax revenues and the estimated value of property tax appeals approved on June 7, 2012, as well as a correction of a typographical error in the referenced session law related to the establishment of the boundaries of fire service/protection districts. No changes to departmental budgets or the final tax rate as approved by the Board on June 7, 2012 have been made.

3. Approved the Tax Department's Beverage Licenses and Collections Reports.

Ben Chavis, Tax Director, submitted lists of applications for beverage licenses, which he stated, had been approved by the Sheriff’s Department and the North Carolina ABC Board. The Board adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that beverage licenses be issued to applicants as shown by lists filed with these Minutes and that said party be and they are hereby granted licenses in accordance with their applications effective upon the payment of the licenses tax, said licenses to be signed in the name of Guilford county by the Tax Supervisor or one of his assistant and delivered to the applicants upon receipt of the licenses tax as provided by law.

TAX COLLECTION REPORTS FILED

Ben Chavis, Tax Director, filed reports of tax collections for the period ending May 31, 2012 for the Greensboro, High Point, Jamestown and Countywide collections offices, and a back year financial report.

4. Approved the Tax Department's Rebate and Release Reports.
Ben Chavis, Tax Director, submitted lists of corrections of clerical errors and assessments made in connection with taxes and assessments for the year 2011 and prior years, and list were approved and ordered filed with these minutes.

5. Approved the following sets of minutes:
   March 15, 2012     Regular Meeting
   April 30, 2012     Work Session

ITEM V. A. 4 REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

4. Approved the purchase of (37) Tactical Headset Systems and accessories to the lowest responsive bidder, SILYNX Communications Inc. for $63,900 as per Bid Event 298 and increase the Law Enforcement FY 11/12 budget by $23,400 to reflect the appropriation of Unauthorized Substance Tax fund balance for the purchase of (37) Tactical Headset Systems and accessories. The remaining balance of $40,500 will be funded from budgeted funds from the radio upgrade budget. These headset systems will be used by the Sheriff’s Emergency Response Team as a communications platform for tactical operations. The unaudited Unauthorized Substance Tax balance is $45,790. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Perkins, and seconded by Commissioner Gibson to approve Item V. A. 4.

Commissioner Davis asked questions regarding the emergency team and specifically the demographics of the emergency response team.

Sheriff Barnes said the team is similar to a swat team and said he will provide Commissioner Davis the demographics requested.

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, Paul
         Gibson, John Parks. Linda Shaw, Billy Yow.
NOES:    Commissioner Bruce Davis.
ABSENT:  Commissioner Mike Winstead.

Vice Chairman Perkins recognized Sharron Ozment, Chief Financial Officer Guilford County Schools on her retirement after 38 years of service to the school system

Commissioners individually thanked Sharron for her many years of service, commended her on an outstanding job and wished her well in her retirement.
She thanked the Board and wished them the best.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Approved a sole source contract with McKesson for the purchase of Horizon Practice Plus software to replace the existing Practice Partner billing software and provide implementation services for $293,963.60 in year one of the project. Approved the acquisition of new hardware, storage and software for the Practice Plus also in year one in the amount of $53,850. Approved the payment of annual maintenance for Practice Plus for years 2 through 5 at $53474 totaling $213,896. Approved 4 years 9 months of monthly payments ($3,318) to the clearing house, a part of McKesson, totaling $189,126. 5 year cost authorized $750,892.60. No additional county funds are required through FY 11-12, as funding for the initial expenses of this project is included in the FY 11-12 budget and the FY 12-13 budget recently approved by the Board of Commissioners. Future year costs will be included in the Information Services and Public Health budgets.

Motion was made by Commissioner Shaw, and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve Item V. A. 4.

Commissioner Yow indicated this item was pulled off the agenda a few months ago for further review. He said he would like staff to take more time to review contracts and negotiate in best of Guilford County. He requested staff fully examine items before coming to the Board for approval.

The motion carried 11 to 0 on the following roll call vote:

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

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

General Fund:
Increase Appropriation Law Enforcement $23,400
Increase Fund Balance $23,400
(Unauthorized Substance Tax)

VII. NEW BUSINESS
A. 1.) Approved a payment of $119,971 to PART to cover projected shortfall for running the county transportation services in FY 2011-2012. Funds are available in the current Transportation budget to make this additional payment. 2.) Approved vehicle revenue hour rate of $46.65 for FY 2012-2013, which is an increase over FY 2011-2012 rate of $39.71. Funds are available in the FY 2012-2013 budget cover this rate increase.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson, and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve Item VII. A. 1. including a directive that staff make the necessary contract changes for implementation.

The motion carried 11 to 0 on the following roll call vote:

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

Commissioner Coleman asked for a breakdown of how the dollars are to be spent.

Brent McKinney, PART Director, provided a brief timeline leading up to this request. He explained that when PART took over they converted everything to an hourly rate rather than a cost per trip. He said they realized that the service hours were lower and therefore their dollars were lower. He indicated that they budgeted fixed costs over a number of hours and then ran short in trying to recoup their costs. He said the way they budgeted gave them a shortfall. He said they have increased their efficiency but they need help at this time. He added that their new budget will be based on fixed costs.

Myra Thompson, Guilford County Transportation Manager, explained PART statistics were slightly skewed because they used MV’s statistics when they took over. She said PART is more efficient. She said they are basing next year’s budget on new statistics to remedy this situation for next year.

Commissioner Coleman requested an organizational chart from PART and expressed concern regarding administrative costs.

Ms. Thompson also explained the Medicaid client changes.

Commissioner Yow questioned why the county was not notified of the budget shortfall earlier. He said this should have been brought up during the budget process.

Commissioner Gibson asked Ms. Thompson if they run trips out of the county and she replied yes.
Commissioner Davis what has been done to correct the accounting problems and Mr. McKinney said they are changing their software system.

Commissioner Cashion asked for clarification that next year’s budgeting will be based on 5500 hours per month (fixed costs) which will allow for budgetary fluctuations but will not cause budget shortfall.

Commissioner Yow said he likes the way the county is moving forward in transportation and Vice Chairman Perkins concurred.

County Attorney Mark Payne asked the Chairman if the motion includes a directive to staff to make the necessary contract changes for implementation and he indicated yes.

B. New Business from County Commissioners.

Vice Chairman Perkins made a motion to keep parks operations as they are currently maintained. The motion died for lack of a second.

Vice Chairman Perkins made a motion to terminate the employment agreement with County Manager Brenda Jones Fox and dismiss her effective immediately. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Gibson said he would like the Chairman/Board to consider appointing a Blue Ribbon Committee to look at programs to divert people from going into the jail.

Chairman Alston said he liked the idea. He offered that if the jail advisory committee would like to stay intact and anyone else join the committee to address those issues that could be an option.

Commissioner Gibson said he would like to open up the committee to people in the community that have expertise in this area.

Commissioner Coleman said she liked the idea of forming a Blue Ribbon Committee to look at programs and coordinate programs. However, she said the Blue Ribbon Committee should be an expanded jail committee comprised of experts, citizens and staff.

Chairman Alston appointed Commissioners Coleman and Gibson to be the Blue Ribbon Committee co-chairs and bring back a recommendation to the Board regarding membership.

Commissioner Yow made a motion to reinstate parking for the non-elected judges, magistrates and Clerk of Court employees. He said he would like for the Board to hear from some of the people that are contacting him with their concerns regarding a recent decision made by the County Manager concerning parking in the upper ground level of the Courthouse Plaza.

Chairman Alston suggested a Board work session to discuss parking concerns.

Commissioner Yow asked if the county will extend parking until the work session.
County Manager Fox explained parking agreement. She said parking for state employees would be terminated on June 30 but indicated that State court department heads and judges will still have their spaces. She pointed out that county employees receive parking first from the reallocated spaces.

Vice Chairman Perkins stated that staff has worked on parking and no work session is necessary.

Chairman Alston asked if the Board would like to have a work session on June 28th to discuss parking. There was not support to have a work session.

VIII. MADE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Commissioner Shaw read the recommendations for appointments and reappointments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Shaw, and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the appointment and reappointments.

The motion carried 11 to 0 on the following roll call vote:

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

Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee
Appointed Megan Craig (term expiring 6/30/14)
Reappointed Mike Runkle (term expiring 6/30/13)
Appointed Jeffrey Shaw (term expiring 6/30/13)

Board of Adjustment
Appointed Larry Standley (term expiring 6/1/15)
Appoint Robert Lawler (term expiring 6/1/15)
Reappointed Cornelius Graves (term expiring 4/1/15)
Appointed Frankie Jones (term expiring 4/1/14)
Appointed Willie Johnson (term expiring 6/1/15)
Appointed James Burroughs (term expiring 4/1/14)

City County Insurance Committee
Appointed Betty Stubbins (term expiring 5/6/13)

Commission on Aging
Reappointed Kim Ketcham (term expiring 3/2/15)
Appointed Leander Brown (term expiring 6/1/15)
Reappointed Jackie Manzi (term expiring 3/2/15)
Appointed Patricia Joyner (term expiring 7/31/13)
Appointed Gertrude Atkins (term expiring 2/1/13)
Appointed Beulah Lloyd (term expiring 6/1/15)

Fire District Commission – Southeast
Appointed Christopher Bowman (term expiring 4/30/13)
Appointed Richard Miles (term expiring 4/30/13)
Appointed David Merrill (term expiring 4/30/13)

Fire District Commission – District #28 Friedens
Reappointed Michael Childress (term expiring 4/30/14)
Reappointed Curry Ridge (term expiring 4/30/14)
Reappointed Bobby Ray (term expiring 4/30/14)

Fire District Commission - Gibsonville
Reappointed John Harden (term expiring 4/30/14)

Fire District Commission – Kimesville
Reappointed Dina Euliss (term expiring 4/30/14)
Reappointed Christopher Bowman (term expiring 4/30/14)
Reappointed Deborah Black (term expiring 4/30/14)

Fire District Commission – McLeansville
Reappointed Curtis Kennedy (term expiring 4/30/14)
Reappointed Arthur Honeycutt (term expiring 4/30/14)

Fire District Commission – Mr. Hope
Reappointed Dewey Greeson (term expiring 4/30/14)
Reappointed Timothy Shoffner (term expiring 4/30/14)
Reappointed Larry Moore (term expiring 4/30/14)

Fire District Commission – Oak Ridge
Reappointed Marion Stack (term expiring 6/1/14)
Reappointed J. C. Williams (term expiring 6/1/14)
Reappointed Johnny L. Stafford (term expiring 6/1/14)

Fire District Commission – Whitsett
Reappointed E. G. Morgan (term expiring 4/30/14)
Reappointed Frank Phillippe (term expiring 4/30/14)
Reappointed Leroy Varner (term expiring 4/30/14)

GTCC Board of Trustees
Reappointed Edith Chance (term expiring 6/30/16)

High Point Board of Adjustment
Reappointed Larry Barr, Sr. (term expiring 7/1/15)

**High Point Planning and Zoning Commission**
Reappointed Martha Shepherd (term expiring 7/1/15)

**Juvenile Crime Prevention Council**
Appointed Carmen Graves (term expiring 7/1/14)
Reappointed Reverend Diane Moffett (term expiring 7/1/14)
Reappointed Gerald Walden, Jr. (term expiring 7/1/14)
Reappointed Jenny Caviness (term expiring 7/1/14)
Reappointed Maria Hicks-Few (term expiring 7/1/14)

**Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee**
Appointed Irene Teesdale (term expiring 6/30/13)
Reappointed Harold Murdock (term expiring 7/1/15)

**Parks and Recreation**
Appointed Bob Kollar (term expiring 6/30/14)

**Planning Board**
Appointed Al Leonard (term expiring 9/5/13)
Reappointed Charles Nelson, Sr. (term expiring 4/30/15)

**Piedmont Triad Regional Delegate**
Appointed Commissioner Carolyn Coleman

**PART Board of Directors**
Appointed Commissioner Carolyn Coleman

**IX. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Parks expressed condolences to Commissioner Bencini for the loss of his mother and Commissioner Shaw on the loss of her sister. He also announced that the Audit Committee will meet on July 19th at 4:00 p.m. in the County Manager’s Conference Room.

Commissioner Cashion said several citizens have expressed interest in the next Citizen’s Academy and asked for the Board’s support to proceed. There was unanimous consent. She also asked about the status of Senate Bill 799 concerning Guilford County’s redistricting which passed in the General Assembly on June 11th.

County Attorney Mark Payne advised he will submit the redistricting plan to the Department of Justice for pre-clearance. Mark explained the procedural steps necessary regarding the changes.
Commissioner Shaw congratulated her grandson on his graduation from Western Guilford High School. She also thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers regarding her sister’s recent passing and expressed her condolences to Commissioner Bencini on the loss of his mother.

Vice Chairman Perkins expressed his condolences on Commissioner Bencini’s loss. He also congratulated all Guilford County High School graduates.

Commissioner Davis said information he requested from the Sheriff’s Department concerning demographic data relating to promotions was at their seats for review. He said he will continue to serve his constituents regarding racial discrimination. He also said he hopes the Blue Ribbon panel will be successful.

Commissioner Coleman expressed condolences to Commissioners Shaw and Bencini on the loss of their loved ones. She said she looks forward to working with Commissioner Gibson on the Blue Ribbon Committee to alleviate problems. She said she will get back with the Chairman and the Board on the purpose of the committee and membership.

Commissioner Gibson concurred with Commissioner Coleman and said he looks forward to positive things that can be done in Guilford County. He said he looks forward to reducing recidivism in the county jail. He also addressed a Bill for bail bondsman that will affect Guilford County.

Commissioner Bencini thanked everyone for their kind words on the loss of his mother.

Commissioner Shaw said she is very concerned about the Bill which will affect bail bondsman. He said the County should go on record in opposition to the Bill.

X. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

There were no comments from the County Manager.

XI. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Van Clippard, Oak Ridge resident, expressed his discontent regarding Item V. A. 4 which was pulled from the consent agenda by Commissioner Davis. He urged the Board to have a clear mind when voting on items.

XII. HELD CLOSED SESSION TO CONSULT WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY AND A PERSONNEL MATTER

Motion was made by Commissioner Winstead, and seconded by Commissioner Shaw to enter Closed Session to discuss the possible location or expansion of business or industry and a personnel matter.
The Board entered Closed Session at 6:57 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 8:16 p.m.

**APPROVED PAYMENT OF FINAL SETTLEMENT OF WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM IN THE AMOUNT OF $200,000 AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF**

Motion was made by Commissioner Shaw, and seconded by Commissioner Cashion to approve the final settlement of the Workers Compensation claim in the amount of $200,000 as recommended by staff.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**SET PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE REQUEST FOR JULY 19, 2012**

Commissioner Shaw made a motion to set a public hearing for July 19, 2012 to hear an economic incentive request and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**XIII. ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, Commissioner Shaw made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Davis at 8:19 p.m. and the motion carried unanimously by consent.

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Chairman

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Clerk