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

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Marty Lawing, County Manager; Mark Payne, County Attorney; Robin Keller, Clerk to the Board; Michael Halford, Budget Director; Bonnie Stellfox, Purchasing Director; Delanie Poteat, Interim Property Management Director; Jim Albright, Emergency Services Director; Ben Chavis, Tax Director; Hemant Desai, Director of Information Services; Jeff Fowler, Security Director; Paul Lowe, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Thomas Marshburn, Parks Operations Manager; and members of the media and community.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplin Ben Chavis lead the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members from Troop 426 lead those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bencini called the meeting to order and turned over the floor to Commissioner Branson.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. RECOGNIZE DANIEL "MARK" CLAPP, JARED COX, TYLER GRIFFIN, BEN
WEEKLY AND PAUL WHEELER FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENT OF ATTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Commissioner Branson recognized each of the Eagle Scouts and presented them with certificates which recognized their achievements.

Commissioner Branson encouraged each Scout to address the Board and share their Eagle Scout projects.

Jared Cox, of Southeast Guilford High School, shared that he had built a prayer arbor and a brick pathway at his church.

Paul Wheeler stated that he had repurposed an old school bell and constructed a mount to display the relic at Tabernacle United Methodist Church.

Ben Weekly commented that he worked to convert an old storage building at Grimsley High School into a location to sell school spirit supplies with proceeds benefiting the school.

Commissioner Branson spoke on behalf of Tyler Griffin and Daniel “Mark” Clapp who both achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, but were unable to make the Commissioners’ meeting.

Commissioner Branson congratulated the members of Troop 426 for their hard work and achievements.

V. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Pearl Burris-Floyd, Vice President of Governmental Affairs with the Greensboro Partnership, introduced herself to the Board. Burris-Floyd shared that she was a former County Commissioner in Gaston County and a State Legislator. Burris-Floyd offered her services as a resource to the Commissioners and stated that she looked forward to working with the Board.

Commissioner Shaw stated that Burris-Floyd would be a great asset to the Partnership and commented that she was looking forward to working with her in the future.

Commissioner Cashion shared that she had the pleasure of working with Burris-Floyd in the past and looked forward to collaborating on projects with her.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Bencini asked if any of the Commissioners would like to remove any items from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

Commissioner Trapp requested the removal of item VI.A.1.C. from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Cashion requested the removal of item VI.A.6 from the consent agenda.

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS
1. Approve the following Public Health increases and decreases in budget, resulting in a net decrease to the FY 2014 budget of ($38,880). NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

**Adult Services: ($27,850)**

a) Approve a decrease in State/Federal revenue to reflect elimination of funding in Syphilis Elimination Program ($27,850). Operational expenses will be reduced to offset the funding reduction. (Lapsed salaries in position # 10375 and supplies).

**Community/Environment: $18,283**

b) Approve a $10,783 increase in Federal/State revenues to reflect funds received from Healthy Communities Grant. The Healthy Communities program provides North Carolina Counties with resources to develop and implement policy systems and environmental change. Interventions that improve local food systems, increase food security, promote active living through planning, reduce tobacco use and prevent chronic disease. This project is one of our most valuable in teaching the community healthy living strategies. Our Community Gardening projects will benefit from these grant dollars. Food deserts are a large part of our efforts, and materials that assure access to healthier foods will be our target. Funds will be used to purchase gardening equipment to support and increase community gardening efforts, fitness equipment for employee fitness room along with SNAP/EBT tokens for the Sunrise Market. The tokens will enable the market to leverage monies from the foundations and other sources to increase the value of fresh produce that can be purchased by SNAP/EBT beneficiaries.

**Removed from Consent Agenda for separate consideration**

c) Approve a $7,500 increase in Other revenues to reflect funds received from United Way of Greater Greensboro, Bryan Community Enrichment and Venture Grant funds. This is a one year grant which totals $15,000, receiving $7,500 in FY 14 and second distribution of $7,500 in FY 15. These grants are awarded as:

i) Seed money which provides short term support for startup, development and stabilization of new and innovative programs.

ii) System building grants that strengthen the capacity of existing agencies to impact the human service delivery system.

iii) Support to redirect agencies to more effectively address areas of need. These funds will be used to purchase equipment and a vehicle to address the food deserts and food access in the community through the development of a mobile market program that will sell locally grown fruits and vegetables in low income neighborhoods throughout Southeast and East Greensboro. The mobile market will also serve to educate residents about the importance of consuming fresh produce to maintain health and prevent chronic disease.
Family/Children: ($29,313)

d) Approve a ($9,251) decrease in Federal/State revenue to align budgets in our Family Planning TANF programs. Operational expenses will be decreased to offset this reduction.

e) Approve a ($20,062) decrease in Federal/State revenue in our Maternal Health Program. Operational lines will be reduced to offset this funding reduction (medical supplies, postage).

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

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2. Increase the FY 2013-2014 budget for Culture & Recreation by $16,550 to reflect the appropriation of revenue proceeds from the sale of old parks equipment on GOVDEALS. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

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3. A) Increase the Law Enforcement FY 2013/14 budget in the amount of $66,138 to reflect the appropriation of prior year Unauthorized Substance Tax funds; and

B) Approve the purchase of new tactical rifles and accessories for Law Enforcement, in the amount of $82,113 with Trade-In of old outdated Law Enforcement weapons totaling ($15,975) bring the price down to $66,138 from vendor Lawmen's 3319 Anvil Pl. Raleigh, NC 27603. Bid Event #398 was released and the award went to Lawmen's. The rifles and accessories will be used by Law Enforcement when responding to tactical situations, such as barricaded subjects, hostage situations, armed robberies, active shooters, etc. Prior year Unauthorized Substance Tax funds in the amount of $66,138 will be used for this purchase. The unaudited remaining balance in prior year Unauthorized Substance Tax funds before the purchase of the items listed above totals $156,975. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.
The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

General Fund
Increase Appropriation
Increase Law Enforcement $66,138
Increase Appropriated Fund Balance $66,138

4. A) Increase the Law Enforcement FY 2013/14 budget in the amount of $17,196 to reflect the appropriation of prior year Unauthorized Substance Tax funds.; and
B) Approve the purchase of Ammunition and Infrared Laser Illuminators for Law Enforcement, in the amount of $17,196 from vendor Lawmen's 3319 Anvil Pl. Raleigh, NC 27603. The first type of ammunition to be purchased is Speer Gold Dot .223 64 Grain which is a State Contract item. Purchase price $3,870. The second type of ammunition is Hornady AMAX TAP .308 caliber 168 Grain. Competitive quotes from vendors were sought with Lawmen’s being the lowest quote received. The purchase price of this ammunition is $4,266. The Illuminators are Insight brand model AN/PEQ-15. Three competitive quotes were obtained with Lawmen’s being the lowest quote. The purchase price of the Illuminators are $9,060. The ammunition and Illuminators will be used by Law Enforcement when responding to tactical situations, such as barricaded subjects, hostage situations, armed robberies, active shooters, etc. Prior year Unauthorized Substance Tax funds in the amount of $17,196 will be used for this purchase. The unaudited remaining balance in Unauthorized Substance Tax funds before the purchase of the items listed above totals $156,975. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

General Fund
Increase Appropriation
Increase Law Enforcement $17,196
Increase Appropriated Fund Balance - Unauthorized Substance Abuse Tax $17,196

5. A) Approve receipt of the additional 2013 HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Grant funds in the amount of $40,000. for a total of $117,350 in awarded 2013 HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Grant funds; and
B) Increase the FY 2014 Law Enforcement budget by $40,000 to reflect the appropriation of additional funds received for the 2013 HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Grant for a total of $117,350 in awarded 2013 HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Grant funds. These grant funds will be used for overtime, training, travel, communications for the Task force (phones/GPS) and technical investigative equipment. All HIDTA Grant funds are for the sole purpose of reducing drug trafficking and production in North Carolina. NO LOCAL MATCH IS REQUIRED. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.
The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

General Fund
Increase Appropriation
Law Enforcement $40,000
Increase Federal / State Revenue $40,000

Removed from Consent Agenda for separate consideration

6. Approve an increase of $53,843 to the 2013-2014 Property Tax Revenue budget and also to the Tax Department budget to permit payment of $53,843 to Tax Management Associates, Inc. for contracted audit services (contract #0438-10/89-080 as amended). As a result of these property tax audit services, the County has realized an additional $179,477 in property tax revenue. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

The following Budget Ordinance Amendment was adopted:

**BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

General Fund
Increase Appropriation to Tax $53,843
Increase Property Tax $53,843

B. **CONTRACTS**

1. Approve the following Price Only Contract Renewals with No Price Increase and not expected to exceed the amounts listed for FY 14/15 for the products/services listed below with each supplier and their respective contract dates:

   (a) Champion Janitorial Services, Inc., (Contract #19984-02/13-158)-Amendment #2-Janitorial Services for three Guilford County locations HP Health in High Point ($41,420), NC; Old County Courthouse, 301 W. Market Street, Greensboro, NC ($26,280) and AG Center at 3309 Burlington Road, Greensboro, NC ($19,600). Total renewal for the three locations: $87,300.00 Contract period 07-01-2014 to 06-30-2015 - No renewals remaining.

   (b) Delve Interiors LLC (Contract #56847-04/10-174)-Amendment #2- $100,000.00 - Purchase and Installation of Allsteel Concensys Workstations/Panel Systems for Guilford County-Contract period 04-01-2014 to 03-31-2015 - No renewals remaining.

   (c) Toshiba Business Solutions Inc. (Contract #10899-09/11-111)-Amendment #1-$272,452.00 for Multifunctional Copiers for Guilford County-Contract period 07-01-2014 thru 06-30-2015- One renewal option remaining NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS. (Bonnie Stellfox)

2. Execute a maximum exposure contract in the amount of $234,553.20 for the purchase of approximately 375 desktops from NWN Corporation, a state approved vendor (State
contract # 204-A). (Funds are already appropriated for this purpose within Information Services FY 2014 Budget). NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED

C. MISCELLANEOUS


2. Approve the Tax Department's Beverage License and Tax Collections Reports for the month ending January 31, 2014. (Ben Chavis)

3. Approve the following sets of County Commissioner's Meeting Minutes:
   - 1/23/14 - Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
   - 02/03/14 - Tax Committee
   - 02/06/14 - Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Bruce Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Branson to approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0.
NOES: None.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

VI.A.1.C. Approve a $7,500 increase in Other revenues to reflect funds received from United Way of Greater Greensboro, Bryan Community Enrichment and Venture Grant funds. This is a one year grant which totals $15,000, receiving $7,500 in FY 14 and second distribution of $7,500 in FY 15. These grants are awarded as:

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Commissioner Trapp asked Ken Carter, Assistant Public Health Director, to address the issue.

Mr. Carter shared that the Public Health Department is working with local communities to develop an urban farming program in Guilford County. Carter stated that this program would
increase the availability of fresh produce and could provide employment opportunities to residents in the County. Carter shared that Public Health staff was working to develop a mobile unit which could distribute provisions in an effort to combat food deserts.

Commissioner Trapp asked if SNAP benefits could be utilized on the mobile units.

Carter stated that currently residents could not use their SNAP for the mobile units, at this time but that they are working toward that goal.

Commissioner Trapp shared that he appreciated the staff of the Public Health Department for their work.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ray Trapp, and seconded by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw to approve a $7,500 increase in other revenues to reflect funds received from United Way of Greater Greensboro, Bryan Community Enrichment and Venture Grant funds. This is a one year grant which totals $15,000, receiving $7,500 in FY 14 and second distribution of $7,500 in FY 15.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0.
NOES: None.

VI.A.6. Approve an increase of $53,843 to the 2013-2014 Property Tax Revenue budget and also to the Tax Department budget to permit payment of $53,843 to Tax Management Associates, Inc. for contracted audit services (contract #0438-10/89-080 as amended). As a result of these property tax audit services, the County has realized an additional $179,477 in property tax revenue. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

Commissioner Cashion questioned the amount of the contract.

Ben Chavis, Tax Director, provided clarification and commented that the Tax Department was working to implement a fee per audit system.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Davis to approve an increase of $53,843 to the 2013-2014 Property Tax Revenue budget and also to the Tax Department budget to permit payment of $53,843 to Tax Management Associates, Inc. for contracted audit services (contract #0438-10/89-080 as amended). As a result of these property tax audit services, the County has realized an additional $179,477 in property tax revenue. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0.
NOES: None.
VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve the amendment / establishment to the various school capital project ordinances totaling $261,000 in order to replace the 23 year old roof on Page High School's Auditorium. See attachments for details.

Angie Henry, Chief Financial Officer- Guilford County Schools, addressed the Board. Henry commented that the Commissioners were being asked to approve two projects on the agenda; the first for Page High School to complete a roof repair, the second project Henry shared was to transfer funds from completed projects into Ragsdale High School to implement a roofing and HVAC project.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw to approve the amendment / establishment to the various school capital project ordinances totaling $261,000 in order to replace the 23 year old roof on Page High School's Auditorium.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0.
NOES: None.

The Board expressed confusion regarding the vote. Commissioners stated that their vote had been for the first proposal presented by Ms. Henry which included two agenda items.

Mark Payne, County Attorney, recommended that the Board revote on the matter to ensure that the Commissioners intentions were made clear.

The Board proceeded to revote on the first measure - regarding the proposed improvements at Page High School.

Approve the amendment / establishment to the various school capital project ordinances totaling $261,000 in order to replace the 23 year old roof on Page High School's Auditorium.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw to approve the amendment / establishment to the various school capital project ordinances totaling $261,000 in order to replace the 23 year old roof on Page High School's Auditorium.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0.
NOES: None.

2. Approve the amendments to the various school capital project ordinances totaling $5,295,239 in order to complete the Ragsdale High School HVAC System Improvements and Roof Replacement project as outlined in the attachments.
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The Board then considered the second proposal made by Henry to fund improvements at Ragsdale High School.

Commissioner Phillips expressed his concerns with the costs associated with the project and the large range of the cost estimates. Phillips asked how long the bid process would take to complete.

Mr. Julius Monk, Executive Director of Facilities- Guilford County Schools, commented that the bid process would take about four weeks. Monk stated that the costs associated with bidding the project included advertising fees and hiring a designer to review and analyze the submitted bids.

Commissioner Phillips asked if the School Board had developed a cost estimate to complete the bid process.

Mr. Monk stated that the School Board had not developed a budget for the administrative costs associated with bidding out the proposed Ragsdale project.

Commissioner Phillips expressed his interest in continuing the item until such time in which the School Board could develop more specific budget estimates regarding the project in an effort to establish a more accurate budget ordinance adjustment.

Commissioner Shaw stated that she hoped that the Board would not delay the project.

Commissioner Phillips expressed concerns regarding the unspecific price associated with the project.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns regarding MWBE participation associated with the proposed project and the transition from a Construction Manager at Risk format.

Mr. Monk stated that promoting MWBE participation in construction projects is important to the School Board. Monk shared that School Board staff regularly conducts outreach efforts to minority firms to help increase the entity’s MWBE participation rate.

Mr. Monk explained the various strategies that the School Board employs to increase the MWBE participation rate associated with construction projects.

Commissioner Coleman asked for MWBE participation rates on past projects to be explained.

Mr. Monk stated that he did not have those specific figures and could provide them at a later date to the Board.
Commissioner Coleman expressed her concerns regarding MWBE participation rates on past school construction projects and reviewed the schools efforts to conduct a disparity study. She questioned the deviation of processes as potentially conflicting in attaining their MWBE goals.

Commissioner Davis asked what would be the impacts if the project was delayed.

Mr. Monk commented that delaying the project would impact the likelihood that the School Board could source the needed materials to complete the project. Monk also shared that the pushing the project back would shorten the timeline needed to complete the renovations at Ragsdale High School. Monk shared that the School Board was planning to utilize qualified school construction bonds to complete the project. Monk commented that the bond funds need to be disbursed by February 2015.

Commissioner Davis asked for the substitute motion to be clarified and cautioned the Board in any hindrance of the project as result of delaying Board consideration.

Commissioner Phillips expressed concerns that the School Board did not have a firm bid for the project. Phillips stated that the $1.3 million dollar variance in the expected costs associated with project was too broad.

Mr. Monk shared that the bid process would take about four weeks to complete. Monk commented that another six weeks would have to be built into the proposal to factor in the time needed for the School Board to source the various materials and components to complete the project.

Commissioner Davis shared that he was not in favor of tabling the proposal.

Mr. Lawing, County Manager, asked if the proposed improvements had been designed.

Mr. Monk stated that the designs for the improvements had been completed.

Mr. Lawing shared that the Board had concerns given that typically the school construction projects come in well under budget. Lawing stated that it is common practice for the Commissioners to be then asked to move realized savings into another project ordinance. Mr. Lawing suggested that the School Board bid the project out and then come back to address the Commissioners after a firm cost is established for the project. Lawing stated that by implementing this strategy the project could move forward and costs could be more closely controlled.

Commissioner Davis expressed his support for the project and commented that he wanted the proposal to move forward. Davis asked how much contingency was budgeted for the Ragsdale project.

Mr. Monk stated that the contingency for the project is $754,000.

Vice Chairman Henning asked for clarification regarding how the contingency would be spent.
Mr. Monk commented that the contingency fund would help to account for unforeseen project costs discovered upon removal of the roof.

Henning asked if the School Board could commence with the bidding process giving the existing funds in the Project Ordinance for the repairs.

Lawing stated that he did not foresee any issues that would impact the School System’s ability to begin the bidding process for the Ragsdale project. Lawing shared as the proposed improvements have been designed-the project was ready to bid. Lawing commented that it was up to the Commissioners whether to make an additional adjustment to the budget ordinance based upon a large estimated range or from a more exact quote realized through the bid process.

Board of Education Chairman Alan Duncan addressed the Commissioners. Duncan reviewed the components associated with the project. Duncan shared that the School Board was on a tight time line to complete the project. Duncan stated that tabling the Ragsdale motion would hinder the completion of the proposed improvements at Ragsdale High School. Duncan expressed concerns with Lawing’s suggestion. Duncan commented that he did not know if the School Board could legally bid out a project- if there was no funding committed to it.

Chairman Bencini asked County Attorney Mark Payne if it would be permissible to complete the bid process prior to having a completed budget ordinance in place.

Payne stated that it would be possible and permissible- if the costs associated with conducting the bid process would be included in the project.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns regarding how the School Board was proposing to bid out the project. Coleman stated that usually Construction Manager (CM) at Risk bids were associated with higher project costs.

Board of Education Chairman Duncan commented that the CM at risk bids has been utilized for various other school construction projects in the County. Duncan expressed his support for employing MWBE firms. Duncan stated that a disparity study would be useful in identifying additional MWBE firms.

Commissioner Phillips shared that he was comfortable approving the renovation project at the lower estimate amount- which was provided by the School Board staff.

Commissioner Cashion asked for the $1.3 million dollar price range associated with the Ragsdale High School project to be explained.

Board of Education Chairman Duncan shared that the School Board utilized a 10 % range in projecting the cost estimates associated with the renovation project. Duncan commented that his ultimate goal was to provide an estimate that is as accurate as possible.

Chairman Bencini expressed concerns regarding how past budget ordinances were structured. Bencini shared that quite often budget ordinances have large surpluses remaining- after projects are complete. Bencini commented that this creates greater complexity for the Commissioners as-
unspent funds are requested to be transferred to other school projects. Bencini stated that in the future he would like to see the School Board make requests based on firm and more accurate estimates.

Board of Education Chairman Duncan responded that given the time constraints associated with the Ragsdale High School project, he asked the Commissioners for the ability to move forward with the proposal utilizing the implementation plan that the School Board typically follows. Duncan stated that School Board staff and representatives from the Board of Commissioners could work collaboratively to develop a plan to manage future allocation requests.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns regarding hindering the Ragsdale project. Coleman stated that she wanted to see the project move forward.

Commissioner Cashion questioned the 10% range included in the request. Cashion stated that it seemed a little excessive.

Chairman Bencini shared that Commissioners would be more comfortable making decisions regarding budget ordinance amendments with more detailed estimates.

Commissioner Cashion stated that due to the unique time constraints associated with the project she would consider the request. Cashion commented that she still had concerns regarding the proposal. Cashion shared that she was looking forward to working with members of the School Board to develop a new process for making budget requests.

Commissioner Coleman called the question- for the substitute motion to be voted on.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Alan Branson to continue the amendments to the various school capital project ordinances totaling $5,295,239 in order to complete the Ragsdale High School HVAC System Improvements and Roof Replacement project as outlined in the attachments.

VOTE: Motion failed 2 – 7.
AYES: Commissioners J. Phillips, A. Branson.

The Board then considered the original motion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to approve the amendments to the various school capital project ordinances totaling $5,295,239 in order to complete the Ragsdale High School HVAC System Improvements and Roof Replacement project as outlined in the attachments.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 – 2.
NOES: Commissioners H. Henning, A. Branson.

Chairman Bencini advised the School Board staff that in the future Commissioners were interested in receiving budget requests based on firm estimates.

3. Approve exercising the two year option for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 and approve the annual external audit contract for Guilford County in the amount of $84,840 with the firm of Cherry Bekaert, L.L.P. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. On January 13, 2011 the Audit Committee and Board of County Commissioners approved a three year extension of the terms of the external audit contract with Cherry Bekaert, L.L.P. for the fiscal years 2011, 2012 and 2013 at a cost of $84,000 each year and an additional two year option at the base amount plus the lesser of 1% or the consumer price index rate. With a 12/31/13 CPI of 1.5%, the fiscal year 2014 amount is increased only 1% to $84,840, still well below the FY2010 amount of $89,250. The Audit Committee met on February 20, 2014 and approved exercising the two year option for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 and approved the contract for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 in the amount of $84,840. Funds for the contract are included in the FY2014 budget. No additional funds are required.

Mr. Reid Baker, Finance Director, introduced the item and reviewed the initial audit contract agreement.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Branson, and seconded by Commissioner Ray Trapp to approve the item.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0.
NOES: None.

4. Authorize application to the N.C. Local Government Commission under General Statute 159-64 to extend the issuance period on the 2008 School and Community College bonds from seven to ten years. Without issuing more bonds than needed according to cash flow projections, we will not be able to issue the School bonds within the seven year period authorized by the statute, and fiscal prudence may dictate delaying the issuance of a portion of the GTCC bonds authorized in the 2008 referendum as well.

Mr. Baker introduced the item and informed the Board that the County was about to reach the end of its seven year bond issuance period. Baker stated that applying for an extension would give the County greater fiscal flexibility.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw to approve the item.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0.
AYES: Commissioners J. Phillips, B. Davis, C. Coleman, B. Bencini, L. Shaw, K.
5. New Business from County Commissioners

No new business was offered by the Commissioners.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Adult Home Care Community Advisory Board
Appoint Helen Terry- term expiring 04/01/15
Appoint Jennifer Youngblood- term expiring 02/20/17

Board of Equalization and Review
Reappoint Douglas Walker- term expiring 02/24/17

Board of Health
Appoint Dr. Ronald Komich- term expiring 02/20/17
Reappoint Linda Wilson- term expiring 02/20/17
Appoint Jean Douglas- term expiring 12/31/15

Environmental Review Board
Reappoint Andy Courts- term expiring 02/20/17
Appoint Jennifer Schneir- term expiring 02/20/17
Appoint Eddie Maceldowney- term expiring 02/20/17

Parks and Recreation Commission
Appoint Anthony Izzard- term expiring 02/20/17
Reappoint Bernard Thomas Meyers- term expiring 02/20/17

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hank Henning, and seconded by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw to approve appointments and reappointments to the various Board and Commissions.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0.
NOES: None.

IX. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Bencini shared that he recently attended the Governor’s announcement in High Point. Bencini commented that Buzzi Space had located in High Point and plans to create 113 jobs. Bencini stated that it was very welcoming news to see the furniture industry expand in the County.
Commissioner Shaw expressed her excitement that that High Point will serve as Buzzi Space’s corporate headquarters in the United States.

Commissioner Davis clarified an error which was published in a local news publication.

Commissioner Cashion shared that she recently attended a breakfast for the National Folk Art Festival. Cashion stated that Greensboro was preparing a bid to host the Festival.

Commissioner Shaw shared her support for the Festival. Shaw commented that she was happy to have Buzzi Space in Guilford County.

Commissioner Branson thanked the County’s emergency management staff for their efforts during the recent inclement weather.

Commissioner Trapp shared that he recently had the pleasure to serve as a Principal for a day at Jackson Middle School in Greensboro. Trapp stated that 98% of the students at the School were on free or reduced lunch. Trapp commented that snow days and other incidents which force students to miss school- impacts the level of food insecurity in the County. Trapp urged the Commissioners to support adding a mobile food unit in both Greensboro and High Point.

X. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER

1. Receive Budget Amendment report for budget amendments that have been processed under the authority granted to the County Manager in the FY 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance.

Mr. Lawing provided an update about his efforts to schedule a work session regarding Human Service Consolidation in the County. Lawing stated that the Board discussed the issue at its annual retreat in January. Lawing shared that he has reached out to presenters and has two dates in mind for the work session- either March 17th or 20th. Lawing commented that he would like to include the DSS Board and Board of Health members in the discussion.

Chairman Bencini recommended holding the work session on the 20th.

Commissioner Coleman asked what issues the presenters would be addressing at the work session.

Mr. Lawing stated that the speakers would offer updates regarding recent legislation associated with the issue and how other counties in the State have implemented consolidation plans.

Lawing shared that he held the first joint meeting with the partners involved with the Guilford-Alamance Technical Park, Project Haystack, earlier in the day. Lawing commented that the group is working to develop an inter-local agreement.

Chairman Bencini asked when a completed agreement would be ready for the Board to review.

Lawing stated that an agreement could be completed in about sixty to ninety days.
XI. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

No speakers signed up to address the Board.

XII. HOLD CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 FOR THE PURPOSES OF: CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND CONSIDERING THE ACQUISITION OR SALE OF PROPERTY.

Motion was made by Commissioner Ray Trapp and seconded by Commissioner Jeff Phillips to enter close session.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0.
NOES: None.

Meeting went into Recess at 6:53 PM.

Meeting Reconvened at 7:42 PM.

XIII. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Commissioner Ray Trapp and seconded by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Motion carried 9 – 0.
NOES: None.

Meeting ended at 7:43 PM.

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Chairman

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Deputy Clerk