The Board of County Commissioners met in a duly noticed regular meeting on November 6, 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, Carolyn Q. Coleman, Kay Cashion, Bruce Davis, Linda O. Shaw, and Alan Branson.

ABSENT: Commissioner Raymond Trapp.

ALSO PRESENT: Marty Lawing, County Manager; Mark Payne, County Attorney; Robin Keller, Clerk to the Board; Michael Halford, Budget Director; Merle Green, Public Health Director; Paul Lowe, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Jim Albright, Emergency Services Director; Ben Chavis, Tax Director; Hemant Desai, Information Services Director; Robert McNiece, Facilities, Parks, and Property Management Director; Bonnie Stellfox, Purchasing Director; Thomas Marshburn, Parks Division Director; Jeff Fowler, Security Director; Alexis Underwood, DSS Contracts Manager; Don Campbell, Emergency Management Division Director; Reid Baker, Finance Director; Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director; Myra Thompson, DSS Administration and Transportation Division Director; Scott Greene, Environmental Health Director; Beth Anne Aheron, Community Services Technician; and members of the media and community.

I. INVOCATION

Board Chaplin, Ben Chavis offered the invocation.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bencini called the meeting to order at 5:46 PM and then recognized City of Greensboro Councilwoman Marikay Abuzuaiter.

Councilwoman Abuzuaiter thanked the Board for their support of the Family Justice Center. Abuzuaiter then commended the leadership of Commissioner Cashion and the other members
of her steering committee, Commissioners Henning, Phillips and Trapp.

Commissioner Cashion recognized the efforts of Abuzaier as a representative of the City Council and thanked the City of Greensboro for supporting the project.

Commissioner Shaw congratulated those Commissioners that were successful in their campaigns for election and reelection.

Commissioner Phillips echoed his appreciation of the City Council for their support of the Family Justice Center. Phillips commented that the project was a wonderful opportunity to work in collaboration for the betterment of the community.

IV. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

Luther Falls Jr., Greensboro, congratulated Commissioners on their recent election victories. Falls commended the County for working collaboratively with the City on projects- including the Family Justice Center and then updated the Board regarding an upcoming health screening event.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Bencini asked Commissioners if they would like to remove any items from the consent agenda. Commissioner Branson pulled item A.3., Commissioner Phillips pulled item A.4., and Commissioner Coleman pulled item C.1., for separate consideration.

A. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

1. Approve an increase to Law Enforcement's FY 2015 budget totaling $160,172, which also increases Appropriated Fund Balance by $4,380. The budget action below recognizes carry-forward and deferred revenue from four of Law Enforcement's major grant areas: 1) One Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), 2) One High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) and 3) Two US Department of Transportation - NC Governor's Highway Safety Program. The increase in Appropriated Fund Balance is the net change in local funding for the four separate grants, with one DWI grant requiring a 15% local match. These grant funds are typically used to provide for training and offset the cost of operating each program, which may include personnel. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

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2. a) Increase the Law Enforcement FY 2015 budget in the amount of $192,546 to reflect the appropriation of prior year Department of Justice Federal Forfeiture Funds.

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3. Approve the following amendments to the HVAC and System-Wide Renovation FY 2012 Capital Project Ordinances to fund $1,200,000 in HVAC repairs at Hampton Elementary:

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4. Approve increase to the Department of Social Services' FY 2014-15 budget in the amount of $397,414 to reflect state funds for Child Welfare Services and approve the addition of six new positions.

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B. CONTRACTS

1. Approve (maximum exposure) contract amendment, in substantial form, with The Salvation Army of Greensboro for LIEAP services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $238,826.40. The contract amendment period will begin on December 1, 2014 and end on June 30, 2015.

2. Approve (maximum exposure) contract amendment, in substantial form, with Open Door Ministries of High Point for LIEAP services, by and through the Health and Human Services Department (Social Services Division). Contract amount is $114,841.48. The contract amendment period will begin on December 1, 2014 and end on June 30, 2015.
3. Approve renewal of maintenance contract with NWN, a NC State approved vendor (State contract 204L) for Cisco switches for the amount not to exceed $109,996. 79. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS ARE REQUIRED.

4. Approve Sole Source Contract with Pictometry International Corporation for updated aerial photography for an existing oblique aerial photography system (Pictometry) along with a system that compares old and new data in order to detect structure changes (ChangeFinder). Contract amount is $445,500. The contract period will begin December 1, 2014 and end on November 30, 2015. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

5. Approve contract #36460-06/14-304 with the City of Greensboro in substantial form transferring assets to Guilford County from the 2011 Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Grant program. NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

Removed from Consent Agenda

1. Approve the Guilford County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) officers and membership roster for the calendar year 2015 per LEPC bylaws.

2. Approve the following sets of County Commissioner's Meeting Minutes: 10/02/2014 - Regular Meeting 10/08/2014 - Jail Population Reduction Committee 10/13/2014 - Work Session 10/16/2014 - Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Kay Cashion, and seconded by Commissioner Jeff Phillips to approve the consent agenda.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner R. Trapp.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

A.3. Approve the following amendments to the HVAC and System-Wide Renovation FY 2012 Capital Project Ordinances to fund $1,200,000 in HVAC repairs at Hampton Elementary.

Commissioner Branson questioned the funding, as well as the age of the unit to be replaced.

Angie Henry, Chief Financial Officer- Guilford County Schools, explained that the School Board was requesting to transfer savings from various completed improvements to cover the unanticipated costs associated with the Hampton Elementary School HVAC project.

Commissioner Branson asked for clarification regarding the request.
Gerald Greeson, Director of Maintenance- Guilford County Schools, commented that in 2012 repairs were made to the heating and cooling ventilators, but added that since the project was bid- the two existing boilers located at the site have started to fail. Greeson assured the Board that School Board staff had worked to make temporary repairs, but as the boilers were over fifty years old- it was prudent to replace both the boilers and ventilators at the same time.

Commissioner Phillips noted that originally $500,000 was budgeted to complete the project, but now the School Board was asking the County to allocate an additional $600,000 to the repairs.

Greeson reported that the original bid to replace the HVAC system from 2012 did not include replacing the fifty year old boilers, but added due to their condition-they should be replaced as soon as possible.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Branson, and seconded by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw to approve the following amendments to the HVAC and System-Wide Renovation FY 2012 Capital Project Ordinances to fund $1,200,000 in HVAC repairs at Hampton Elementary.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.
NOES: None. Commissioner R. Trapp.

A.4. Approve increase to the Department of Social Services' FY 2014-15 budget in the amount of $397,414 to reflect state funds for Child Welfare Services and approve the addition of six new positions.

Commissioner Phillips questioned the proposed increase.

Myra Thompson, DSS Administration and Transportation Division Director, explained that the State had provided additional funding- in an effort to reduce caseloads locally.

Commissioner Phillips asked how many staff worked in Child Protective Services.

Thompson reported that the County has forty six assessment staff and the additional resources would allow DSS to hire five new employees and a supervisor. Thompson commented that the added staff would help to reduce caseloads in the County- down towards a goal of ten families per worker.

Commissioner Phillips inquired regarding the stability of the State funding resource.

Commissioner Coleman clarified that ongoing funds are usually provided to programs until a sitting Governor leaves office.
Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw to approve an increase to the Department of Social Services' FY 2014-15 budget in the amount of $397,414 to reflect state funds for Child Welfare Services and approve the addition of six new positions.

VOTE: Motion carried 7 – 1.
NOES: Commissioner A. Branson.
ABSENT: Commissioner R. Trapp.

C.1. Approve the Guilford County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) officers and membership roster for the calendar year 2015 per LEPC bylaws.

Commissioner Coleman reviewed the roster and questioned the diversity of LEPC members.

Jim Albright, Emergency Services Director, explained that a majority of names are provided by industry and as such he was unaware of the demographics of the Committee.

Commissioner Coleman recognized that those appointments were out of the County’s control, but noted that staff should work to promote diversity among Committee members.

Albright acknowledged Coleman's concerns and stated that he would keep her consideration in mind when a citizen appointment was next considered.

Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, and seconded by Vice Chairman Hank Henning to approve the Guilford County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) officers and membership roster for the calendar year 2015 per LEPC bylaws.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner R. Trapp.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Hold Public Hearing and approve the assessment roll for the Forest Oaks Estates Subdivision in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 153A-195.

Beth Anne Aheron, Community Services Technician, commented on the history of the issue and explained how assessments were determined.

Chairman Bencini opened the floor for proponents. No one signed up to address the Board. Bencini then opened the floor to opponents.
Charles Loflin, of Forrest Oaks Estates, contested the way in which his footage was calculated. Loflin shared that his property was 100 feet across, but as his property was located on a dead end and he asserted his actual frontage was only 50 feet. Loflin added that as a new home had been constructed in close proximately to his property and a fire hydrant was installed. Loflin then noted that the waterline did not travel the entire frontage of his property.

Mark Payne, County Attorney, advised the Board to take Mr. Loflin’s fee under advisement. Payne explained that the Board could approve the tax roll in whole based upon appropriate fees, and then review Mr. Loflin's concerns to ensure that his fees were identified appropriately.

Commissioner Branson asked for clarification as to how the fees were calculated.

Aheron reported that the assessment was based on recorded road frontage.

Pamela Fields, 4503 Doral Drive, reported that she was not satisfied with how the project was completed and how the pipes were installed. Fields added that her yard was not left in the same condition after construction and noted that the initially the installation was not inspected and had to be reopened.

Marty Lawing, County Manager, explained that the City of Greensboro contracted for the work, but that County staff would work to address her concerns.

No other residents spoke in opposition.

Commissioner Coleman questioned what the average assessment was.

Aheron replied that the average assessment fee was approximately $4,700.

Commissioner Coleman questioned what the monthly costs associated for utility services were.

Aheron did not have the requested figures readily available.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns with the City of Greensboro’s utility rates and commented that citizens that live on fixed incomes would find it difficult to afford the service.

Aheron noted that utility rates were double for residents in the County.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns regarding rates charged to County residents.

Commissioner Branson asked what the cost per acre to hook onto water and sewer was.

Aheron responded that the current rate was $580 per acre, $580, for water and $580 for sewer.

Commissioner Coleman urged the Board to engage the City of Greensboro in conversations regarding their utility rates.
Commissioner Branson echoed concerns held by Coleman.

Commissioner Phillips inquired how the assessment fee will be paid.

Aheron reported that the assessment fee could be paid over ten years, and added that during the first five years the debt could be repaid without interest.

Commissioner Davis asked regarding how utility rates are developed. Lawing commented that staff was not prepared to discuss the City’s utility rates, but noted that commonly rates vary due to the density of development.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jeff Phillips, and seconded by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw to approve the assessment roll for the Forest Oaks Estates Subdivision in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 153A-195.

Motion carried 8 – 0.


NOES: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner R. Trapp.

Commissioner Coleman asked that the Chairman and the County Manager work to engage the City of Greensboro in conversations regarding their utility rates.

Commissioner Branson inquired how the assessment was approved.

Aheron reported that 57% of the property owners signed a petition and validated the petition to bring water and sewer to the area.

B. Hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of amending Section 2-1 Definitions as it relates to statutory definitions for Bona Fide Farms as described by N.C.G.S. 153A-340 and 106-581.1 and Farm Buildings as described by N.C.G.S. 143-138; add new Section 2-1.14 Farm Definitions;(A) Bona Fide Farm and (B) Farm Building; amend Section 3-2.1 (A) Building Permit Exemptions referencing farm building definitions and amend Section 3-8.1(A) Certificate of Occupancy and Compliance, referencing farm uses and farm building definitions. These amendments would bring the ordinance more in line with NCGS definitions for Bona Fide Farm Uses and Farm Buildings and will list such as exempt from building permit requirements. NO COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director, explained that the proposed text amendment would bring the County into compliance with State Statues regarding Bona Fide Farms.

No proponents or opponents signed up to address the Board.
Motion was made by Commissioner Bruce Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw to approve amending Section 2-1 Definitions as it relates to statutory definitions for Bona Fide Farms as described by N.C.G.S. 153A-340 and 106-581.1 and Farm Buildings as described by N.C.G.S. 143-138; add new Section 2-1.14 Farm Definitions;(A)Bona Fide Farm and (B) Farm Building; amend Section 3-2.1 (A) Building Permit Exemptions referencing farm building definitions and amend Section 3-8.1(A) Certificate of Occupancy and Compliance, referencing farm uses and farm building definitions. These amendments would bring the ordinance more in line with NCGS definitions for Bona Fide Farm Uses and Farm Buildings and will list such as exempt from building permit requirements. NO COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner R. Trapp.

C. Hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of amending the General Development Ordinance, Appendix 1, A-2 transferring authority from the Guilford County Planning Department to assign or modify street addresses and designates the County Manager as responsible for appointing a County Address Administrator. NO COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

Bell reported that the alteration would allow addresses in the County to be more quickly updated- improving the service to residents while making internal processes more efficient.

No opponents or proponents signed up to address the Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bruce Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to approve amending the General Development Ordinance, Appendix 1, A-2 transferring authority from the Guilford County Planning Department to assign or modify street addresses and designates the County Manager as responsible for appointing a County Address Administrator. NO COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner R. Trapp.

D. Hold Public Hearing for the purpose of Amending the General Development Ordinance Section 6-5.3(B), Section 6-5.5 (C) and (D) , and Section 6-5.7 (H), to Allow Low-Voltage Electrified Fencing in Industrial Zoning Districts; and Section 6-5.7 (E) to allow barbed wire fencing to slant at a minimum 30 degree angle.

Bell stated that the proposed amendment would allow electrical fences in industrial districts. Bell added that during public comment- one suggestion was provided that he wanted to implement into the proposed consideration- to exclude the section of the gate in the measurement of the distance.
Cindy Gsell, an industry representative, spoke in favor of the text amendment. Gsell stated that her firm constructs electrical fencing and worked with the County on developing the language.

No other proponents or opponents addressed the Board regarding the proposal.

Commissioner Coleman asked regarding safety concerns related to electrical fencing.

Bell explained that under the proposed language that an electrical fence would be surrounded by a non electrical fence with appropriate signage.

Commissioner Davis asked for clarification regarding optional equipment which could make the fence inoperable. Gsell replied that the equipment is optional based on the functionality of local fire departments and added that fencing companies must contact emergency service providers before installation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alan Branson, and seconded by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw to approve amending the General Development Ordinance Section 6-5.3(B), Section 6-5.5 (C) and (D), and Section 6-5.7 (H), to Allow Low-Voltage Electrified Fencing in Industrial Zoning Districts; and Section 6-5.7 (E) to allow barbed wire fencing to slant at a minimum 30 degree angle.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner R. Trapp.

E. Hold a Public Hearing to consider the County's Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) grant application and authorize the Chairman and County Manager, or Designee, to submit the grant application to the NCDOT-PTD as presented.

Myra Thompson, DSS Administration and Transportation Division Director, shared that the ROAP grant helps the County to provide transport service to rural communities.

No opponents or proponents addressed the Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bruce Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman to approve the County's Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) grant application and authorize the Chairman and County Manager, or Designee, to submit the grant application to the NCDOT-PTD as presented.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner R. Trapp.
F. Hold Public Hearing in accordance with grant requirements and Consider and Approve resolution and local match for the Community Transportation Program grant application the FY16 Budget Year. The grant application must be submitted by November 21, 2014 to the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The grant provides administrative assistance related to the operation of the County's public transit system. The total amount of the grant is $171,789; with a County match of $25,769.

Thompson commented that the grant provides financial support which pays for salaries, marketing, and administrative expenses for the Transportation section.

Commissioner Cashion inquired if the County’s grant award had decreased over the last number of years.

Thompson reported that recently Transportation’s State and Federal allocation had been reduced and added that staff compensated for the decline by reprioritizing operations.

Commissioner Coleman questioned the County’s marketing efforts.

Thompson indicated that Transportation categorizes marketing as placing signs on the buses which identify them as a part of the County’s fleet.

Commissioner Cashion questioned the exact dollar amount of the reduction.

Irma Zimmerman, Transportation Services Supervisor, stated that the County would lose approximately $43,000 in funding over the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Cashion inquired regarding the other grant programs which provides funding to the County’s Transportation program.

Thompson responded that a majority of her section’s funding comes from block grants, the NCDOT, USDOT, and Medicaid.

Commissioner Coleman noted that the County transit drives were not included in the recent pay equity study and commented that their salaries were rather low.

Thompson replied that drivers’ salaries are set by the County’s Human Resources Department.

Commissioner Coleman asked staff to reassess the drivers’ pay rate.

Commissioner Davis inquired regarding the County’s match.

Thompson stated that the County’s match was 15% of the proposed grant award.

No opponents or proponents signed up to speak to the consideration.
Motion was made by Commissioner Bruce Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman to approve a resolution and local match for the Community Transportation Program grant application the FY16 Budget Year. The grant application must be submitted by November 21, 2014 to the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The grant provides administrative assistance related to the operation of the County's public transit system. The total amount of the grant is $171,789; with a County match of $25,769.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner R. Trapp.

G. Hold Public Hearing in accordance with grant requirements and Consider and Approve resolution and matching funds for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individual with Disabilities grant application budget for FY16. The grant application must be submitted by November 21, 2014 to North Carolina Department of Transportation. The grant provides Operating and Capital assistance related to the operation of the County's public transit system. The total amount of the grant request is $202,000. The local match is $101,000. Some existing funds from current Home and Community Care Block Grant can be used toward the local match.

Thompson commented that the Enhanced Mobility grant was a new award which had been provided to the County. Thompson explained that the funds could be used to help pay for drivers’ salaries that transported elderly and disabled residents.

Commissioner Phillips questioned the need for additional transportation services.

Thompson reported that Transportation staff were seeing an increased need due to an aging population in the County and requested trips to adult daycares, senior centers, and medical visits.

Zimmerman spoke to the need for transportation services in the County. Zimmerman stated that staff provides 176,000 trips a year with 110,000 of those servicing elderly and disabled riders.

Commissioner Coleman commented on the services provided by County Transportation and added that the service benefits the elderly, disabled, and those residents who do not have reliable transportation. Coleman explained that the drivers help residents stay active while maintaining their lifestyles. Coleman added that the service was an important component to ensure that all residents were able to work and adequately access local services.

Commissioner Cashion asked for additional information regarding cost projections.

No opponents or proponents addressed the Board regarding the consideration.
Motion was made by Commissioner Bruce Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Kay Cashion to approve in accordance with grant requirements and Consider and Approve resolution and matching funds for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individual with Disabilities grant application budget for FY16. The grant application must be submitted by November 21, 2014 to North Carolina Department of Transportation. The grant provides Operating and Capital assistance related to the operation of the County's public transit system. The total amount of the grant request is $202,000. The local match is $101,000. Some existing funds from current Home and Community Care Block Grant can be used toward the local match.

VOTE: Motion carried 8 – 0.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner R. Trapp.

VII. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUSINESS

A. Health and Human Services (Public Health Division) Updates:

a. Mobile Produce Market
b. Food Deserts
c. Unpermitted Food Vendors

Merle Green, Public Health Director, introduced two of her program managers who would be making presentations Anita Ramachandran and Scott Greene.

Anita Ramachandran, Public Health Education Program Manager, reported that 22% of Greensboro residents and 21% of High Point residents reside in food desert census tracts. Ramachandran commented that the Health Department's mobile produce market, Mobile Oasis, aimed to improve the availability of fresh-healthy foods in the County and to offer cooking demonstrations to local residents. Ramachandran explained that currently the program, which is a partnership between DSS, UNC-G, NC Cooperative Extension, and the City of Greensboro, was only operating in locations in Greensboro due to the restrictions of a recent grant award. Ramachandran added that after the Department had met its obligations to the grant making organization, County staff would work to expand the initiative to other areas of the County, including High Point.

Commissioner Davis thanked staff for their work to address food insecurity in the County. Davis reported that the City of High Point had launched a Food Desert scheme and was working to involve other local organizations. Davis then advised the Board that he was interested in implementing an agro-business program to teach High Point residents how to grow produce.

Scott Greene, Environmental Health Program Manager, shared that the Health Department received a complaint regarding unpermitted food vendors selling food without inspection or proper permits. Greene reviewed a loophole in the State statutes which allows non-profits to sell
food on a regular basis. Greene reported that on December 16th ten local counties will join with County staff to meet with State officials to discuss the issue.

Vice Chairman Henning stated that he hoped that the County would show some leniency concerning enforcement given the discrepancy in the existing laws.

Commissioner Coleman questioned the process for inspection and review of restaurants.

Greene explained that all restaurants in the County are subject to unscheduled health inspections, and noted that his staff follows up on all complaints concerning eating establishments.

Commissioner Davis questioned the non-profit exemptions and encouraged staff to work closely with the State to close the gaps in the statutes to ensure that all vendors are held to the same standards.

Vice Chairman Henning expressed similar concerns and hoped that staff would continue their efforts to encourage equality in standards, however cautioned that the role of government should not be too punitive and should work to encourage those in business to invest and be successful.

Commissioner Phillips acknowledged the role of the County in ensuring health and safety and then opined that he has noticed recently that many establishments had lower inspection grades.

Greene replied that North Carolina had implemented national standards which are more strenuous, and noted that the restaurant community was working to adapt to the new code.

Commissioner Coleman inquired regarding the County’s preparedness concerning Ebola.

Green responded that currently County staff is monitoring two individuals who had recently visited West Africa for the disease, but noted that they were not displaying any symptoms.

Commissioner Davis commended the Health Department on their efforts to ensure that the County was prepared.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Review and Adopt Resolution of supporting the use of $30,000 in NCDOT Contingency Funds to be used for for the inclusion of an approximate 0.10 mile section of Ruffin Road, beginning at Wedgewood Drive (SR1426) intersection, to the State system as an unpaved road.**

Marty Lawing, County Manager, reviewed the request and commented that if the road was not improved that three families could risk losing their garbage and postal services. Lawing added that the families could not afford to make the repairs, so the NCDOT had offered to pay for the upgrades.
Commissioner Cashion reported that she had been contacted by concerned citizens regarding the situation and stated that another road, Westland Road, which is adjacent to Ruffin Road also needed to be improved.

Vice Chairman Henning opined that the conditions found on Westland Road had also been brought to his attention, and commented that he had referred the matter to the NCDOT.

Commissioner Branson noted that if developers do not place new roads found in residential developments in the State’s maintained road system- that the responsibility for maintenance and repairs falls to homeowners.

Motion was made by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw, and seconded by Commissioner Jeff Phillips to approve a Resolution of supporting the use of $30,000 in NCDOT Contingency Funds to be used for the inclusion of an approximate 0.10 mile section of Ruffin Road, beginning at Wedgewood Drive (SR1426) intersection, to the State system as an unpaved road.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 7 – 1.


**NOES:**

**ABSENT:** Commissioner R. Trapp.

Commissioner C. Coleman.

**B. Receive Information Regarding Employment Data for Companies with Active Economic Development Incentives**

Leslie Bell, Planning & Development Director, provided an update regarding the demographics of employees hired by firms who are actively receiving economic incentives from the County.

Commissioner Coleman asked why some agencies did not provide the requested information.

Bell replied that not all companies responded to the voluntary request for information.

Commissioner Davis questioned how much in incentive awards did the listing of firms make up.

Bell reported that he would follow up with the Board with the requested information.

Commissioner Coleman expressed her disappointment with the firms which did not respond.

Commissioner Davis commented that companies which receive County incentive awards should be more receptive to providing the requested demographic information. Davis advised staff that if legal, that reporting requirements should be included in future incentive agreements.

Mark Payne, County Attorney, confirmed that if so directed, staff could begin placing reporting requirements into economic incentive agreements.
Motion was made by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman, and seconded by Commissioner Bruce Davis to approve including reporting of employment data in future incentive agreements, to be reported annually during the time period that installments are being received up to the point that a company receives their last installment and that Commissioners will receive language from the County Attorney prior to the next meeting to re-affirm the exact language.

Commissioner Phillips cautioned that the Board needed to address the County’s economic incentive program in its entirety and suggested tabling discussion on the issue to a later meeting.

Commissioner Coleman expressed concerns with delaying consideration of the issue.

Commissioner Branson expressed concerns regarding the Board's request to require firms to provide the County with information regarding the demographics of employees.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw, which was seconded by Commissioner Alan Branson to table consideration of the issue to the Board’s retreat in January.

Commissioner Davis spoke to the substitute motion. Davis commented that the original motion would not impact the Board’s ability to fully consider the County’s incentive policy. Davis cautioned that delaying the measure would send a message that the Board does not appreciate diversity.

Commissioner Shaw suggested sending a follow up letter to the outstanding firms.

Vice Chairman Henning shared his support of the original motion and acknowledged that current contracts could not be altered- so the County would have no recourse if the information was not provided.

Commissioner Coleman stated that addressing the motion would benefit future companies that come before the Board for incentive requests.

Commissioner Shaw withdrew her substitute motion.

Commissioner Cashion questioned if there was any follow-up phone calls made to the firms.

Bell replied that no other communication was made to the companies, outside of the letters.

Commissioner Cashion expressed her disappointment and asked staff to reach out to the firms.

Commissioner Coleman amended her motion, that when firms provide tax information to the County that they also submit their employment data.

Payne reported that the County’s standard incentive agreement could be amended to include demographic reporting requirements.
Chairman Bencini questioned if it would not be more prudent to have an opportunity to review draft language before the next Commissioners’ meeting.

Payne responded that he would work to produce the requested updated language.

Commissioner Branson expressed concerns regarding the consideration.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 7 – 1.

**AYES:** Commissioners J. Phillips, B. Davis, C. Coleman, B. Benci

**NOES:** Commissioner A. Branson.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner R. Trapp.

**C. Receive Presentation Regarding County/City Future Land Use Classification**

Bell reviewed commonalities between the County’s and City’s policies. Bell commented that both staffs are reviewing area plans that have been completed to integrate alterations to development regulations.

Chairman Bencini urged staff to review inconsistencies between the County and the City of High Point's policies.

**D. New Business from County Commissioners**

No new business was offered by County Commissioners.

**IX. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Branson thanked those residents who took the time to vote and congratulated Chairman Bencini, on his successful mayoral campaign, and the other Board members who were reelected.

Commissioner Shaw clarified regarding a recent news report that stated that she would work as a lobbyist after retiring from the Board of Commissioners. Shaw reported that though she would advocate for North Carolina’s film industry, she would not be working as a paid lobbyist. Shaw also noted that the County recently lost former County Manager, Roger Cotten and former Register of Deeds Kathryn Lee Payne and expressed her condolences to their families.

Commissioner Cashion commented that the Dolly Madison Women's Club held a women’s safety class at the YWCA which was presented by the County Sheriff’s Office. Cashion commended the Sheriff for the ongoing partnership and thanked the citizens who voted to retain her as the at large Commissioner in the County.

Commissioner Shaw mentioned a recent film produced in Greensboro, and added that the production contributed $14 million dollars to the local economy.
Chairman Bencini thanked the voters who supported his mayoral campaign and the Board of Commissioners for their ongoing encouragement.

Vice Chairman Henning congratulated Commissioner Cashion, Mayor Elect Bencini, and Commissioner Coleman and the other new commissioners on their election successes.

Commissioner Davis congratulated all of the commissioners and Chairman Bencini on their recent election successes. Davis reminded those present regarding the annual Veterans’ Day parade which will be held Sunday, November 9th in High Point. Davis also noted that a dedication will be held at the old War Memorial Stadium.

Commissioner Coleman congratulated Commissioner Cashion and Chairman Bencini on their election victories and thanked her constituents for supporting her recent reelection campaign.

Commissioner Phillips spoke to the Family Justice Center and the collaboration with the City of Greensboro. Phillips then congratulated Congressman Elect Mark Walker, of the 6th District, on his election success, as well as State Representative John Hardister and Sheriff BJ Barnes.

Commissioner Coleman also congratulated Representative Elect Alma Adams for her election campaign success in the 12th US Congressional District.

**X. COMMENTS FROM COUNTY MANAGER**

No additional comments were offered by the County Manager.

**XI. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR**

No speakers signed up to address the Board.

**XII. ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Commissioner Linda O. Shaw, and seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Q. Coleman to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 PM.

**VOTE:** Motion carried 8 – 0.


**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner R. Trapp.

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Chairman

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Deputy Clerk