



Wake County

301 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Monday, September 19, 2022

2:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

Regular Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Sig Hutchinson

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: 7 - Chair Sig Hutchinson, Vice-Chair Shinica Thomas, Commissioner Vickie Adamson, Commissioner Matt Calabria, Commissioner Maria Cervania, Commissioner Susan Evans, and Commissioner James West

Staff present: David Ellis, County Manager; Scott Warren, Attorney; Ashley Jacobs, Deputy County Manager; Dara Demi, Chief Communications Director; Ben Canada, Assistant to County Manager; Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk; Toni Womack, Senior Executive Assistant; Portia Johnson, Senior Executive Assistant; Tanika Copper, Senior Executive Assistant; and Stacy Beard, External Communications Division Director.

Others present: Charles Lattuca, CEO GoTriangle; Darrel Alford, Director of Fire Services & Emergency Management; Darshan Patel, Emergency Management Operations Manager; Autumn Goheen, Communications Consultant; and Josh Creighton, Deputy Fire Services Director, Emergency Management.

Invocation: Commissioner Cervania

Items of Business

1. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, to

approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Hutchinson, Vice-Chair Thomas, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Calabria, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, and Commissioner West

2. Retiree Recognition

Attachments: [Retiree Recognition 09-19-22.docx](#)

Retiree Recognition, David Ellis, County Manager

The following employees will retire on October 1, 2022:

Shawn Curtis, *Wake County Sheriff's Office*

- Sergeant Curtis has been with the Sheriff's Office since 1988. He started his law enforcement career as a Computer Technician trusted with handling sensitive information.
- He advanced through many positions during his career, including tenures in the Courthouse, patrol, then serving with the Domestic Violence Unit and as a Field Training Officer.
- In 1992, he received a Certificate of Appreciation from Governor Martin for his extensive volunteer service.
- In retirement, Sergeant Curtis plans to play golf, spend time with family and friends, and continue volunteering.

Wright Lowery, *Community Services*

- Wright has worked with Wake County since 1988, starting as a Conservation Technician with the Soil and Water Conservation District.
- Throughout his career, Wright has served the County's farmers, residents and municipal partners in different ways, all focused on GIS services.
- Some career highlights include promotion to Senior GIS Analyst, helping municipalities with environmental issues and managing data, and serving on the NC Stream Mapping committee.
- In retirement, Wright plans to complete his Master's Degree in Horticultural Science from NC State. He wants to help those aging at home enjoy gardening and planting activities.

Sandra Painter, *Health and Human Services*

- Sandra finishes her Wake County career with 25 years of service in Health and Human Services in different roles.
- Sandra began her career handling enrollments for Medicaid and

other benefits, and also worked in vocational services, women's health, and other areas.

- Over the years, she has provided therapy to hundreds of women experiencing mental health challenges and linked them to other needed services.
- After a brief sabbatical to travel, write, and garden, she plans to return to providing outpatient mental health treatment.

Teresa Robinson, *Health and Human Services*

- Teresa is concluding a 30-year career in the social services field, that includes extensive time with Wake County after a tenure with Johnston County.
- Throughout her career, Teresa has served as a case manager, lead worker and Adult Medicaid Supervisor at the County's WakeMed hospitals site. She has been a reliable resource for patients needing service coordination and case management.
- The County and WakeMed will miss her wealth of knowledge, expertise, and the energy she brings to help others.
- In retirement, Teresa plans to spend time with her grandchildren and traveling.

Consent Agenda

Vice-Chair Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Hutchinson, Vice-Chair Thomas, Commissioner Adamson, Commissioner Calabria, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, and Commissioner West

3. Accept and Appropriate \$2,067,282 of Supplemental Funding from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services for Communicable Disease Pandemic Recovery

Attachments: [Agenda Item.docx](#)
[Budget Memo FY23 - Human Services.pdf](#)

4. Approval of FY2023 Funding Agreement with UNC Health and Alliance Health for Behavioral Health Services at WakeBrook

Attachments: [Tri-Party Agreement Item Summary.docx](#)
[WakeBrook Funding Agreement FY23 for approval.docx](#)

5. Approve Agreement with State of North Carolina for Protection of Forest Land in Wake County

Attachments: [NC Forestry Agenda Item Summary.docx](#)
[NCFS Wake Co FY2023 Agreement.pdf](#)
[NC Forestry FY2023 Budget.pdf](#)
[GS_106-898 Duties of Fire Rangers.pdf](#)

6. Affordable Housing Development Interest Transfer Request from DHIC for Wakefield Affordable Housing, LLC and Wakefield Manor, LLC

Attachments: [Wakefield Hills and Wakefield Manor Interest Transfer v.1.docx](#)
[Consent Wakefield Affordable Housing Wake County 20220819.docx](#)
[Consent WakefieldManor WakeCounty 20220819.docx](#)

7. Award of Construction Contract for Renovation to Cornerstone Center Located at 220 Snow Avenue, Raleigh, NC and Reallocation of Funding

Attachments: [Cornerstone Agenda Item Summary 09-06-22.docx](#)
[Cornerstone Project Cost Summary.pdf](#)
[Bid Tabulation.pdf](#)
[Cornerstone Floor Plans.pdf](#)
[Program Service Narrative.docx](#)

8. Award Construction Contract for New Public Safety Station on Caddy Road near McCullers Crossroads and Approve Interlocal Agreement with Town of Garner

Attachments: [Agenda Item.docx](#)
[Project Cost Summary.pdf](#)
[Bid Tab.pdf](#)
[Site Plan.pdf](#)
[Floor Plan.pdf](#)
[Interlocal Agreement.pdf](#)
[Interlocal Agreement, Attachment A \(Ground Lease\).pdf](#)
[CIP Budget Memo - FY 2023 County Capital Fund - Public Safety.pdf](#)
[CIP Budget Memo - FY 2023 County Capital Fund - County Buildings.pdf](#)

9. Designation of Map and Plat Review Officer for Wake County

Attachments: [Agenda Item.docx](#)
[Board of Commissioners Resolution.docx](#)

10. Resolution Endorsing Bridge Naming In Honor of Officer Ryan A. Hayworth

Attachments: [Resolution Item Summary 09-19-22.docx](#)
[Resolution in Honor of Officer Ryan Hayworth-October-3 2022.docx](#)

11. Proclamations for September 19, 2022

Attachments: [Proclamations Item Summary 09-19-22.docx](#)
 [2022 First Responders Proclamation.pdf](#)
 [Mesothelioma Awareness Day Proclamation.pdf](#)

General Public Comments**12. General Public Comments**

Attachments: [Public Comments 9-19-22.pdf](#)

Ms. Gilyard shared the public comments.

Ms. Georganne Sanders, Wake County, in support the code of ordinances to firearms. Asked to update the ordinances to support the density of the county.

Mr. James Ford, not in attendance.

Regular Agenda**13. Complete 100% Final Design Documents for the Eastern Section of the Triangle Bikeway**

Attachments: [item summary Hutchinson triangle bikeway.docx](#)
 [budget memo.pdf](#)
 [PGROS Bond Tracker.pdf](#)

Chair Sig Hutchinson shared information on Complete 100 percent Final Design Documents for the Eastern Section of the Triangle Bikeway.

He shared who is in support. He requests that the Board support the additional funding. He shared information on acquiring a Raise Grant. He shared that Research Triangle Foundation recognized the significance of the program and has offered \$485,000.

Commissioner Adamson asked what is the usage and how many cars will be taken off of the road.

Chair Hutchinson shared that the road is 16 feet wide. He shared that in the next 4-5 years, the bikes will travel 20 miles an hour. He shared that this will offer a significant impact.

He shared that the percentage of people cycling will determine how many cars are taken off of the road.

After the motion was made, Commissioner Adamson shared comments on the bond as to how to put bonds on the ballot. She shared the process and shared the parks Master Plan. She shared that \$5M projects have been sitting for decades. She shared that citizens voted on the \$120M set-a-side. She shared that this project was brought forward through CAMPO and not placed in the Master Plan. She shared that this item has been fast tracked and there are other items that have been overlooked to support this Triangle Bikeway. She shared that some of the design work is in Durham County and have not seen support from them. She shared that citizens are struggling to pay their taxes.

She shared a procedural motion that will now take priority over the pending motion.

Commissioner Adamson moved that the Board defer consideration of this item until Wake County has received funding from another source that will cover the design cost for the Durham County portion of this project. There was no second. She shared that she objects the bond motion.

Commissioner Calabria asked if RTP expressed enthusiasm.

Chair Hutchinson shared that RTP has committed \$485,000 and Durham \$930,000.

Commissioner Evans expressed concerns that Durham has not taken action on the item.

Commissioner West shared comments on the bottom line. He shared that he agrees with moving forward with this item because of the vision of Chair Hutchinson and it can be justified.

Commissioner Calabria shared the he doesn't perceive this item to be rushed due to many previous conversations. He shared that this is not inconsistent with the bond. He shared that in every bond there are a list of tentative projects and sometimes the list becomes rearranged due to new opportunities. He shared that it is the Board's goal to prioritize items on the bond docket. He shared that he is in favor and this is a landscaping project and in the best interest of the County.

Commissioner Cervania shared that all decisions made are for the future; not short term. She shared to look at implications 10-20 years from now. She shared that she is focusing on our people. She shared that there is a culture of change. She shared that she is in support.

Commissioner Adamson shared that in 2018 she voted yes to bonds. She

shared that when she voted for the school bond, she knew that bonds would be moved around, same with park bonds. She shared that as a citizen, she did not know that Wake County would be supporting Durham County.

Chair Hutchinson shared additional comments. He shared that there is a greenway system and people move here for the greenway system. He shared that this makes Wake County unique. He shared that the park bond was defined and greenways are not, they are projects to be defined at a later date. He shared that this project has been in the works for a long time. He shared that in 2017, \$23K was appropriated for the project used for Phase I. He shared that he had CAMPO fund the rest of the project then and added to the Wake County greenway plan. He shared that when they reach out to municipalities, they need to be shovel ready. He shared that Wake County has to get it shovel ready and crossing lines could aid the possibility of getting a Raised Grant.

He shared that Durham sent a letter of support. He thanked the Board for their support and understands how Commissioner Adamson feels that this is being rushed.

Commissioner West asked about using the bond funds without Durham adding funds and if it is legal.

County Attorney Scott Warren stated that nothing is without risk and he is confident with the legality of the plan.

Ms. Gilyard took voice roll call 6-1 Vote:

Cervania - aye

Calabria - aye

West - aye

Hutchinson - aye

Thomas - aye

Evans - aye

Adamson - nay

Chair Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners:

1. Authorizes staff to utilize additional 2018 Parks Greenways Recreation and Open Space bond funding in an amount not to exceed \$3.295 million to complete 100% final design documents for the Eastern section of the Triangle Bikeway; and

2. Authorizes the County Manager to formally request CAMPO lead the design effort for the Eastern section of the Triangle Bikeway and develop a funding agreement between Wake County and CAMPO for said design, subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Hutchinson, Vice-Chair Thomas, Commissioner Calabria, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, and Commissioner West

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Adamson

Manager's Report

14. Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Feasibility Study

Attachments: [Item summary commuter rail.docx](#)

[Presentation - Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Feasibility Study.pdf](#)

Mr. Chuck Lattuca, CEO GoTriangle, shared the Greater Raleigh Commuter Rail Feasibility Study.

He shared the Study Partners.

He shared maps displaying: the Current Population, Vehicle Ownership, and Congestion; the projected 2050 Population, Vehicle Ownership, and Congestion; and projected Job Growth 2020-2050.

He shared a graph showing relative boardings by area of the corridor geography (West Durham - Auburn 8-2-8-2) based on 2040 ridership projections. There are a lot of boardings at the ends, east and west, but the area with the most robust demand for commuter rail service is in the east between the Auburn Station in Garner and Raleigh Union Station.

Mr. Lattuca shared a map depicting: Updated estimates on expenditures, operation and maintenance, daily boardings by 2040, and planned start of service between 2033 and 2035.

Challenges

- Shared a map with areas identified by the feasibility study showing that implementation challenges are not distributed equally across the corridor.
- The study found that implementation challenges were the most significant in Durham.
- The central portion of the corridor requires significant coordination to align requirements of multiple host railroads and align schedules

of several planned projects.

- The feasibility study identified fewer challenges east of Raleigh Union Station, particularly in the southeast Wake portion of the corridor.

Mr. Lattuca shared a graph showing advanced appropriations and authorizations for grant programs administered by Federal Rail Administration (FRA) made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

He shared Next Steps.

Next Steps

- Obtain stakeholder input.
- Refine financial plan and grant strategy.
- Decide whether or how to go forward.

Commissioner West shared comments on re-engagement. He shared that he is interested in transit dependent individuals. He asked where are we with funding and how can we get constituents engaged.

Mr. Lattuca shared that they will demonstrate that there is a multi-level approach. What programs are available today and how they can be sustained. He shared that they have engaged the citizens on the project and asked what are their needs. He shared that he would like to share the presentation of how citizens have been engaged to include outreach. He shared that they have attended several meetings and continue to do so by attending meetings with municipalities and towns. He shared that they would like to some online engagement as well.

Commissioner Evans shared that this project is a game changer and that we can not be deterred. She shared that we need to get moving. She asked how much it would cost and about the phases.

Mr. Lattuca shared that it would cost about \$1B.

Commissioner Evans shared additional comments on a report and that Wake County would not rank as high.

Mr. Lattuca shared comments on the scoring. He shared that we are at medium or right above it and it hurts the ability to score. He shared that the local financial plan is in place.

Commissioner Evans shared comments about the 8-2-8-2 model and how the study shows synergy around a more frequent model. She asked what

the 8-2-8-2 meant.

Mr. Lattuca explained that the 8-2-8-2 model reflects more frequent trains at peak times for traditional commuters with two roundtrip trains spaced during the lower ridership times during the day. This model will be revisited based on trends in the way people are working.

Vice-Chair Thomas shared comments on Norfolk Southern (NS) and the distance it travels. She inquired if NS plans to upgrade the tracks.

Mr. Lattuca shared that NS had to go out to determine the amount of traffic. He shared that trains may be longer, but not an explosion in the amount of trains.

Commissioner Adamson asked when will rail be available.

Mr. Lattuca shared that when they get a decision, rail has been talked about. It could be about 10 years.

Commissioner Cervania shared comments on the geography slide. She asked why Garner and Auburn and if it was a population shift.

Chair Hutchinson shared additional comments and asked that the Advisory Board be included. He shared comments on the Federal Railroad Association.

Mr. Lattuca shared that there are 80/20 funds. He shared comments on grants and loans. He shared next steps after meeting with the GoTriangle board. He asked that after meeting with GoTriangle, he will return to the Board Of Commissioners for follow up.

Other Business

Ms. Autumn Goheen, Communications Consultant, shared All Hazards Preparedness.

She shared graphics with important aspects of programs and their availability to citizens, alert programs, social media information options, community outreach programs, and information on preparedness month.

She shared a Ready Wake flyer.

She shared the print materials that are available.

She shared that there is a Ready Wake guide in English and Spanish.

She shared ready Wake Alerts.

She shared Social Media.

She shared photos of community engagement.

She shared Why Preparedness.
She shared what is Preparedness Month.

Commissioner Cervania shared comments on natural disasters. She shared that it is responsibility of the Board.

Commissioner Adamson asked to integrate when power will be back on.

Ms. Goheen shared that they advise citizens that there is a minimum of three days, so have enough food and water on hand.

Mr. Josh Creighton, shared that they work with the power companies and noted that individuals with disabilities are on the top of the list.

Chair Hutchinson thanked Commissioner Cervania for representing Wake County on the Task Force. He welcomed Ms. Goheen to Wake County.

Mr. Darrel Alford, Director of Fire Services & Emergency Management for Wake County introduced the team: Darshan Patel, Emergency Management Operations Manager; Autumn Goheen, Communications Consultant; and Josh Creighton, Deputy Fire Services Director, Emergency Management,

Vice-Chair Thomas shared that she visited the twitter page and there are already 3,400 persons watching. She shared that you should stay ready so you won't have to get ready.

Commissioner Calabria shared comments on recruiting citizens to the fire fighter recruitment. He shared conversations he had at the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. He shared that the fire academy here is more successful financially. He shared that there are 4 percent of women firefighters. He shared that there are 1,046 applications for 30 positions. He commented that only about 6 percent are "non-white" and that is concerning that a large section of our population does not see this as a career path.

Commissioner West shared comments on an event he attended at Sanderford Park. He shared that he was impressed with the energy and motivation of the event. He shared that the support from the County and City were overwhelming.

Commissioner Cervania shared compliments to Mr. Alford and his team for the program at the Hook. She shared that there were 75 participants that received information on Fire and EMS services.

Vice-Chair Thomas shared comments on the Wake Forest situation where

they don't have a lot of services being provided. She shared that she has received positive feedback from citizens. She shared that due to concerts and events, the hotel hospitality was up 6 percent. She encouraged citizens to focus on the contributions of Hispanic Heritage.

Chair Hutchinson shouted out Wake Tech. He shared that Wake Tech is hiring. He shared that there is a new propel program and the tuition is free. There are 50 available programs that last 90 days. He shared that this affords you to move on for a 2 year degree. He encouraged everyone to visit Wake Tech's website for more information.

Closed Session

Mr. Warren shared that there was a need for a Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4).

No action was taken.

Adjourn

**Commissioner Calabria moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Thomas,
Adjourn The motion carried by the following vote:**

Aye: 7 - Chair Hutchinson, Vice-Chair Thomas, Commissioner
Adamson, Commissioner Calabria, Commissioner Cervania,
Commissioner Evans, and Commissioner West

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne C. Gilyard, NCCCC
Deputy CLerk to the Board