



Wake County

301 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

5:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Jessica Holmes

Present: 7 - Chair Jessica Holmes, Vice-Chair Sig Hutchinson, Commissioner John D. Burns, Commissioner Matt Calabria, Commissioner Greg Ford, Commissioner Erv Portman, and Commissioner James West

Others Present: David Ellis, County Manager; Bill Greeves, Chief Innovation and Information Officer; Scott Warren, County Attorney; Denise Hogan, Clerk to the Board; Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Johnna Rogers, Chief Operating Officer; Chris Dillon, Assistant County Manager; Denise Foreman, Assistant County Manager; Ben Canada, Assistant to the County Manager

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Commissioner Erv Portman

Items of Business

1. [Approval of Agenda](#)

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Hutchinson, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

2. [Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2018 and the Work Session of October 8, 2018](#)

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2018 and the Work Session of October 8, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

3. [Adoption Awareness Month Proclamation](#)

Attachments: [Agenda Item.docx](#)
[Adoption Awareness Proclamation.docx](#)

Ms. Kimberly Herrington, Wake County Human Services Supervisor, said that adoption provides birth parents the assurance that their child will be raised in a stable family, adoptive parents the joy of parenting, and children and youth the ability to grow up in a stable and loving home. Children and youth that experience the care through adoption have a better outcome than those in foster care. She said Wake County Human Services has completed 108 adoptions of children and youth in Fiscal Year 2018 and has completed 42 since July 2018. She said that in Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018 an average of 14 adoptions for youth ages 18 and over were completed by Wake County Human Services.

She asked the community partners and Human Services staff that were present to stand and be recognized. She recognized an adoptive family that was present.

Commissioner West recognized Ms. Regina Petteway, Wake County Human Services Director. He said the Proclamation indicates that the future of adoptive children are in good hands.

He read the Proclamation aloud.

Chair Holmes said there are over 600 children in Wake County's care and 65 children available for adoption. She asked Ms. Petteway to share the phone number for citizens interested in adoption.

Ms. Petteway said if citizens are interested in adoption she can be reached at 919-212-7759.

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners receive a brief presentation from Wake County Child Welfare and proclaims the month of November as Adoption Awareness Month. The motion passed unanimously.

4. [Resolution Reaffirming Support for the Resettlement of Refugees to Wake County](#)

Attachments: [Refugee Resolution Item Summary.docx](#)
[RefugeeResolution.doc](#)

Chair Holmes recognized Commissioner Portman and Commissioner Burns for their work and leadership toward moving forward with the Resolution supporting the resettlement of refugees to Wake County.

Commissioner Portman said that history is filled with those that look for a beacon of hope. He said the country has pulled together for those that feared for the safety of their families.

Commissioner Portman read aloud the Resolution.

Commissioner Burns said that he has worked in the past with the legislature to receive refugees that come into Wake County seeking a better life for their families. He said that it is the hope that the citizens will embrace the efforts of the board.

Mr. Scott Phillips, Director, US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, said the Resolution is a good first step for local government to stand by a commitment for local value.

Commissioner Portman moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Hutchinson, that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution reaffirming support for the resettlement of refugees to Wake County. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Vice-Chair Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

5. [Approval of Funding Agreement for Town of Knightdale Forestville Road Athletic Park Project](#)

Attachments: [Knightdale Item Summary.docx](#)
[Funding Agreement for Board Approval.docx](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Manager to execute a funding agreement in the amount of \$1,000,000 with the Town of Knightdale, subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

6. [Approval of Funding Agreement for Triangle Aquatic Center Expansion Project](#)

Attachments: [TAC Item Summary.docx](#)
[Draft TAC Funding Agreement for approval.docx](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, that the Board of Commissioners approve a funding agreement in the amount of \$1,250,000 with the Triangle Aquatic Center, subject to the

terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

7. [Tax Committee Recommendations for Value Adjustments, Penalty Waivers, Tax Relief Applications, Refund Requests and Various Reports](#)

Attachments: [Tax Collections Item Summary](#)
[Tax Committee Agenda Process](#)
[Executive Summary 1](#)
[Executive Summary 2](#)
[November 2018 Refunds Under 500](#)
[November 2018 Refunds Over 500](#)
[Daily Updates For Exemptions](#)
[Daily Updates For Penalties](#)
[Daily Updates For Tax Relief](#)
[Daily Updates For Special Situations](#)
[Daily Updates For Tax Deferments](#)
[Municipal Collection Report](#)
[Wake County Collection Report](#)
[Monthly In-Rem Foreclosure Report](#)
[PFB Summary Report](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, that the Board of Commissioners approve the attached recommendations by the Tax Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

8. [Land Acquisition for a Land Bank School Site in Western Wake County \(First Reading\)](#)

Attachments: [Agenda Item RTP Land Bank Site 11-7-2018.docx](#)
[Presentation RTP Landbank 11-7-2018 First Reading.pdf](#)
[Purchase Contract RTP Tract S-32.pdf](#)
[Appraisal Report Little Dr S-32.pdf](#)
[RTF Land Bank Survey.pdf](#)

Ms. Betty Parker, Senior Director, Real Estate Services, Wake County Public School System, commended the board for recognizing adoption. She said that Social Services provided her the opportunity for siblings through adoption.

Ms. Parker said that she is presenting information about a land acquisition for a land bank school site in Western Wake County (Cary/Morrisville/research Triangle Park Area).

Ms. Parker shared maps of the growth trends of the actual density by planning units of residence from 2002, 2012, and 2022. She shared maps of the Western Wake/Cary/Morrisville/RTP area schools' target ring area. She shared maps of the middle and high school target areas for the 2018 update of the seven year plan. She shared charts of the middle school and high school utilization in Western Wake.

Mr. Parker shared a target ring map of the limited options based on the development that has already occurred, airport and related overlay, the county boundary, and Research Triangle Park restrictive covenants. She shared a land bank site GIS aerial photo and a proximity map to Wake Tech RTP Campus. She shared maps of the preliminary feasibility study for the land bank for the Middle School and 9-10 High School Program. Ms Parker shared the contract terms and information.

- **Seller:** Research Triangle Foundation of North Carolina, a North Carolina non-profit corporation. Land was acquired in 1965 when the Research Triangle Park was created and its expansive holdings assembled.
- **Land To Be Purchased:** A 44.141 acre parcel located on the southern side of Little Drive west of its intersection with Davis Drive, and adjacent to Parkside ES in RTP.
- **Purpose:** Land bank site to accommodate a future school(s)
- **Negotiated Purchase Price:** \$7,724,675 Dollars (± 44.0 acres @ \$175,000 per acre).
- **Due Diligence Period:** 180 days from contract execution.
- **Appraised Value:** MAI appraisal was procured and supports the purchase price.
- **Utilities:** Water and sewer services are available at or near the site.

She shared a chart of the land acquisition comparison. She shared the atypical contract terms and information.

- **Seller provides survey at its cost.**
- **Restrictive Covenants Amendment:** Current recorded CC&R preclude use of the property as a public school. Seller obtained approval from the Owners' and Tenants' Association during due diligence for an appropriate amendment to allow school use.
- **RTF Right to Repurchase:** Seller retains the right to repurchase the Property

- If Board does not start construction of a public school within 10 years
- If Board elects to sell the Property prior to construction start of a public school on the site
- **Naming Consideration:** Board agreed to Include “Research Triangle Park (RTP) _____ School(s)” in its naming considerations (Same as E-50 contract terms)
- **RTP-Compatible Focus.** Board/WCPSS agreed to explore opportunities to develop an academic theme, focus or concentration for the future school(s) that is compatible with the research, technical and engineering focus of the Research Triangle Park. (Same as E-50 contract terms)

Commissioner Calabria asked about the traffic impact in the surrounding area. Ms. Parker said when the site plan is ready, a traffic impact study can be completed. She said preliminary plans indicate road access off of Davis and Little Drive. She said that Little Drive is currently a two lane road and there are plans for a four lane road. She said compliance would be made with the Department of Transportation and the Town of Morrisville on the road improvements that are necessary.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that Mr. Scott Levitan, Executive Director, Research Triangle Foundation (RTF), has been instrumental in the collaboration process for the opportunity. He asked about the connection between RTF and the school staff toward the project. Ms. Parker said Mr. Levitan was instrumental in the collaboration between the RTF Owners's and Tenants Association and school staff. She said that the Town of Morrisville senior leadership was also helpful in the project. She said the space was the largest available for use in that area.

Chair Holmes said there had been concern over the Town of Morrisville being the only municipality without a high school and asked Ms. Parker to elaborate on the Town of Morrisville's request for a high school. Ms. Parker said the demand is greater than the funding stream and the ability of the market to meet it. Ms. Parker said there is collaboration with the Town of Morrisville for the project. Chair Holmes commended the schools for the partnership with Wake Tech for employment opportunities. She said land is more expensive to locate for schools.

Public Comments

Miss Judith VanBoven, 3746 Horseshoe Farm St. Raleigh, NC, said that students from Middle Creek, Exploris and Knightdale High Schools have a Committee of Remembrance Project to present to the board. Students each spoke of the lynching of George Taylor 100 years ago in Wake County. They spoke of the injustice against Mr. Taylor and how they have

collected 300 containers of soil across Wake County to represent the 300 men present at his lynching. They asked the board to support a monument in Mr. Taylor's honor. The students provided soil jars for each commissioner.

Chair Holmes commended the students for coming forward and honoring history and invited them to come forward after the meeting for a photo at the board members' seats.

Ms. Jean Spooner said that she is opposed to a quarry on the RDU land near Umstead Park. She said that supports the Open Space Bonds. She said that there are no quarries on public lands. She asked the board to protect the Oddfellows Tract.

Ms. Natalie Lew said she is opposed to a quarry next to the Oddfellows Tract. She voice her support of green space and parks. She said the land should be used as educational space for outdoor education.

Mr. Jihad Shawwa thanked Commissioner Burns and Portman for bringing the Resolution forward for the resettlement of refugees to Wake County. He shared a video about making America great.

Ms. Ana King, New Hill, NC, thanked the board for passing the Resolution for the resettlement of refugees to Wake County.

9. [Manager's Report](#)

Attachments: [Managers Report 11-07-18 Item Summary.docx](#)

Mr. David Ellis, County Manager, said in this year's budget the board established a reoccurring source of revenue for the housing plan in Wake County, and as part of that plan efforts have been underway to create a plan with the existing housing plan and Human Services. Mr. Ellis introduced Ms. Lorena McDowell, Wake County Director of Housing, who brings a wealth of experience, vision, and leadership with housing for low income individuals. He shared her experience with housing and low income citizens. She will implement the housing plan.

Ms. McDowell said she is excited to begin work toward affordable housing. She thanked Mr. Ellis, Wake County leadership, Human Services, and the board for their support for her new position.

Chair Holmes welcomed Ms. McDowell to Wake County.

Appointments

10. [Durham and Wake Counties Research and Production Service District Advisory Committee](#)

Attachments: [Durham and Wake Counties Research and Production Item Summary 10-16-18.doc](#)
[Durham-Wake Recommendation Letter 10-16-18.pdf](#)
[Durham-Wake Counties App Roster 10-16-18.xlsx](#)
[Durham-Wake Counties Research Applicant Packet 10-16-18.pdf](#)
[Durham-Wake Bd Choices 10-16-18.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Mr. Mike Bailey, Mr. Steve Martin, and Ms. Stephanie McDougal as primary recommendations for appointment.

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11. [Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau](#)

Attachments: [GRVCB Item Summary.docx](#)
[GRVCB Letter of Recommendation-Zimmerman 10-9-18.pdf](#)
[GRVCB Member Roster 10-16-18.pdf](#)
[GRVCB Applicants 10-16-18.pdf](#)
[GRVCB App Roster 10-16-18.xlsx](#)
[GRVCB Bd Choices .xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Mr. Mark Zimmerman for appointment.

12. [Human Services Board](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary HS.doc](#)
[HS App Roster 10-10-18.xlsx](#)
[HS Applicant Packets 10-10-18.pdf](#)
[HS Board Choices .xlsx](#)
[HS Member List.pdf](#)
[HS Board Attendance Sheet as of 9-27-18.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Ms. Deborah Lawson (Social Worker) for appointment.

13. [Juvenile Crime Prevention Council](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary JCPC.docx](#)
[JCPC Member List.pdf](#)
[JCPC Recommendation Letter - Thomas.pdf](#)
[JCPC App Roster .xlsx](#)
[JCPC Applicants 10-23-18.pdf](#)
[JCPC Board Choices .xlsx](#)
[JCPC attendance 2018.xls](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Ms. Antoine Thomas (Sheriff's designee) for appointment.

14. Library Commission

Attachments: [Library Commission Item Summary.docx](#)
[Library Commission App Roster 10-10-18.xlsx](#)
[Library Commission App Packet10-10-18.pdf](#)
[Library Commission BD Choices 10-10-18.xlsx](#)
[Library Commission Member List.pdf](#)
[Library Commission Attendance 2018 \(Jan 2018-Sept 2018\).xlsx](#)

The appointments were deferred to a future meeting.

15. [Wake County Water Partnership](#)

Attachments: [Water Partnership Item Summary.doc](#)
[Water Partnership Member Roster 10-16-18.pdf](#)
[Water Partnership App Roster 10-16-18.xlsx](#)
[Water Partnership Applicants 10-16-18.pdf](#)
[WP Board Choices 10-16-18.xlsx](#)
[WP Attendance.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Mr. Marvin Collins (Wendell Town Manager) for appointment.

16. [Eastern Wake Fire Relief Board](#)

Attachments: [Eastern Wake Fire Relief Board Item Summary.docx](#)
[Eastern Wake Fire Relief Board Member List.pdf](#)
[Eastern Wake Fire Letter of Recommendation 2018.pdf](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Mr. Marvin Johnson and Ms. Brenda Lynch for appointment.

17. [Holly Springs Planning Board](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary Holly Springs Planning Board.doc](#)
[Holly Springs Recommendation Letter - Andreas 2018.pdf](#)
[Holly Springs Bd Choices .xlsx](#)
[Holly Springs PB App Packet.pdf](#)
[Holly Springs PB App Roster .xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Mr. Michael Andreas for appointment.

Vice-Chair Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns, to approve the appointments. The motion passed unanimously.

18. [Upcoming Vacancies for December](#)

Attachments: [Upcoming Vacancies for December 2018.docx](#)

Ms. Denise Hogan, Clerk to the Board, read aloud the Upcoming Vacancies for December.

Other Business

Closed Session

Mr. Scott Warren, County Attorney, indicated there was no need for a closed session.

Adjourn

Vice-Chair Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Hogan, NCMCC
Clerk to the Board
Wake County Board of Commissioners