

Wake County

*301 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 18, 2019

2:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

Board of Commissioners

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Jessica Holmes

Present: 7 - Commissioner Jessica Holmes, Commissioner Sig Hutchinson, Commissioner Matt Calabria, Commissioner Greg Ford, Commissioner James West, Commissioner Susan Evans, and Commissioner Vickie Adamson

Others Present: David Ellis, County Manager; Scott Warren, County Attorney; Bill Greeves, Chief Innovation and Information Officer; Emily Lucas, Chief Financial Officer; Denise Hogan, Clerk to the Board; Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk to the Board; and Ben Canada, Assistant to the County Manager

Pledge of Allegiance**Invocation: Commissioner Susan Evans****Items of Business**

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2019

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Retiree Recognition

Attachments: [Item Summary 3.18.2019.docx](#)
[John Maxwell.docx](#)
[Andrew Meyer.docx](#)

Mr. David Ellis, County Manager recognized Mr. John Maxwell on his retirement. Mr. Maxwell received a plaque for his service to Wake County.

Mr. David Ellis, recognized Mr. Andrew Meyer on his retirement. Mr. Meyer

received a plaque for his service to Wake County.

4. Proclamation of March as Women's History Month

Attachments: [Agenda Item.docx](#)
[Women History Month Proclamation.docx](#)

Chair Holmes shared that the Board of Commissioners honors women throughout the year. She said that Mrs. Regina Petteway, Human Services Director, and members of the Commission for Women are present to receive the proclamation. Mrs. Petteway recognized Ms. Atinuke Diver and said that she will receive the proclamation on behalf of the Commission for Women.

Commissioner Vickie Adamson read the proclamation aloud.

Chair Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners approve the proclamation and proclaim the month of March as Women's History Month. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Resolution Supporting North Carolina's Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment

Attachments: [ERA Resolution Item Summary.docx](#)
[ERA Resolution in template.docx](#)

Commissioner Susan Evans invited the representatives from the League of Women Voters to join her at the podium. She said that she is honored to read the resolution. She said that the ratification was submitted to the state in 1979. She said to date, 37 states have ratified the amendment, but in order for it to become a constitutional amendment, 38 states are needed. She said the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) has been considered in North Carolina twice, but failed to get the required number of votes. She shared the history and statistics of the ERA. She said the ratification would accomplish three goals. She said the ERA would make pay inequity illegal.

Commissioner Evans read the resolution aloud.

Mrs. Elaine Okal, Co-Chair, League of Women Voters ERA Committee, made remarks on behalf of the ERA committee. She thanked the board for considering the resolution. She said she would like to see North Carolina become the 38th state to adopt the Equal Rights Amendment.

Mrs. Sheila Denn, Co-Chair, League of Women Voters ERA Committee, said that supporters stand with them today to continue the fight for the ERA.

Mrs. Okal and Mrs. Denn shared slides from the League of Women Voters of Wake County. Mrs. Okal referenced an article in today's paper regarding sexual assault laws in North Carolina.

The ladies thanked the commissioners for their time and asked the board to support the resolution.

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution supporting North Carolina's ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Resolution Honoring the American Legion's 100th Anniversary

Attachments: [Resolution Honoring American Legion's 100th Anniversary Item Summary.docx](#)
[American Legion Resolution.docx](#)

Commissioner Matt Calabria recognized Mr. Derric Grimes, District Commander, American Legion Post 116.

Mr. Grimes introduced members of the American Legion from different locations in North Carolina.

Mr. Grimes thanked the commissioners for the recognition. He shared that each legion is chartered and focuses on its' members. He shared that there are 22 sites in Wake County and Johnston County. He said that there is an all female site located in Cary. He said that they exist for service.

Commissioner Calabria read the resolution aloud. He thanked the American Legion for their services.

Commissioner Calabria moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Ford, that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution honoring the American Legion on their 100th anniversary. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Mr. Chris Telesca, 7021 Tanbark Way Raleigh, NC, Coordinator for Wake Coalition for Verified Voting, said his group works with the North Carolina Coalition to ensure the strength and integrity of elections. He said that Wake County is a paper ballot county. He said the current election

equipment was purchased in 2005 and 2006.. He said the county is now purchasing new scanners, but they are not purchasing new automarks, which is the American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant machine. He expressed concern about the condition of the automarks and asked what will happen when the current supply of automarks runs out. He shared a written comment with the board.

Ms. Nancy Pekarek, Umstead Coalition, 3522 Barron Berkeley Way, Raleigh, asked the board to stop the lease with Wake Stone on the RDU property surrounding Umstead Park.. She said that the lease violates the law. She said the Airport is required to get approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to sell or lease land, and they did not do that. She said they also did not follow the procedures related to public comments on the project. She asked the board to rescind the lease and shared several reasons why. She said that Wake Stone would benefit from the project, but provide only 30 jobs. She said that the airport rejected the first offer of \$6.5 million for the land. She shared the airports current plan and said it will become a county liability in 35 years.

Mr. Ron Nawojczyk, 5700 Creek Fall Lane, Fuquay-Varina, asked the commissioners to reconsider giving the Crooked Creek land to the town of Fuquay-Varina. He said that he looks forward to working with the town of Fuquay-Varina. He says that residents are not trusting government decisions right now. He said that Fuquay Varina does not have the funds to repair the clubhouse and draft a master plan. He asked the commissioners to help with funding the master plan and said parks are greatly appreciated.

Mr. John Sprink, 5429 Greensflag Way, Fuquay-Varina, said he is a resident of Crooked Creek. He said that he is thankful for the solution of a chance for a park. He said the Fuquay-Varina residents gave up their protective covenant in order to get a park. He said that he is concerned about what could go on the land and asked that the commissioners to clarify the term "public use" in the resolution before they vote on it.

Ms. Natalie Lew spoke in reference to Wake Stone. She said that she attended a court hearing regarding the case and a judge issued a temporary restraining order on the Wake Stone lease. She shared that a rock quarry does not enhance the land. She said the land is a great resource and can be used for many purposes that will benefit county residents. She asked that the commissioners to do what is good for the betterment of the community. She asked that the land be moved into the state park system.

Ms. Tamara Dunn, shared her thoughts on Wake Stone. She said her property borders the land that Wake Stone is attempting to lease. She said

that all of the landowners would be affected and the airport never discussed their plans with neighbors. She asked the commissioners to step in and keep the land from being destroyed.

Councilman Steve Rao, Town of Morrisville, thanked all veterans for their services. He thanked the board for their decisions on affordable housing for the Town of Morrisville. He also thanked Sheriff Gerald Baker for his support and his appearance at community events. He shared information on the Indian residents in Wake County and said one of the most influential Indian Americans lives in Cary. He said the recent India Fest was attended by over 4,000 citizens. He shared that the Secretary of State was present for the event and it was very successful. He said there is a great opportunity to increase relations with India.

7. Recognition of Community Champions for the November 2018 Bond Referenda

Attachments: [Bond Community Champion Item Summary.docx](#)

Chair Holmes asked all stakeholders to come forward and thanked them for their support and work on the bonds. She said the bonds will account for new schools, upgrades to schools, and enhance the park system in the county. She acknowledged the following school bond representatives:

Mr. Orage Quarles
Mr. George York
Mr. Blount Williams (not present)
Ms. Sepideh Saidi (not present).
Ms. Dana Martinez

Mr. Orage Quarles said that it was an honor to work on this bond. He has three children in public school and he is excited to have been able to participate in this process.

Chair Holmes acknowledged Mr. Matt Smith, Executive Director, Wake Tech, and Mr. Tom Looney, Wake Tech Board of Directors, for the work on their bond.

Mr. Smith said that Mr. Looney worked tirelessly on this effort. Mr. Smith recognized the following individuals who also assisted with the process.

Mr. Chris Bell
Ms. Laura Bunn
Mr. Sharat Nagaraj
Ms. Emily Ziegler
Mr. Tom Looney
Dr. Gayle Greene
Ms. Laurie Clowers

Mr. Looney said that the Wake Tech team did a lot of work on the bond and that he is really proud of them. He thanked the commissioners for their leadership and said their support changes lives every day. He shared that he spoke to community colleges across the country about the success of Wake Tech. He said the success of Wake Tech starts in this room.

Chair Holmes thanked Ms. Maggie Barlow and Mr. Jeff Tippett for their work for Parks, Greenways, Recreation and Open Space Bond.

Mr. Tippett thanked the board for their support and the voters for supporting the bond.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked Ms. Barlow and Mr. Tippett for their hard work and getting the bond passed. He presented Mr. Tippett and Ms. Barlow a framed picture of the bond referendum.

Chair Holmes thanked the stakeholders for their leadership and the voters for their vision and foresight.

No action was taken by the board.

8. Resolution Recognizing Pamela J. Dowdy for her Dedication to Children and Families in Wake County

Attachments: [Item Summary - Recognizing Pamela J. Dowdy.docx](#)
[Pamela Dowdy Resolution 3-18-19.docx](#)

Chair Homes recognized Mrs. Pamela Dowdy, Executive Director, Smart Start. She shared her time spent on the Smart Start board and working with Mrs. Dowdy, who she termed a change agent. She shared that she benefited from Smart Start. She said that serving on the Smart Start board has been one of her biggest joys as a child. She said working with Mrs. Dowdy has had a great impact on her.

Chair Holmes read the resolution aloud.

Commissioner Evans shared that there is nothing more important than being able to share the data that we have today because of Mrs. Dowdy and Smart Start. She thanked Mrs. Dowdy for her work and partnership with the school system.

Commissioner Calabria shared that he has spent a great deal of time with Mrs. Dowdy and he thanked her for her service. He said her efforts have been a great equalizer.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that her smile and demeanor have left a

mark on Wake County. He said the Smart Start program started in North Carolina and is rated number one in effectiveness in Pre-K programs. He thanked Mrs. Dowdy for being a champion in the Wake County community. He said she has changed many lives in Wake County.

Vice Chair Ford shared that he knew Mrs. Dowdy before Smart Start. He said that it's not just about the kids, but all of the wrap around support. He thanked her for her services to Wake County and said her impact on Wake County will continue on for many years.

Chair Holmes said that when she was 4 years old, there were many Pam Dowdy's that made a difference in her life, but Mrs. Dowdy has left a legacy on many children. Chair Holmes presented Mrs. Dowdy with a plaque and Wake County pen.

Mrs. Dowdy said that her heart was full and this is real celebratory time for she and her family. She said that she sees many champions ready to continue the work. She shared the transition of the children and handing over the baton. She thanked her team for supporting her during her tenure at Smart Start. She thanked Ms. Gayle Headon, new Executive Director of Smart Start, as well as her husband Robert and her family.

Chair Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners approve a Resolution recognizing Pamela J. Dowdy for her dedication to children and families in Wake County. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Proclamation Recognizing April 7-13, 2019 as Celebrating Volunteerism Week in Wake County

Attachments: [National Volunteerism Week 2019 Item Summary.docx](#)
[FINAL 2019 Volunteer Week_BOCslides.pdf](#)
[Celebrating Volunteerism Proclamation 3-18-19.docx](#)

Mr. Ben Canada, Assistant to the County Manager, invited the volunteer committee to join him at the podium. He said that when a volunteer serves one hour, it makes a difference.

He shared information on National Volunteer Week.

By Presidential Proclamation, April 7-13 is designated as National Volunteer Week to inspire and encourage people to volunteer and to celebrate those who do.

County's Focus:

1. Residents: Acknowledge the thousands of residents that volunteer to support County operations, and encourage others to find their place to offer their time and talents
2. Employees: Encourage employee use of Community Involvement Leave, and celebrate their contributions

He shared information on the 2019 #ONEWake campaign.

Launched in April 2016, the #ONEWake campaign uses a variety of outreach and Education strategies to show how ONE person, in just ONE hour or ONE day, can make a real difference in their community.

Through #ONEWake, the county is promoting ways for volunteers to support county Programs and services and celebrating those who do.

Find ONE way you can make a difference at wakegov.com/volunteer.

He shared how Wake County is making a difference.

Board of Commissioners approved increase in Community Involvement leave available to employees, which took effect January 1, 2018.

Policy change increase hours from 8 to 16 annually Impact:

- 2017 hours used: 6,800
- 2018 hours used: 12,600
- Increase of 86%

He shared members of the Celebrating Volunteerism Committee. Mr. Canada shared that a volunteer reception will be held in September 2019.

Vice Chair Ford read the proclamation aloud. He thanked the volunteer staff for their time and efforts.

Chair Holmes said that she was glad to be able to work with staff on increasing the hours for volunteering. She thanked the volunteers for their time and efforts.

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners adopt a proclamation recognizing April 7-13 as Celebrating Volunteerism Week in Wake County. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Amendments to the Wake County Public School System Appropriation

Attachments: [March 18 2019 Agenda Item 03.13.19.docx](#)
[Budget Memo - FY 2019 Non-Departmental.xlsx](#)
[Budget Memo - FY 2019 Wake County Public School System.xlsx](#)
[Copy of Explanation of Changes FY 2019 County Appropriation by Purpose and Function.pdf](#)
[County Appropriation January 2019.pdf](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners amend the FY 2019 General Fund Budget Ordinance to appropriate \$448,679 of the Actual Enrollment Reserve to the Wake County Public School System and reflect realignment of WCPSS's allocation by purpose and function based on the Board of Education's revised budget. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Award Construction Contract for Mechanical System Replacement at South Wilmington Street Center

Attachments: [Agenda_SWSC HVAC_02-21-19_Final.docx](#)
[Bid Tab.pdf](#)
[SWSC HVAC Repl Cost Summary.pdf](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners award a construction contract in the amount of \$669,000 to Comfort Systems USA of South Boston, Virginia and authorize the County Manager to execute this contract for the Mechanical System Replacement at South Wilmington Street Center. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Award Construction Contract for Renovations to the Board of Elections Warehouse

Attachments: [Agenda Item Summary.docx](#)
[Bid Tabulation.pdf](#)
[BOE Project Cost Summary.pdf](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners award a construction contract in the amount of \$1,038,400 to Beau Chene Company, LLC of Raleigh, NC and authorize the County Manager to execute this contract for the Board of

Elections Warehouse & Office Renovations. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Approval to Proceed with Construction Management at Risk Delivery Method for the Marbles Kids Museum Expansion Project

Attachments: [Marbles Exp CMAR Preselection Appvl.doc](#)
[Evaluation of CMAR Method for Marbles Project.pdf](#)
[Marbles Work Session Presentation Oct 2017.pdf](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Construction Manager at Risk delivery method for construction of the Marbles Kids Museum Expansion Project, based on concluding that this delivery method is in the best interest of the project, in accordance with NC General Statutes. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Approval of a Multi-Year Agreement for Lockbox and E-Box Services with Branch Banking & Trust (BB&T)

Attachments: [Board Item Summary_BB&T Lockbox.docx](#)
[Final_BBT contract_2018.pdf](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Manager to execute a three-year contract with Branch Banking & Trust (BB&T), on behalf of Wake County, for providing and processing lockbox and e-box services, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Habitat for Humanity Development Agreement Addendum

Attachments: [Item Summary](#)
[Second Addendum to Habitat for Humanity Development](#)
[First Addendum Habitat for Humanity Development Agreement](#)
[Board of Commissioner Agenda Item-January 17, 2017](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Manager to execute a Second Addendum to the Development Agreement between Habitat for Humanity of Wake County and Wake County for the purpose of extending the deadline related to the construction a home on one remaining lot subject, to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

16. WakeMed Hospital Board of Directors Amendment to WakeMed's Articles of Incorporation

Attachments: [WakeMed Board of Directors Item Summary.docx](#)
[WakeMed recommendations.pdf](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners approve changes to Article VI of the WakeMed Board of Directors Articles of Incorporation. The motion passed unanimously.

17. 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.docx](#)
[Executive Summary 1.doc](#)
[Executive Summary 2.doc](#)
[March 2019 Refunds Under 500.pdf](#)
[March 2019 refunds over \\$500.00.pdf](#)
[Daily Updates For Exemptions.pdf](#)
[Daily Updates For Penalties.pdf](#)
[Daily Updates For Tax Relief.pdf](#)
[Daily Updates For Special Situations.pdf](#)
[Daily Updates For Tax Deferments.pdf](#)
[Municipal Collection Report](#)
[Wake County Collection Report](#)
[Monthly In-Rem Foreclosure Report](#)
[PFB Summary Report.pdf](#)
[Register of Deeds Excise Tax Report](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners approve the attached recommendations by the Tax Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

18. Public Hearing and Request from WakeMed to Approve the Use of Tax-Exempt Private Activity Bonds to Finance Infrastructure Improvements and Refinance Previously Issued Bonds

Attachments: [Item Summary - TEFRA public hearing v2.docx](#)
[FINAL WakeMed TEFRA Presentation 3-18-19.pdf](#)
[TEFRA Policy Adopted January 19 2016.pdf](#)
[RESOLUTION APPROVING IN PRINCIPLE THE ISSUANCE OF NOT
TO EXCEED.docx](#)
[WakeMed - TEFRA Application.DOCX](#)

Mr. Donald Gintzig, President & CEO, WakeMed, thanked the board for their support. He said Wake county is the healthiest county in North Carolina, but there is still much work to be done.

He shared the mission, vision and values of WakeMed.

He shared statistics and services offered by WakeMed. He said Wake Med is the largest provider of healthcare in the county.

He said WakeMed provides significant resources to the community.

He shared a map of their market showing all the counties that are served by WakeMed.

He shared a map of WakeMed locations. He said there is a wide variety of services and locations.

He shared the plan of finance and the goals it will accomplish.

He shared current vs pro forma debt mix.

He shared capital projects that will be completed with the bond funds.

He shared details on the Cary Hospital Expansion. He said Cary has seen a lot of growth and he expects that to continue.

He shared refinancing options and their purpose.

He said the refinance will be accomplished through the Finance Authority of Wisconsin. He shared the reasons that agency was chosen.

He shared TEFRA requirements for the refinancing.

He shared that Wake County will have no debt or liability for repayment of these bonds.

He shared the next steps in the process.

He said WakeMed is a community treasurer.

Chair Holmes opened the public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chair Holmes closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked Mr. Gintzig for his services to WakeMed and the community. He said that he is moved by the mission of WakeMed.

Commissioner West shared that WakeMed is in his district and asked to make the motion. He commended the leadership of WakeMed and said they increase the quality of life in Wake County. He said he serves as Co-Chair of the Community Health Needs Assessment, and he is honored to work with WakeMed.

Commissioner Calabria highlighted the work of WakeMed and their mission. He said that he would like to highlight the transparency and said they are an inspiration. He said he participated in the Sunshine Week event that he attended at Elon University. He asked if there are any trends in mental health or advances at WakeMed.

Mr. Gintzig said that mental health and substance abuse are on the front lines at WakeMed. He said that WakeMed has facilitated new processes to address those issues. He said that 70,000 people come to WakeMed a year. He said WakeMed has developed a community-based partnership called the Network for Advancing Behavioral Health. He said that there is a partnership forthcoming to address social determinants to health like food security and transportation. He said that Wake County is working hard to meet the needs of the community. He said that a lot of the work is in partnership with stakeholders. He thanked the commissioners for their support.

Vice Chair Ford said that WakeMed was there for him during a personal illness this past year.

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson, that the Board of Commissioners, at the conclusion of a public hearing regarding the same, adopt a resolution approving for purposes of meeting the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, of 1986, as amended, and Sections 66.0301, 66.0303 and 66.0304 (in each case as in effect on the date hereof) of the Wisconsin Statutes commonly known as the "Joint Exercise of Powers Law," the issuance by the Public Finance Authority of not to exceed \$480,000,000 in Tax-Exempt

Private Activity bonds for the benefit of WakeMed. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Approve the Purchase of New Voting Equipment for the Board of Elections

Attachments: [BOE Board Item Summary.docx](#)
[3 48 19 Board Presentation - BOE Tabulators.pdf](#)
[NCGS 163A-1116-1118.docx](#)

Mr. Gary Sims, Board of Elections Director, shared the appreciation he has for the support he receives from the Board of Commissioners and the County Manager's office. He introduced Ms. Jacqueline Cameron and Mr. Matt Guess, who are Information Technology Specialists in the Board of Elections office. He said Mr. Guess is the only certified elections tabulator technician working for a county in the state. He said Ms. Cameron is working towards her certification.

Mr. Sims shared the background of today's request. He said the purchase of new equipment has already been approved by both the local and state boards of election.

He shared the standards and maintenance required for voting equipment.

He shared information on the ES&S DS200, which is the tabulator and ES&S DS850, which is a high speed counter.

He shared the requested board action. He said the 2020 election will be the largest election in the history of Wake County.

Commissioner Adamson thanked Mr. Sims for answering her questions a few weeks ago. She asked if the Board of Elections anticipates obtaining 10 years of life expectancy for the new equipment. He said that he does expect to get 10 years of service. He said having the certified technicians extends the life expectancy because the machines are serviced more often than other counties.

Commissioner Adamson asked if the new machines would address the humidity issue that has been experienced in the past. Mr. Sims said as long as there is paper and water, there may be issues with humidity. He said that the new equipment is not a guarantee that humidity would not be an issue. He said that there was a small number of precincts with the humidity issues.

Commissioner Adamson said that the last elections experienced long lines, especially during early voting. She asked if the new machines would address that or if there is a need for additional voting sites. Mr. Sims said

the speed issue is primarily based on how long it takes the voter to cast their vote. He said that Fridays and Saturdays are always the longest wait times at early voting sites. He said the size of the voting site and the parking situation often impact voter wait times.

Commissioner Adamson asked if there are issues with the current ADA compliance devices. Mr. Sims said the automark machines are only for voters with hearing and visual impairments. He said they are used very lightly and are still in compliance with ADA compliance.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked about the barcodes issue that was made during public comments. Mr. Sims said that there is a very rigid process. He said that residents have been invited to see how the equipment is tested.

Chair Holmes asked that instructions be given to staff and poll workers for a plan of action as it relates to the humidity issue.

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson, that the Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of a new Voting System to replace the current Voting System being used by the Board of Elections. The recommended new Voting System is produced by Elections Systems and Software (ES&S) and consists of the DS200 Precinct Tabulator, DS850 High-Speed Scanner, and UNITY 3.4.1.1 Election Software Suite. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Resolution Authorizing the Conveyance of Wake County Surplus Property (approximately 143 acres) located along Shady Greens Drive, Brushy Meadows Drive, and Hilltop-Needmore Road, in Fuquay-Varina, NC (formerly known as Crooked Creek Golf Course) to the Town of Fuquay-Varina

Attachments: [Crooked Creek Agenda Item Summary March 2018.docx](#)
[Crooked Creek Map.pdf](#)

Mr. Frank Cope, Community Services Director, said at the Board of Commissioners meeting on February 18, 2019 meeting the Board adopted a resolution that established the method of disposition of approximately 143 acres (formerly known as Crooked Creek Golf Course) and authorized the County Manager to negotiate terms and conditions. Since that time, county staff have had conversations with staff from both the Town of Fuquay-Varina and the Wake County Public School System on the disposition of the surplus 143 acres. Those conversations resulted in the following recommendations:

- That the county convey all 143 acres to the Town of Fuquay-Varina

with the condition that the property may only be used by the Town for park, open space or other public purposes and subject to a gain provision that compensates the county in the event the property is sold, at a future date, at a price above the Town's acquisition and improvement costs.

- That the Town of Fuquay-Varina and the Wake County Board of Education enter into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) which will enable a joint planning process for the development of the Board of Education property and the tracts adjacent thereto which would be acquired by the town. This Interlocal Agreement would need to be approved by both the town Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education prior to the conveyance of the property.
- That the property will be conveyed as is, where is.
- That the county is not required to expend any additional funding to effectuate the conveyance, improve the property, or facilitate any use by the town or use contemplated by the ILA executed between the town and the Board Of Education.

Commissioner Calabria said that the driving goal was to preserve a unique piece of land where the population is growing. He said that the resolution being put forth today meets the driving goal. He said that this is not the perfect solution, but it is the best solution given the alternatives. He said there are concerns in the resolution language. He said he is mindful of promises made in reference to the covenant. He said overall this is a positive step for all residents of Wake County. He thanked the Town of Fuquay Varina for being involved in the process. He said that this is a step forward and this is a positive development that he is happy to support.

Vice Chair Ford thanked Mr. Cope and his staff for their work on this project. He said that he hopes that the residents see this in a positive move. He thanked the County Manager's office, Attorney's office staff and all county staff for their work on this project.

Commissioner West said public places are meant to be messy. He said the art of compromise has allowed the project to move forward. He said perfect is the enemy of good and the county got the good.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked the residents for their attendance at today's meeting. He said that this resolution is something that they can all agree on. He said that the ultimate goal is to create another park that everyone can feel good about. He thanked the Town of Fuquay-Varina and staff for helping put the contract together.

Chair Holmes said that this a win win for all of Wake County and an exercise on the art of compromise for this board.

Mr. Cope shared provided clarification on the Southeast County Park. He said 40 acres of that park have been identified for the big infrastructure such as the community center, restrooms, parking lot, and maintenance facilities. He said the entire 300 acres will be a county park with natural trails.

Chair Holmes asked how the size of the Southeast Park compares to other county parks.

Mr. Cope said the Southeast Park will be the second largest county park. He said Harris Lake is the largest county park.

Commissioner Adamson said that the farmers from the Willow Springs area are excited that a park is forthcoming

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners:

1. Authorize the County Manager to execute a contract for the disposition of the Wake County Surplus Property (“Property”), without monetary consideration, to the Town of Fuquay-Varina (“Town”) pursuant to NCGS 160A-274, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney (“Disposition Contract”); and

2. Authorize the Chair to execute a Non-Warranty Deed and any other documents necessary to convey the Wake County Surplus Property to the Town of Fuquay-Varina, subject to the following special conditions:

a. That the Town and Wake County Board of Education (“WCBOE”) have executed a duly authorized Interlocal Agreement of a minimum duration of 25 years for future collaborative uses of the Property. Terms and conditions of the ILA must be acceptable to the County.

b. That the town has approved a resolution entered upon its minutes that: 1) authorizes the manager to enter the Disposition Contract, 2) accepts the conveyance of the Property subject to a deed restriction limiting its use to open space, park or public purposes

approved by the town, and 3) accepts conveyance of the Property with the condition that the county is not required to expend any additional funding to effectuate the conveyance or improve the Property, or facilitate an intended use.

c. Any other terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney; and

3. Authorizes the Manager and Chair to take any other actions necessary to effectuate the transaction as approved

Manager's Report

21. 2020 U.S. Census Update

Attachments: [Item Summary](#)
[Census Update Presentation 3-18-19.pdf](#)
[2020 Complete Count Committee](#)

Mr. Tim Maloney, Planning Development, and Inspections Director and Ms. Sharon Peterson, Long Range Planning Administrator, presented the 2020 U.S Census Update.

Ms. Peterson said Census Day will be April 1, 2020.

She shared why the census is important.

- Provides a basis for reapportioning congressional seats
- Provides a basis for distributing more than \$675B in federal funds annually to states and local communities
- Impacts housing, education, transportation, employment, health care and public policy

She shared what residents need to know about census day.

Conducting your self-response will be available online for the first time

All personal data is confidential

Some groups have historically been undercounted

- Rural communities
- Vulnerable communities
- Immigrants

She shared the county-wide approach for a successful census.

- County staff will coordinate a county-wide effort working closely with staff from each municipality
- Significant public outreach to promote participation by attending community organizations and events
- Provide educational and promotional materials
- Develop strategies for *hard to count* areas and populations
- Established by the Wake County Board of Commissioners
- Comprised of local government and community leaders to increase awareness and participation in the census
- Lead the community toward a successful census count
- Target *hard to count* areas and populations

Mr. Maloney shared how staff is creating awareness in our community. He shared information on the complete count committee.

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He shared the complete count committee focus areas.

- Government
- Education
- Media
- Community organizations
- Workforce development
- Faith-based institutions
- Businesses
- Special Housing

He shared participation rates from the 2000 and 2010 census.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked how individuals are counted that do not

respond to the census request. Ms. Peterson said a census enumerator will go to each household address that does not respond to the survey.

Mr. Maloney shared a request that will come to the April 15th Board Of Commissioners meeting.

- Establish the Complete Count Committee
- Appoint the Chairperson of the Complete Count Committee
- Proclaim April 1, 2020 as Census Day in Wake County

Mr. Maloney said each municipality is requested to do a proclamation declaring April 1, 2020 as Census Day.

Commissioner West asked if larger counties were responsible for setting up their committees. Mr. Maloney said each county is responsible for conducting their own census. He said a complete county committee is used in Wake County due to the population.

Commissioner West asked who would be leading the Wake County Census. Ms. Peterson said the Board of Commissioners will determine that at the April 15th meeting.

Commissioner West asked how the goal percentage is determined.

Ms. Peterson said that will be determined by the Chair of the Complete Count Committee. Ms. Peterson said this census will be difficult due to the mistrust in government.

Chair Holmes said the word trust is very important to this process. She asked if we can take specific measures to alleviate fears or address concerns of residents that may be afraid of Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) in particular.

Ms. Peterson said in 2010, there was an International Communities meeting to address concerns. Ms. Peterson said staff is communicating with the International Focus Group and the National Association of Latino Elected Officials to provide information for the 2020 census.

Chair Holmes thanked Ms. Peterson for the partnerships and asked that staff go above and beyond to address any concerns.

County Manager Ellis said that a lot is at stake with the census and a high rate of return is important.

Commissioner Calabria said that the census affects voting strength in

Congress and the General Assembly. He encouraged the census team to look at creating a stakeholders committee to validate the numbers and make sure everyone is counted.

Commissioner Calabria requested that any major issues or barriers to the census process be brought to the Board of Commissioners immediately.

Appointments

22. Alliance Behavioral Healthcare

Attachments: Alliance Item Summary 2-19.docx
Alliance Member List 2019.doc
Alliance Health App Roster 2-19.xlsx
Alliance Health Applicants.pdf
Alliance Health Board Choices 2-19.xlsx

Vice-Chair Ford nominated Mr. Donald McDonald and Mr. McKinley Wooten for reappointment.

The At-Large appointment was postponed until April.

23. Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee

Attachments: [Item Summary Nursing Home CAC.doc](#)
[NH Member List 2019.doc](#)
[NHCAC Applicant Roster 2-19.xlsx](#)
[Nursing Home Applicants 2-19.pdf](#)
[NHCAC Board Choices 2-19.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated Ms. Jean Port

24. Wake County Planning Board

Attachments: Item Summary Planning Board.doc
Nursing Home Member List.doc
Planning Board Applicant Roster .xlsx
Planning Board Applicants.pdf
Planning Board Bd Choices .xlsx
PB Attendance.xlsx

Vice-Chair Ford nominated Mr. G. Thomas Wells for reappointment and Ms. Brenna Booker-Rouse for appointment.

Two additional appointments were postponed until the April meeting.

25. Wake County Water Partnership

Attachments: [Water Partnership Item Summary 2-19.doc](#)
[Water Partnership Member List 2019.doc](#)
[Water Partnership App Roster.xlsx](#)
[Water Partnerships Applicants 2-19.pdf](#)
[Water Partnership Board Choices .xlsx](#)
[WP Attendance.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated Horace Smith and Chris Johnson.

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

26. Upcoming Vacancies for April

Attachments: [Upcoming Vacancies for April 2019.docx](#)

Other Business

Chair Holmes said that she was asked about her position on the terrorist attack in New Zealand. She said that we are a place of love and will not tolerate hate in any form. She quoted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." She said that summarizes her position, and we are all better together.

27. Informational Items for the Board of Commissioners

Attachments: [Information Items Summary 3-18-19.docx](#)
[January 2019 Financial Statements.pdf](#)

None

Closed Session

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

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Wake County Board of Commissioners