

Item Title: Approval of Wake County's 2017 State Legislative Goals and NCACC Legislative Goals

Specific Action Requested:
That the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Approves Wake County's 2017 State Legislative Goals; and**
- 2. Endorses the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners 2017-2018 Legislative Goals.**

Item Summary:

The County Commissioners discussed the draft Wake County 2017 Legislative Goals (attached) at the January 23, 2017 Work Session. Wake County's 2017 Local Legislative Goals include:

1. Prevent the relaxation of environmental protections for drinking water supplies
2. Increase access to healthcare for County residents through Medicaid expansion or similar alternatives
3. Improve economic development and social vitality through the repeal of HB2

Additionally, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) met on January 12 and 13 to approve their 2017-2018 Legislative Goals. Included in the NCACC Legislative Goals were specific items requested by the Wake County Board of Commissioners, including:

- GG-1: Support increased state funding for transportation construction and maintenance needs, and support legislation to ensure that the STI funding formula recognizes that one size does not fit all and that projects in both rural and urban areas are prioritized and funded.
- GG-2: Seek legislation to authorize counties to require HOAs or developers to post maintenance bonds for publicly dedicated subdivision roads, require DOT to expedite acceptance of subdivision roads into the state road system, and implement a statewide approach to maintaining pre-subdivision ordinance roads.
- GG-3: Seek legislation, funding, and other efforts to expand digital infrastructure/broadband capability to the un-served and under-served areas of the state.
- HHS-1: Support increased state funding for behavioral health services and facilities at the state and local level, including dedicated resources for community paramedicine projects. Support Medicaid reimbursement to EMS for behavioral health transport to crisis centers and structure appropriate county participation in behavioral health program governance.
- JPS-2: Support increased state funding for NC courts, including reinstating funding for drug treatment court.

- PE-3: Support legislation to provide for an overall increase of funding based on average daily memberships outside of the current formula system.
- TF-1: Support efforts to preserve and expand the existing local revenue base of counties, and oppose efforts to divert to the state fees or taxes currently allocated to the counties to the state. Oppose efforts to erode existing County revenue streams and authorize local option revenue sources already given to any other jurisdiction.

The Commissioners are asked to approve Wake County's 2016 State Legislative Goals and endorse the goals identified in the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners 2017-2018 Legislative Goals.

Attachments:

1. Draft Wake County 2017 State Legislative Goals
2. NCACC 2017-2018 Legislative Goals