



# Board of Commissioners Work Session Agenda

**Tuesday, September 29, 2020 - 2:00 PM**

**Meeting Held Remotely**

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Greg Ford

## **I. Proposed Approach to Use of Wake ABC Funds**

*Emily Lucas, Chief Financial Officer*

*Denise Foreman, Assistant County Manager*

The Wake County Alcohol Beverage Control Board (Wake ABC) is a governmental entity that sells alcoholic beverages. Every year, Wake ABC allocates a portion of its net revenues to Wake County government. For several years, the historic starting amount for annual funding has been \$4 million. The County applies this \$4 million in the operating budget, traditionally for behavioral health, substance abuse, and similar services. Wake ABC has consistently provided additional funds later in the fiscal year, prompting the need for additional County decisions. In this work session, County staff will propose a new approach to planning and budgeting ABC funds. The new approach would continue using the funds for programs that serve vulnerable populations. And, the approach should provide the Board of Commissioners and stakeholders more predictability and consistency in the budgeting process. Commissioners will provide feedback on the proposal.

Attachments:

1. Presentation

## **II. CARES Act Funding and Childcare Subsidies**

*Emily Lucas, Chief Financial Officer*

*Derwick Paige, Chief Community Vitality Officer*

The COVID-19 crisis has caused the Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) to begin the 2020-2021 school year with full-time virtual learning. WCPSS is considering options for partial and full returns to in-person learning. But all options may assume a large percentage of students will learn virtually for most of all of the school year, and COVID trends may lead to longer-term virtual learning. Some younger students with special needs would benefit from structured, safe space in which to learn. And, many families face additional financial challenges due to the COVID crisis, or may not have the flexibility to work from home. To address these needs, Commissioners have asked staff to evaluate options to use federal CARES Act funds to provide childcare subsidies to qualifying moderate-to-low income households. In this presentation, staff will outline a plan to use up to \$5 million of the County's Covid Relief Fund to provide childcare subsidies to qualifying moderate-to-low income households. Commissioners will provide feedback on the proposed plan.



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### **III. Healing Transitions Capital Project Request**

*Chris Budnick, Executive Director*

At the request of Vice-Chair Adamson, Healing Transitions will provide an update on their two projects to expand the men's and women's campus. The update will provide Commissioners with current project capital cost estimates, project fundraising status and overall project status. Healing Transitions is requesting additional capital support from the Board of Commissioners in addition to the \$1.5M currently committed to the combined project.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Project Summary

### **IV. Fellowship Home Expansion Project**

*John Avant, Board Chair and Terri Conyers, Program Director*

At the request of Commissioner Evans, Fellowship Home, a provider of substance use recovery housing, will provide information on their proposed project to expand their services to include a substance use recovery home for women. Fellowship Home is requesting capital support from the Board of Commissioners to provide for the acquisition and upfit of their proposed project.

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