



# Wake County

301 South McDowell Street  
Raleigh, NC

## Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

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Monday, February 20, 2017

2:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

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**Meeting Called to Order: Chairman Sig Hutchinson**

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

Others Present: Jim Hartmann, County Manager; Scott Warren, County Attorney; Denise Hogan, Clerk to the Board; Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk to the Board; David Ellis, Deputy County Manager; Johnna Rogers, Deputy County Manager

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation: Commissioner Greg Ford**

### **Items of Business**

1. [Approval of Agenda](#)

**Vice-Chair Calabria moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Chairman Hutchinson, Vice-Chair Calabria, Commissioner Ford, Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Portman, and Commissioner West

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Burns

2. [Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2017](#)

**Commissioner Portman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 6, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Burns

3. [Recognition of Recent Award Winners](#)

Attachments: [awards--February 20 REVISED.docx](#)

**Harvard University's Bright Ideas in Government Awards**

Mr. Jim Hartmann, County Manager, said two Wake County initiatives have been recognized nationally as part of the 2017 "Bright Ideas in Government" initiative, awarded by the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

He said the Bright Ideas program is an initiative of the broader Innovations in American Government Awards. It recognizes programs from all levels of government that represent the next horizon of work to improve services, solve problems, and work on behalf of citizens. Bright Ideas are showcased on the Ash Center's Government Innovators Network, an online platform allowing government leaders, public servants and other individuals to learn about these efforts and adopt those initiatives that can work in their own communities.

**EMS's Advance Practice Paramedics Program**

Mr. Hartmann said Wake County EMS's Advanced Practice Paramedics Program (APP) was recognized as a 2017 Bright Idea.

He said in 2008, Wake County EMS began training Advanced Practice Paramedics, or APPs, to respond alongside ambulances to select EMS call types, including mental health and substance abuse crises. When responding to a call, the APP provides necessary emergency medical care. If no other immediate medical care is needed, the ambulance returns to service and the APP remains with the patient to coordinate transportation and direct entry into a mental health-specific treatment facility.

He said this program has resulted in better service to patients and health-care systems by enabling APPs to provide the right care at the right time and at lower cost, and allowing ambulances and emergency departments to retain the resources and capacity to address other medical emergencies.

He congratulated the Emergency Medical Services Department on this innovative improvement to the county's EMS services and operations. The board recognized Dr. Jose Cabanas, Wake County EMS Director; and Mr. Michael Bachman, Deputy Director of Medical Affairs.

**Wake County Yelp Initiative**

Mr. Hartmann said also recognized, as one of this year's Bright Ideas was Wake County's collaboration with Yelp, a prominent online restaurant review guide.

Wake County regularly conducts sanitation inspections at more than 2,600 restaurants and posts the information to the county's website, but few people think to visit government websites for restaurant information.

To make restaurant inspection data more accessible, Environmental Services partnered with Information Services to develop an interface that pushes sanitation scores to Yelp and automatically updates the data each day.

This allows Yelp users to see a restaurant's most recent inspection score right next to the customer reviews, as well as an easy-to-understand summary of infractions.

This innovative collaboration also resulted in the development of a national data standard that ensures the uniformity of health inspection scores as municipalities across the country add their data to the Yelp database.

The board recognized Mr. Andre Pierce, Environmental Health and Safety Director; Mr. Chris Mathews, Information Services; and Mr. Bill Greeves, Chief Information and Innovation Officer.

Mr. Hartmann said the awards are competitive and Wake County staff performs work that needs to be recognized.

## Consent Agenda

**Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Calabria, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. [Lease Agreement for Space at Weatherbridge Center III, 111 James Jackson Avenue, Suite 201 Cary, NC 27613 for Wake County Human Services' - Women, Infant, and Children's \(WIC\) Services in Western Wake County](#)

**Attachments:**    [HS West WIC Agenda Summary.doc](#)  
[Attachment 1 - Proposed Rent Analysis.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 2 - Location Map.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 3 - Floor Plan.pdf](#)  
[Attachment 4 - WIC Study.pdf](#)

**Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Manager to execute a 84 month lease for Weatherbridge Center III, 111 James Jackson Avenue, Suite 201 Cary, NC 27613 on behalf of Wake County, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. [Assumption of Housing Rehabilitation Loan](#)

**Attachments:**    [Item Summary.doc](#)  
[Previous Deed of Trust, Promissory Note & Loan Modification.pdf](#)  
[Map of Subject Property \(2\).pdf](#)  
[Title Opinion Memo.docx](#)

**Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Calabria, that the**

**Board of Commissioners:**

1. Approve the execution of a new Deed of Trust and Promissory Note with the current loan balance to allow James Carrington to assume that balance for property at 2401 Trueway Lane Raleigh NC, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney; and
2. Approve the cancellation of record for the previous Deeds of Trust and Promissory Notes on this property to which Wake County is a beneficiary.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. [Accept and Appropriate 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program Award](#)

**Attachments:**    [BOC Agenda Item 2016 HSGP Generator Grant Award](#)  
[FY16 MOA#1636 Wake County Generator Project \(Executed\)](#)  
[Budget Memo - FY 2017 Grants Fund.xlsx](#)

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners:

1. Accept the equipment grant award from the Department of Homeland Security through the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management in the amount of \$62,187 with funds to be appropriated in FY 2017; and
2. Authorize the County Manager to sign a grant award notification and the 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program Memorandum of Agreement.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. [Resolution Designating Primary and Secondary Agents for Hurricane Matthew Recovery](#)

**Attachments:**    [Agenda Item designated agents for Hurricane Matthew recovery.docx](#)  
[NC Designation of Applicants agent.pdf](#)

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners designate primary and secondary agents, authorized to execute and file applications for federal and/or state assistance on behalf of Wake County, for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Act. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. [Resolution Setting Date for Advertisement of Tax Liens](#)**

**Attachments:**    [2017 Item Summary for Resolution for Advertisement of Tax Liens](#)  
                          [Report of Unpaid Taxes](#)  
                          [Resolution Setting Date for Advertisement of Tax Liens](#)

**Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution authorizing the Revenue Director to publish on March 10, 2017, or as soon thereafter as possible, tax liens on real property in Wake County. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Regular Agenda****9. [Wake County Public School System CIP Reallocations and Appropriations \(First Reading\)](#)**

**Attachments:**    [First Reading Item Summary.docx](#)  
                          [WCPSS Presentation.pptx](#)  
                          [BOC Resolution 3.6.17.docx](#)  
                          [CIP 2006 Appropriation Summary as of 3.6.17.pdf](#)  
                          [CIP 2013 Appropriation Summary as of 3.6.17.pdf](#)  
                          [WCPSS Multi-Year CIP Appropriation Summary as of 3.6.17.pdf](#)  
                          [Planned Life Cycle Backup.pdf](#)  
                          [Board of Education Resolution for CIP 2006 Reallocation.pdf](#)  
                          [Board of Education Resolution for CIP 2013 Reallocations and Appropriations.pdf](#)  
                          [Board of Education Resolution for FY2017 Appropriations.pdf](#)

Mr. Joe Desormeaux, Wake County Public Schools, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities, shared the key drivers for the request.

- Provide funding from multiple sources for Buckhorn Creek Elementary (last major project in CIP 2013)
- Appropriate majority of remaining funding for CIP 2013 including partial funding for typical annual allotments for life cycle, technology, program management, etc.
- Appropriate startup design funds to begin designs for next round of schools in 7 Year Plan
- Appropriate FY17 construction funding for Vandora Springs Elementary, and partial construction funding for Apex High and Willow Spring High

He shared the reallocation and appropriations information.

Commissioner Holmes asked about the primary driver for the savings.

Mr. Desormeaux said there were leftover contingencies in projects.

Vice-Chair Calabria asked about the funding plan of the project. Mr. Desormeaux said there were preliminary construction funding for bidding and the rest of the funding is in the cash flow for the latter part of the project.

10. [Public Hearing on a Request to the North Carolina Board of Transportation to Close and Abandon the Right-of-Way for Old Kit Creek Road in the Research Triangle Park Area \(Petition ROW-A-01-16\)](#)

**Attachments:**    [ROW-A-01-16 Item Summary BOC.doc](#)  
                          [ROW-A-01-16 BOC PPT2.pptx](#)  
                          [Aerial View Map.pdf](#)  
                          [Right-of-Way Abandonment Exhibit.pdf](#)  
                          [Original ROW Abandonment Request.pdf](#)  
                          [Transfer of Petition Request to New Owner.pdf](#)  
                          [NCDOT Maintenance System Deletion.pdf](#)  
                          [ROW-A-01-16 Resolution.doc](#)

Mr. Keith Lankford, Wake County Planner II, said the request is for the Board of Commissioners to hold a public hearing and approve a request to the North Carolina Board of Transportation to close and abandon the right-of-way for Old Kit Creek Road in the Research Triangle Park area. He shared a map of the area. He shared the purpose of the Right of Way abandonment.

- The petitioner is Integrated DNA Technologies (IDT)
- NCDOT deleted this road from their maintenance program in January 2014
- Abandonment of this final segment of Old Kit Creek Road will allow for the right-of-way to be recombined with the adjacent properties, which are owned by IDT, to create a more functionally usable development site

He shared the input information from interested parties.

- Planning staff sent letters to the adjoining property owners, posted 2 public hearing signs along the subject ROW, and published 2 legal ads in the newspaper
- Wake County planning staff has received no response to those notification efforts
- The petitioner represents the adjoining property owner and supports the request
- The Research Triangle Foundation and NCDOT support the request

He shared the staff findings.

1. Old Kit Creek Road was deleted from NCDOT's road maintenance program in January 2014.
2. The closure of Old Kit Creek Road and its right-of-way abandonment will not be detrimental to the public interest.
3. The adjoining property owners (IDT), The Research Triangle Foundation, and NCDOT are in support of the request.

Chairman Hutchinson opened the public hearing.

Ms. Liz Rooks, Interim President, Research Triangle Foundation, (12 Davis Drive, RTP, NC) offered to answer any questions related to the request.

Mr. Larry McBennett, Everett Gaskins, and Hancock, (220 Fayetteville Street, suite 300 Raleigh, NC) said that his company studies DNA strands. He said that he supports recommendation for the closure of the road the North Carolina Department of Transportation. He said there has been communication with Duke Energy Progress Carolinas and Frontier Communications to maintain the access during the site planning process.

Chairman Hutchinson closed the public hearing.

Mr. Lankford said that staff recommends approval of the resolution and that the North Carolina Board of Transportation close and abandon the right-of-way for Old Kit Creek Road.

**Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Portman, that the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing and approve a request to the North Carolina Board of Transportation to close and abandon the right-of-way for Old Kit Creek Road (SR 1639) in the Research Triangle Park area. The motion passed unanimously.**

11. [Accept and Appropriate \\$50,000 from the City of Raleigh to Support Vulnerable Community Pilot in Southeast Raleigh](#)

**Attachments:** [CoR Funding Agenda Item](#)  
[Budget Memo - FY 2017 Human Services.xlsx](#)

Ms. Katherine Williams, Wake County Cooperative Extension Director, said that she has been working with Human Services about the vulnerable communities pilot program. She introduced Ms. Marchell Adams-David, Assistant City Manager, City of Raleigh; Ms. Melanie Davis-Jones; United Way of the Greater Triangle; Ms. Kia Baker, Southeast Raleigh Promise; and Ms. Kristen Feierabend, Community Development Specialist, Wake County Cooperative Extension; and Ms.

Verna Best, Wake County Social and Economic Vitality Program Manager.

Ms. Best asked the board to accept the \$50,000 contribution from the City of Raleigh to support a Social Innovation Challenge for residents.

Ms. Best said the goal of the challenge is to expand economic opportunity for community members through skill building, entrepreneurship, mentorship, and connection to resources that strengthen Southeast Raleigh's quality of life economically and socially.

She said there would be connection of community residents, small businesses, faith groups, and other organizations for the purpose of developing economic solutions that are both innovative and practical.

Ms. Best said there was core funding of \$150,000 that will be used to implement the challenge and to seed the ideas and solutions that will be generated. She said there would be members of the community, faith based organizations, and non-profits to serve on the co-design team to ensure the challenge is tailored to the targeted population. She said the challenge is an investment of the future of Southeast Raleigh.

Commissioner West said the work goes back to 2010 to address the vulnerable community. He said that Southeast Raleigh Promise, United Way, Community Development, North Carolina State University, Wake County Economic Development, Wake County Economic Development, and community partners are the key to the success at every level. He said true collaboration will maximize the areas that have been left behind. He said there is importance of collaboration and achieving outcomes.

Vice-Chair Calabria thanked staff for the partnerships for the collaborative work.

Chairman Hutchinson thanked the Mayor of Raleigh, City officials, and other partners for their work and for the effort to bring positive impacts to the residents of Wake County.

**Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$50,000 from the City of Raleigh to support that Vulnerable Community Pilot in Southeast Raleigh. The motion passed unanimously.**

12. [Establishment of a Wake County Population Health Task Force](#)

**Attachments:**    [2017 2 1 BOC Agenda Item for Wake County Pop Health Task Force](#)  
[PHTF BOC Work Session Presentation 2-10-17.pptx](#)  
[PHTF Population Health Resources.docx](#)  
[Explanation of Mean Population Health.pdf](#)  
[County Health Rankings and Roadmaps.pdf](#)

Ms. Regina Petteway, Wake County Human Services Director, asked the board to establish the Population Health Task Force and appoint Commissioner Sig Hutchinson as the Chair of the Task Force. She said the mission of the Task Force is to develop a comprehensive plan will address the health and well being of all of the residents in Wake County by addressing social determinants of health and disparities. She said the Task Force will focus on the policy level and comprehensive strategies by multiple partners across Wake County. She said the Task Force will build on successful initiatives such as the Governor's Task Force on Physical Health, Healthiest Capital County, and the ongoing Community Health Needs Assessment. She said it is expected for the group to commit to a 12-month effort and there will be 25 members appointed to the Task Force.

Ms. Petteway shared definitions of population health from the publication Improving Population Health by Working with Communities by the National Quality Forum. She said population health is "the health of a population that includes the distribution of health, outcomes, and disparities in the population."

Ms. Petteway said the definition of a population includes: "all individuals in a specified geo-political area."

Ms. Petteway said the definition of health includes: "a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely of diseases or infirmities."

She shared the Population HealthTask Force Timeline.

Feb. - Task Force Established  
March - Membership work  
April - First meeting  
April 2018 - finalize

Commissioner West said health is a key factor to quality to life. He said community health factors fit in terms of addressing vulnerable communities.

Commissioner Holmes said focusing on women's health and students is a part of the initiative including food insecurity, affordable housing, and

vulnerable communities. She said the initiative fits into the Board of Commissioner goals.

Chairman Hutchinson said citizens' zip code is a determination of life expectancy and is part of the social determinates of health. He said improving the health, wellness and life of the citizens is important. He thanked staff for their work toward these efforts.

Ms. Petteway thanked all the partners in Wake County and their efforts toward assisting with the Task Force.

**Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners:**

- 1. Establish a Population Health Task Force; and**
- 2. Appoint Commissioner Sig Hutchinson to serve as Chair of the Task Force.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Public Comments**

No one came forward for public comments.

#### **13. [Transit Committee](#)**

Chairman Hutchinson said the Board of Commissioners' Transit Committee met and the voters approved a half cent sales tax last year. He said that there is collaboration with organizations to develop the ten-year plan. He said there are efforts to develop routes with existing bus services with more service hours. He said there is a draft Wake County Work Plan for Transit that was introduced today.

#### **14. [Growth, Land Use and Environment Committee](#)**

Commissioner Burns said there were updates from the Growth, Land Use, and Environment on contamination of wells in the eastern part of Wake County. He said the neighbors had brought forward a petition for installation of a water line at homeowners' expense through the Wake County statute. He said that the committee reviewed the statute and determined that there was a tax burden to citizens of \$1,000 each year to install a water line. He said that there are no more wells that sampled

above the federal drinking water standards. He said in working with staff and working with the Environmental Protection Agency and Bernard Allen Fund, there has been a comprehensive review of testing of wells in the area. He said the issue was determined to be less wide-spread than originally feared. He said those residents with contamination have been connected with individual solutions. He reported that there were no more wells that sampled above the federal drinking water standard. He said that staff would continue to monitor these wells. He said there would be a comprehensive county-wide view of the donut hole neighborhoods. He said these neighborhoods do not have municipal water service. He said that the committee has asked the Wake County Water Partnership to review policies that can be developed. He said at the committee meeting staff shared an update of radiological contaminants in well water. He said that the uranium is generated from naturally occurring uranium in granite rock formations. He said that staff would develop a plan to test wells for contamination prior to new home construction. He said the Groundwater Protection Rules are being reviewed by staff. Wake County Water Partnership will hold its first meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017.

Commissioner West said the leaders in Southeast Raleigh have developed a plan for advisory input and empowerment advisory board structure with Go Triangle that will include persons from Durham, Orange, and Wake Counties. He said the advisory board would review impacts of gentrification, economic development, affordable housing, similar to the Crenshaw project in Las Angeles. He said there will be meetings to discuss that understanding of the low-wealth areas.

Commissioner Portman asked for clarification on the purpose of the Wake County Water Partnership. He said that he has concerns about the Rural Non-Public Utilities Water Customers. Commissioner Burns said the Water Partnership was developed to bring together communities (Raleigh/Cary) private water suppliers to share best practices with communities that are purchasers of water. He said the partnership will allow citizens and the environmental community to get-together to share best practices as assigned by the Wake County Board of Commissioners. He said there will be policy discussion on donut hole neighborhoods, boat storage in the watershed, and shallow wells.

Commissioner Portman said that well and septic issues have been concerns in the past from rural residents. Commissioner Burns said that Wake County Water Partnership is modeled after the City of Raleigh's Environmental Advisory Board. He said that this is a staff level expert committee.

Commissioner West said that in 2010 there was issue about

contaminated wells. He said that he is pleased about the Growth, Land Use, and Environment Committee's work.

Commissioner Burns commended Dr. Joseph Threadcraft, Environmental Services Director, and his staff for the work and bringing forward the information.

Vice-Chair Calabria said originally there were neighborhood discussions and ongoing addressing of the issue. He said the advisory group for the transit plan is meeting and asked that Commissioner West share the draft Wake County Work Plan to the Southeast Raleigh group that is meeting regularly.

Chairman Hutchinson said that water quality and quantity is important to the citizens of Wake County including ensuring there is clean, safe, water for the residents of Wake County.

Commissioner Burns said that water safety is important including that new wells are tested properly. He said examining existing wells in Wake County is a large endeavor.

#### Ready Wake

Mr. Josh Creighton, Wake County Emergency Management Director, emphasized that citizens need to be aware of the hazards that they face in the community and to be alerted when they occur in the community. He said Ready Wake and Ready Wake Alert helps citizens be involved in the community. He said that citizens can be notified by phone about evacuations, shelter notifications, search and rescue, and boil water notices. He said that the Everbridge System works all aspects to avoid usage of three different systems as in the past. He said there are Google alerts, texting and email features with the alerts. He said that multiple locations can be added to the alert system. He said that the system is IP based and the call out times are significantly reduced. He shared a video demonstration of the new system. He said there is significant marketing of the product including staffing in the Wake County Libraries on how to use the systems. He said citizens can access [readywake.com](http://readywake.com) to sign up for alerts. Mr. Creighton said there were 397,000 citizens that have accessed the system.

Commissioner Burns said the system is easy to use as he has accessed it. He encouraged citizens to use the site. He said that press releases are being sent about the new system.

Commissioner Portman asked how these changes are different than the Emergency Alert System. Mr. Creighton said that this is a cell phone activated system and there is a buffer around the county.

Chairman Hutchinson complimented staff for providing information to the board and the citizens of Wake County.

### **Committee Reports and Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Burns said that last week he attended a Local Government session with Leadership Raleigh touring the Legislative Building and meeting with City of Raleigh officials. He said that Ms. Johnna Rogers, Deputy Manager, attended the session and presented a budget simulation for participants. He thanked Ms. Rogers for presenting the session.

Ms. Rogers said the sessions were informative and the participants were engaged. She said the sessions brought forward an awareness of county government functions.

Vice-Chair Calabria said that he attended meeting with county staff, Wake Technical Community College, Public Safety, Sheriff's office, and Capital Area Workforce Development staff about inmate education programs for the incarcerated. He said that before the recession there were GED, vocational training, and educational programs offered to inmates. He said that Ms. Pat Sturdivant, Workforce Development Director, is working on a robust program for incarcerated individuals. He said that her program may include vocational training, GED classes, life skills training, and working with Wake County Public Schools for educational purposes.

Commissioner West encouraged the board to provide input using the structure in place to incorporate vulnerable communities in the discussion of inmate education programs.

Commissioner Portman said the John Locke Foundation will be holding an event at the General Assembly to end gerrymandering in the State of North Carolina. He asked to board to support the adoption of an independent redistricting commission to develop unbiased maps to reflect the community.

Commissioner West said that Senator Dan Blue presented information on gerrymandering at the Raleigh/Wake Citizens Association.

Commissioner Holmes said she would like to move forward with discussions on Re-Entry in Wake County. She invited the public and commissioners to a Community Conversations meeting on Thursday, February 23, at the Town of Rolesville Town Hall. She said the school to prison pipeline and the role of resource officers will be discussed.

Chairman Hutchison noted that the residents of Wake County enjoy

soccer. He said there are over 10,000 residents involved in the Capital Area Soccer League. He said that Wake County is being considered in the expansion of Major League Soccer teams. He asked the Board of Commissioners to support the expansion of Major League Soccer in Wake County. He asked that a letter be drafted in support of the expansion.

**Chairman Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, that a letter be drafted by the Board of Commissioners in support of a Major League Soccer team for Wake County. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Closed Session**

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

### **Adjourn**

Chairman Hutchinson thanked the citizens of Wake County for participating in the meeting in person or by internet.

**Commissioner Holmes 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