



# Wake County

301 South McDowell Street  
Raleigh, NC

## Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

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Monday, March 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 Erv Portman**

### **Items of Business**

1. [Approval of Agenda](#)

**Commissioner Portman moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.**

2. [Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting of March 6, 2017](#)

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

3. [Retiree Recognition](#)

**Attachments:**    [Retiree Item Summary.docx](#)  
                          [Amanda Bryant Bio Final.docx](#)  
                          [Sharon Barrow Bio Final.docx](#)  
                          [Janice High Bio Final.docx](#)

Mr. Jim Hartmann, County Manager recognized the following retirees for their service to Wake County:

Ms. Amanda Bryant, Revenue Department, 30 years of service.  
Ms. Sharon Barrow, Community Services, 29 years of service.  
Ms. Janice High, Revenue Department, 32 years of service.

He presented each of them a plaque commemorative to their service to Wake County.

4.    [Resolution Supporting Raising the Age of Juvenile Jurisdiction for Certain Crimes and Supporting the Passage of House Bill 280](#)

**Attachments:**    [Raise the Age Item Summary 3-20-17.docx](#)  
                          [Raise the Age.docx](#)

Ms. Beth Nelson, Chair, Wake County Juvenile Crime Council, read aloud a letter from the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council supporting raising the age of juvenile jurisdiction for certain crimes and supporting the passage of House Bill 280.

Ms. Nelson said the jurisdiction was put into place 100 years ago and more attention should be brought forward to cognitive development and long-term economic benefits. She said recidivism will be improved. She said there have been reports to the General Assembly about the cost benefit analysis to raise the age. She said that employment for juveniles would become more improved including the involvement of parents in the process. She said that enforcement of serious violent crimes is still being considered.

Commissioner Holmes asked those members in support of Raise the Age to stand and be recognized.

Commissioner Holmes read aloud the resolution.

Commissioner Holmes introduced Mr. Adam Sotak, Public Engagement Director, to accept the resolution representing the NC Child and Raise the Age NC Coalition.

Commissioner Burns said that the objective is worthy and hopes the legislature will adopt. He said that the Board of Commissioners are in support that the court system is funded appropriately.

Vice-Chair Calabria commended Commissioner Holmes for her leadership toward the resolution. He said that the resolution encourages productive citizenship and saves taxpayers money.

Commissioner Portman said the resolution supports best practices in the community.

Commissioner West said he read a book called the Idea of Progress which exemplifies changes and progress and brings about adjustment and puts forward the best for the State of North Carolina. He said that the resolution brings about social and economic vitality for vulnerable communities.

Commissioner Holmes commended Commissioner West for moving her forward toward the resolution. She said the resolution encourages the Wake Delegation.

Commissioner Ford commended Commissioners Holmes and West for their persistence toward the resolution. He read aloud statistics about juveniles that are exposed to the criminal justice system.

**Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, that the Board of Commissioners approve a resolution in support of raising the age of juvenile jurisdiction from 16 to 18 in North Carolina for all crimes other than Class A through E felonies and traffic offenses and supports the passage of House Bill 280. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting went into recess for a press release on the resolution supporting raising the age of juvenile jurisdiction. The meeting reconvened.

## **Public Comments**

Ms. Octavia Rainey and a group of concerned citizens from Forest Hills Apartments came forward to express their concern about the terms of their lease. She said the displaced residents need access to a crisis intervention fund, assistance with rental deposits, and relocation funding. She said there is a 45 day time frame for residents to find alternate housing. She said that there is a subsidy associated with the housing units in many cases, and affordability of housing is income based. She said that vouchers assist with the payments for some of the residents. She said that many of the residents have children that

attend Wake County Public Schools and the housing issue affects children. She said in addition, some residents have disabilities and receive subsidy from Alliance Behavioral Healthcare. Ms. Rainey said there was no consideration for human integrity in the process.

Chairman Hutchinson assured Ms. Rainey that the board was listening to the resident's concerns and staff will assist with them.

Commissioner West said that the Board is receptive to their concerns and said that it is important that staff assist with the legality of loss of subsidies.

Commissioner Holmes said that Board of Commissioners hears the resident concerns and places them as priority. She said that the Affordable Housing Steering Committee will continue to discuss rental assistance. She assured residents that staff will work with residents and place this as a priority.

Ms. Rainey said that citizens will be meeting with town officials from the Town of Garner at local churches about the issue. She said there will be meetings with the Governor and Wake Delegation about the issue.

Mr. David Ellis, Deputy County Manager, came forward to obtain information from the residents.

Ms. Yolanda Smith, resident of Forest Hills Apartment, said that a homeless shelter or assistance from a friend were her only options for housing. She said that justice and fairness is important.

Ms. Linda Hines, (917 Seventh Avenue, Apt. D103) resident of Forest Hills Apartment, explained the issues with management at the Forest Hills Apartment. She spoke of her handicap and the issues with accomodation at the apartment.

Mr. Gerry Akland, National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) said he wanted to speak to the board about those with mental illness so they don't end up in jails. He said there are many with needs for the mentally ill in Wake County. He said supervised transitional housing is needed especially for handicapped individuals. He said the additional housing in Wake County will save money. He asked the board to support supervised transitional housing and rehabilitation.

Ms. Michelle Zechmann, CEO, Haven House Services, thanked the board for the raise the age resolution for juveniles and for supporting the passage of House Bill 280.

Ms. Debra King, CEO, CASA, said that the Human Services Board

formed CASA 25 years ago. She said that CASA is celebrating its 25th Anniversary. She spoke of upcoming events that CASA will be hosting.

Ms. Karen Rindge, Executive Director, Wake Up Wake County, said that Wake Up Wake supports public transit. She said there will be public input meetings for the transit plan in the coming weeks. She said comments will be received through April 3 at WakeTransit.com. She shared information about upcoming national transit meetings.

Ms. Cecilia Ebron said her parents live (917 Seventh Avenue, Apt. A105) in the Forest Hills Apartments. She said that she represents senior citizens and has been the caretaker for her parents. She asked the board to heed the letter that was written to residents about their lease. She read aloud a statement from the letter that was sent to the residents.

## Consent Agenda

**Vice-Chair Calabria moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, to approve the consent agenda and amend the last sentence of the specific action requested of item # 6 read "the request is to authorize the County Manager to execute a contract on behalf of Wake County for this agreement and to execute a consent to assignment of a contract to NCapital." The motion passed unanimously.**

5. [Approval of Funding Agreement for NC State University Gregg Museum](#)

**Attachments:**    [NCSU Gregg Museum Funding Agreement Item Summary.docx](#)  
[Funding Agreement with Wake County for Gregg Museum for approval.docx](#)  
[Budget Memo - FY 2017 Major Facilities Capital Fund 3-20-17.xlsx](#)

**Vice-Chair Calabria moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, that the Board of Commissioners approve a funding agreement in the amount of \$650,000 for the North Carolina State University Gregg Museum and appropriate \$650,000 in the Major Facilities CIP Fund. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. [Ten-Year Agreement with NWN Corporation for a Hosted Unified Communications Solution to Replace the County's Existing Landline Phone Service](#)

**Attachments:**    [Item Summary](#)  
[Wake County-NWN Draft Agreement to BOC.docx](#)  
[NWN Contract](#)  
[NWN SOW](#)  
[Consent to Assignment](#)

**Vice-Chair Calabria moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, That the Board of Commissioners approve a ten-year NWN Corporation agreement for NWNComm Hosted Collaboration Solution to replace the County's existing Centrex landline telephone service which is nearing end of life. The request is to authorize the County Manager to execute a contract on behalf of Wake County for this agreement and to execute a consent to assignment of a contract to NCapital. The motion passed unanimously.**

**7.    [Emergency Management Performance Grant \(EMPG\) Federal Fiscal Year 2016](#)**

**Attachments:**    [2016 EMPG Supplemental Item Summary 03-03-2017.doc](#)  
[EMPG 2016 Supplemental Grant.pdf](#)  
[Budget Memo - FY 2017 Grants Fund.xlsx](#)

**Vice-Chair Calabria moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$17,958.50 and authorize the County Manager to sign the MOA. The motion passed unanimously.**

**8.    [Interlocal Agreement Designating a Joint Historic Preservation Commission in Wake County Between Wake County and the Town Of Zebulon](#)**

**Attachments:**    [Zebulon ILA Item Summary.docx](#)  
[ILA-Zebulon-Wake County.pdf](#)

**Vice-Chair Calabria moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, that the Board of Commissioners approve the attached Interlocal Agreement to designate a Joint Historic Preservation Commission between Wake County and the Town of Zebulon, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.**

**9.    [Resolution of Support for Triangle J Council of Governments to form Economic Development District in Partnership with United States Economic Development Administration \(EDA\)](#)**

**Attachments:**    [TJOG tem Summary.docx](#)  
[Wake County EDD Resolution.docx](#)

**Vice-Chair Calabria moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, that the Board of Commissioners adopt the attached Resolution supporting Triangle J Council of Governments forming an Economic Development District through the United States Economic Development Administration. The motion passed unanimously.**

**10. [Resolution of Support for Falls Lake Reservoir Reallocation Project](#)**

**Attachments:**    [Falls Lake Reservoir Item Summary 3-20-17.docx](#)  
                              [Falls Lake Reservoir Resolution.docx](#)

**Vice-Chair Calabria moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, that the Board of Commissioners adopt the attached Resolution supporting the Falls Lake Reservoir Reallocation Project. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Regular Agenda**

**11. [Acquisition of Property for Use as a Human Services Multi-Services Center](#)**

**Attachments:**    [Agenda Item-Oak City Multiservices.doc](#)  
                              [Oak City Center - BoC PPT 3-14-17.pptx](#)  
                              [Conceptual Site Plan.pdf](#)  
                              [Seller Signed Contract to Purchase.pdf](#)  
                              [Seller's Appraisal Summary.pdf](#)  
                              [County Appraisal Summary.pdf](#)  
                              [City Council Mtg Minutes OAK CITY OUTREACH CENTER.pdf](#)  
                              [Preliminary Project Cost Summary.pdf](#)  
                              [Budget Memo - FY 2017 County Capital Fund - County](#)  
                              [Buildings.xlsx](#)  
                              [Budget Memo - FY 2017 Non-Departmental.xlsx](#)

Ms. Annemarie Maiorano, Wake County Human Services Deputy Director of Operations, said in November 2013, the Raleigh City Council directed City staff work with County staff and The Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness to develop a one-stop-shop for individuals and families at risk of homelessness who need a comprehensive service approach. Ms. Maiorano said that the purpose of Oak City Center is to provide a centralized site where people can be connected to an array of services that will help them secure permanent housing.

She shared additional information about the multi-service center function.

- Point of entry to homeless service system
- Coordinated assessment of client needs

- Provide immediate referrals and resources
- Provide meals on weekends
- Vital infrastructure for a growing community

She shared information about services that would be offered at the Oak City Center.

- Comprehensive assessment of client needs
- Resource information and referral
- Mental health assessment and referral
- Temporary placement into emergency shelter
- Medical triage, care and transportation for medically compromised
- Support services for veterans
- Assistance for persons at-risk of homelessness
- Onsite housing info: classes and vacancy lists
- Access to showers, laundry, and other basic needs
- Transportation to offsite providers
- Employment training & educational opportunities
- Neighborhood Resource: address community needs
- Community room for use by neighbors / neighborhood groups
- Weekend meal distribution

Ms. Maiorano said the outcomes will reduce the length of time someone is homeless, make data driven decisions, and use resources to combat homelessness more effectively.

She said a core team comprised of staff from the City of Raleigh, Wake County, Catholic Charities, and the Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness spent considerable time engaging the community in the determination of programming and location for Oak City Center. The team engaged providers and clients to determine what services would be needed at the center. They visited and researched other multi-service centers. They held meetings and presented at community meetings. Wake County and City of Raleigh staff met with community leaders from the Central Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and the South West CAC.

She shared a chart of milestones since November 2013. She shared the following site search criteria information.

- Within 3 miles of Moore Square
- Building at least 18,000 square feet in size
- Buildable area able to accommodate 18,000 square foot building, plus parking (at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre)
- Property available for sale or lease



She shared a map of the site.

Ms. Maiorano shared the location rationale.

1. Site is in close proximity to downtown.
2. New use will revitalize a blighted building, improving neighborhood appearances.
3. Use will secure the property: people will no longer be able to wander onto the property.
4. Can readily expand upon existing services at adjacent Wilmington Street Center.
5. Center will provide high quality services to people who need them. Residents in surrounding neighborhoods can benefit from these services, too.
6. Center will be an asset to the neighborhoods and the community.

The City Council's direction followed a recommendation of the Food Distribution Task Force as a long-term, holistic solution for addressing homelessness.

Mr. Mark Forestieri, Wake County Facilities, Design, and Construction Director shared a summary of information on the selected site at 1430 South Wilmington Street Raleigh, N.C.

- 34,000 SF Warehouse
- Constructed in 1958
- Masonry Walls with Brick Veneer
- One Story Building
- 4.2 Acre Site
- Adjacent to South Wilmington Center
- Bus Access Near Front of Building
- Acquisition Cost: \$1,200,000

He shared the conceptual plan and layout of the site. He shared a conceptual layout of the space. He shared the preliminary capital project budget summary. He shared information about the Interlocal Agreement from the City of Raleigh.

1. City Council Authorized Funding Commitment Dec. 6, 2016
2. Authorized City Manager to Execute Agreement with County
3. This will be Interlocal Agreement Between County & City
4. County Collaborates with City on Site Selection & Development
5. County Purchases Site/Designs & Develops Project
6. City Commits \$3,148,000 to Development of the Project
7. Parties Collaborate to Plan and Select Operating Vendors
8. Agreement Brought Forward to Board at Subsequent Meeting

Mr. Forestieri shared the project schedule and the next steps.

He shared the summary of the board action requested.

Commissioner West asked about specialized training and educational opportunities and how the quality of life indicators are captured. Ms. Maiorano said there would be coordinated intake and assessment to determine the individual needs of the family. She said a database system will assist with determining the data.

Commissioner Holmes acknowledged Ms. Regina Petteway, Wake County Human Services Director; Shauna Overdorf, Executive Director, Partnership to End Homelessness; Ms. Alicia Arnold, Housing and Community Revitalization Director; and Ms. Annemarie Maiorano, Human Services Deputy Director. She commended the use of ABC funds for this initiative. She said that the women's shelter is high priority.

Ms. Maiorano said gap analysis has been performed and will assist with decisions for the planning of a future women's shelter.

Commissioner Burns said that his church assists with homelessness and that he is excited to see the results of the project. He said that he is excited to see a women's shelter plan move forward.

Chairman Hutchinson thanked staff and the partners for their work and said there is value to the services provided.

**Commissioner Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns, that the Board of Commissioners:**

- 1. Authorize the County Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Capital Realty, Inc. for a property located at 1430 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh for a proposed Multi-services Center, and approve the acquisition of the property up to the amount of \$1,200,000 subject to the terms and conditions of the purchase agreement and other terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney;**
- 2. Appropriate \$2,675,000 to this project from the portion of the General Fund designated for ABC funding, such funding to be available upon execution of the Interlocal Agreement by Wake County and City of Raleigh; and**
- 3. Appropriate \$1,863,000 from the Affordable Housing Fund to the County Capital Fund**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**12. [Wake Technical Community College CIP Appropriation](#)**

**Attachments:**    [03.20.17 WTCC Item Summary Final WTCCdocx.docx](#)  
                              [BOC Resolution Wake Technical Community College CIP](#)  
                              [Appropriation 03.20.17.docx](#)  
                              [WTCC 7 Year CIP.pdf](#)

Dr. Stephen Scott, President, Wake Technical Community College, said that Wake Technical Community College would like to be a partner in the planning process for a womens' center. He said the request covers new building projects, repair and renovation lifecycle projects, infrastructure projects, and information technology infrastructure projects. He said the request would be funding for three new buildings on RTP, Northern Wake and Main Campuses, Repair/Renovation and Lifecycle projects on all campuses, infrastructure projects and IT Infrastructure planning and projects for all campuses.

Mr. Tom Looney, Chair, Wake Technical Community College Board of Trustees, thanked the Board of Commissioners for their commitment and vision to Wake Technical Community College. He said that leadership and vision provides life changing aspects to the students. He said IT Companies are supportive of technology at Wake Technical Community College. He said there are commitments for citizens to work at these companies that partner with Wake Technical Community College. He thanked the Board of Commissioners for appointing the WakeTech Board of Trustees to serve.

Commissioner Burns asked about the funding sources from previous bonds for Wake Tech. Ms. Johnna Rogers, Deputy Manager, said that this is the first appropriation of the seven year limited obligation bonds for the new seven year building program.

Commissioner Holmes thanked Dr. Scott and his staff for the work and making a difference in the community for jobs and the economy.

Chairman Hutchinson thanked Dr. Scott and his staff for their work toward education in the community.

**Vice-Chair Calabria moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, that the Board of Commissioners adopt the attached resolution for the following action:**

- 1. Appropriate a total of \$25,423,756 to fund 3 new building projects on RTP, Northern Wake and Main Campuses, Repair/Renovation and Lifecycle projects on all campuses, Infrastructure and IT Infrastructure projects on all campuses The motion passed unanimously.**

13. [Approval of Updated Schematic Design for the Wake Forest Community Library Expansion and Renovation Project](#)

**Attachments:**    [BOC Agenda 3-20-17.doc](#)  
                          [SD Program Summary.pdf](#)  
                          [WF Library Schematic Site Plan.pdf](#)  
                          [WF Library Schematic Floor Plan.pdf](#)  
                          [WF Library Exterior Rendering from Northeast.pdf](#)  
                          [WF Library Exterior Rendering at Entry.pdf](#)  
                          [WF Library Interior Rendering.pdf](#)  
                          [Sustainable Features.pdf](#)  
                          [Wake Forest Library Budget Summary.pdf](#)

Mr. Patrick McHugh, Wake County Facility Design and Construction Project Manager, said the Wake Forest Community Library expansion was the first project to begin from the 2007 Libraries Master Plan. On May 19, 2008, the Board originally approved schematic design for this project. The project includes a 4,000 square foot expansion and renovation to the existing 5,170 square foot Library built in 1996. The design was developed to a point where it was ready to publically bid, but a decision to postpone this and other Library projects designated in the 2007 bond referendum was made in wake of the economic crisis, and the project was suspended indefinitely.

The County's 2017 Fiscal Year budget included funds to resume the development process. Generally this includes validating the space program, checking for building code change impacts, updating specified products that may no longer be available and obtaining site development and building permits. Additional funding for construction and Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment is identified in the CIP for the next fiscal year, in order to accommodate 10 years of inflation.

The Wake Forest Community Library is located on East Holding Avenue in Wake Forest, at the southern perimeter of the Town center. This location is within a County service complex that includes an EMS station, and the Northern Regional Center, in addition to the Library. The Kiwanis Park is also co-located on the property. No land acquisition is necessary for this expansion.

He said the facility's design will feature additional space for books for all age groups, a children's program area, reading areas, public access computers, self checkout stations, youth and children's areas and administrative support space. A program summary of spaces within the building is attached. The building addition maintains its street presence and offers a fresh new look to the campus.

Mr. McHugh introduced Ms. Stephanie Garner, LS3P Architects, whom described the site plan and interior of the building.

Mr. McHugh said the Library Commission endorsed the recommendation and shared the timeline.

Commissioner West asked about how the programming needs are met for the area.

Mr. Mike Wasilick, Wake County Library Director, said that there was a master plan and growth was anticipated. He said that the new library will allow for more programming and there will be more libraries coming online in the future.

Commissioner Ford said that there are sidewalks and multimodal transportation. He asked if there are bike racks at the new library.

Mr. McHugh said there are bike racks at the library and at the neighboring regional center. He said that transit options can be researched for this site.

**Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, that the Board of Commissioners approves the updated schematic design of the expansion and renovation to Wake Forest Community Library. The motion passed unanimously.**

**14. [Appropriate \\$3.42 Million in the General Fund for the Wake County Sheriff's Office](#)**

**Attachments:** [Item Summary](#)

[Sheriff's Office PowerPoint re Appropriation 3-20-17.pptx](#)

[Budget Memo - FY 2017 Non-Departmental.xlsx](#)

[Budget Memo - FY 2017 Sheriff.xlsx](#)

Ms. Sara Warren, Business Officer, Wake County Sheriff's Office, said that the Wake County Sheriff's Office is experiencing a high rate of cost overruns compared to prior fiscal years because of medical costs for inmates outside the detention facilities health clinic and overtime in detention, which is being used to fill an average of 30 vacant positions. She said that since the opening of the second phase of the Wake County Detention Center in April 2012, the Wake County Sheriff's Office continues to struggle with recruiting and retaining a highly qualified workforce. Ms. Warren shared a chart of the budget appropriation of \$3.4 million for the Wake County Sheriff's office. She shared a chart of the trends of cost. She shared the detention overtime information.

- Detention Overtime
  - Necessary to cover 24/7 posts in the detention center
  - Average 6-7 daily vacancies due to annual, sick, and/or

military leave

- Turnover is approximately 8 FTEs per month in detention
- Current vacancy is 40 FTE. Most recent detention certification class recruited only 11 cadets.
  - Due primarily to low pay compared to peer counties or other correctional settings
  - In 2016, only 82 FTEs were hired out of a total applicant pool of 788. Many do not pass the physical or written assessment or do not pass the background check.
- Regular vacancies must be filled with overtime

Ms. Warren said that during the 2013-2014 General Assembly session that the cost burden of hospital cost and outside medical care the responsibility of counties. She said that once an inmate is in the custody of law enforcement or the jail, Wake County is responsible for the outside medical care. She said that pre-existing conditions can no longer be denied and Wake County must ensure their treatment. She said that Wake County contracts with Corvel, a third party medical reviewer. She said that on average, Corvel saves Wake County 60 percent on all medical billing. She said that legislation indicates that the county should not be charged more than 70 percent of the rate or twice the Medicaid rate. She said that Wake County typically pays 40 percent of the billed cost.

Commissioner Ford asked what is the total department overtime for each officer. Ms. Warren said that a seventy hour week schedule is common with rotating shifts.

Commissioner Burns asked about the spring and summer spikes for the overtime. Ms. Warren said that the months of April/May are spiked are due to the FLSA payroll schedule.

Commissioner Holmes asked if the legislation of 2014 affected the cost. Ms. Warren said Wake County was challenged by a provider and acted on the legislation in 2016. Commissioner Holmes asked if there was any state funding provided to offset the cost that the county is responsible for. Ms. Warren said there was no additional funding offered by the state and they requested rate control.

Vice-Chair Calabria said unfunded mandates are a result of the request and the cause for concern.

Commissioner Portman asked if there are annual projections as the request is a bandaid for this year's budget.

Mr. Donnie Harrison, Wake County Sheriff, said it is difficult to predict

which of those that will be incarcerated. He said that once an inmate is in custody, Wake County covers the cost. He said lack of health insurance after retirement and wages are the largest reasons for recruitment and retention. Sheriff Harrison said Dr. Obinaya Umesi saves the county money treating inmates.

Commissioner Ford asked if there can be volunteers to help. Sheriff Harrison said that mandatory overtime is required.

Mr. Hartmann said the sheriff has asked for additional funding in the upcoming budget. There must be coverage for medical cost. He said WakeMed used to write off the cost. He said the medical care and third party reviewer costs are well managed.

Commissioner Burns asked how many of the patients are pre-conviction. Ms. Warren said the sentenced population are covered by the state. Mr. Harrison said up to 80 percent of the inmates have not been tried.

Chairman Hutchinson asked how many patients will be covered by Medicaid. Ms. Warren said that Medicaid is terminated within 30 days of being in custody.

Ms. Liz Scott, Wake County Deputy Program Manager for Medicaid; and Ms. Antonia Pendroza, Wake County Human Services Program Manager came forward. Ms. Pedroza said Medicaid will be suspended. Ms. Scott said that once a person is incarcerated, the Medicaid is terminated. The covered individual would need to reapply.

Ms. Pendroza said Medicaid expansion lowers the cost of recidivism.

Commissioner Portman asked if private insurance covers the cost. Sheriff Harrison said that insurance is billed, but most inmates do not have coverage.

Commissioner Portman asked if there was higher cost as it relates to health care. Sheriff Harrison said that the average length of stay is beyond 25 days. He said the budget office is working with his staff on salaries.

Commissioner Holmes asked if Medicaid is reinstated after the person is released. Ms. Scott said that there is a 45-day time period for approval of Medicaid after the individual applies.

Commissioner Calabria asked what circumstances cause an inmate to have an unusual length of time in jail. Sheriff Harrison said that trial dates sometimes lengthen the process.

Commissioner West said pay for detention officers is a motivator. He asked if there has been a study about the motivational factors for employment. Ms. Warren said a pay analysis has been conducted.

Commissioner Portman said that moving forward decisions by the state will have impacts to counties.

Commissioner Holmes expressed her appreciation for the sheriff and his staff for his presence and for being in the community. Sheriff Harrison said his job is rewarding and he appreciates the support of the board.

**Commissioner Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, that the Board of Commissioners appropriate \$3.42 million in the general fund for the Wake County Sheriff's Office to address cost overruns. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

Chairman Hutchinson recognized Mr. Otis Allen and Mr. Jerome Brown for their leadership on transit and for attending today's meeting. He said the Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) will be coming forward with a recommendation. He said the Transit Annual Plan is available. He encouraged citizens to provide comments online at [www.Wakegov.com](http://www.Wakegov.com). He said the half cent sales tax, auto registration fee, and rental tax will provide \$91 million for transit. He said the existing inventory will show the citizens it is paying off.

Mr. Hartmann said the Transit Committee requested a letter that will be on the April 3 agenda for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner West said there has been input and feedback from the citizens regarding transit. He said there will be a meeting on April 28, 2017 to further discuss GoTriangle, Transit, and Southeast Raleigh.

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

Commissioner Burns said at the March 13, 2017 meeting of the Growth, Land Use and Environment Committee, the following information was discussed:

- Rule Review Process
- Off Site Easement Rule Review
- Solid Waste Convenience Center Program Controls Review
- Solid Waste Action Plan

## **Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Burns said that he met with new refugees that recently



moved to North Carolina. He said that he would be working with the community college for english language courses. He said that he will be working with them to assist with their transition to citizenship.

Commissioner Holmes commended Ms. Dara Demi, Communications Director; Mr. Chris Dillon, Intergovernmental Relations Director; and Mr. David Ellis, Deputy County Manager for their assistance with agenda items to be brought before the Board of Commissioners. She said that each board member has received information on a proposal for a second chance initiative in partnership with the North Carolina Justice Center. She said the initiative is a community success initiative to address recidivism.

Vice-Chair Calabria said Wake County has reached a milestone for food security for free and reduced lunch. He said the public schools have a program called breakfast in the classroom for increasing the qualifying of free and reduced lunches. He thanked Ms. Regina Petteway, Human Services Director; Ms. Katherine Williams, Wake County Cooperative Extension; Ms. Margaret Raynor, Human Services Board Member; Mayor Frank Eagles, Town of Rolesville, and Ms. Monika Johnson-Hostler, Chair, of the Board of Education for the support toward these programs.

Chairman Hutchinson said the Population Health Task Force is meeting to discuss the impacts of the health of the citizens in Wake County. He said citizen zip code is determinant of the well being of citizens.

Commissioner Ford said that all board members have signed the letter to the General Assembly regarding the redistricting of local boards in regards to Senate Bill 181. He said the Board of Commissioners fully supports the content of the letter and it will be sent to the Wake County Legislative Delegation.

Mr. Hartmann said that public safety staff was responsive in managing the recent fire in downtown Raleigh. He said the response was quick and no one perished as a result. He said there will be displacement of residents for a period of time.

### **Closed Session**

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

### **Adjourn**

**Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

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