



# Wake County

301 South McDowell Street  
Raleigh, NC

## Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

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Wednesday, May 9, 2018

5:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

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### Meeting Called to Order: Chair Jessica Holmes

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

Others Present: David Ellis, County Manager; Scott Warren, County Attorney; Denise Hogan, Clerk to the Board; Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Johnna Rogers, Chief Operating Officer; Bill Greeves, Chief Information and Innovation Officer; Chris Dillon, Assistant County Manager; Denise Foreman, Assistant County Manager; Ben Canada, Assistant to the County Manager

### Pledge of Allegiance

**Invocation: Commissioner Erv Portman**

### Items of Business

1. [Approval of Agenda](#)

Chair Holmes said there will be an additional appointment item to the agenda.

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

2. [Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2018, the Board of Commissioners' Retreat of March 17, 2018, the Joint Board of Commissioners' and Board of Education Meeting of March 26, 2018, and the Work Session of April 9, 2018](#)

**Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2018, the**

**Board of Commissioners' Retreat of March 17, 2018, the Joint Board of Commissioners' the Board of Education Meeting of March 26, 2018, and the Work Session of April 9, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.**

3. [Proclamation Recognizing National Foster Care Month](#)

Attachments:    [Agenda Item.docx](#)  
                          [Foster Care Month Proclamation.docx](#)

Commissioner Burns read the proclamation aloud.

Ms. Josephine Rutledge, Human Services Assistant Division Director, said this year's theme is "It's All Relevant - Supporting Kinship Connections" to provide safety and security for the children in Wake County. She said of the 656 children currently in foster care, 175 of them are in kinship placement. She said there are partners in the community to provide safe homes which provides a better community. She acknowledged the foster parents, providers, foster youth, private providers, and foster care staff.

Ms. Rutledge presented the proclamation to Mr. and Mrs. Utley, kinship caregivers to five children.

Mr. Jason Mahoney, Wake County Human Services Program Manager, said several community partners were recognized last month for their services to the children of Wake County.

**Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Portman, that the Board of Commissioners proclaim the month of May as National Foster Care Month and recognize and honor Foster Parents for the work of caring for abused and neglected children. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. [Proclamation Recognizing Children's Mental Health Awareness Month](#)

Attachments:    [Childrens Mental Health Item Summary 5-9-18.docx](#)  
                          [Child Mental Health Awareness Proclamation 2018.doc](#)

Commissioner Erv Portman said that the board has moved items "upstream."

He read aloud the Proclamation.

Mr. Eric Johnson, Community Relations Manager, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare, said that the board has supported the Proclamation several years in a row. He said the Board of Commissioners has done a great job of moving things upstream and utilizing resources wisely. He said that early diagnosis of child mental health is important and increased the chances of

a positive outcome.

Mr. Johnson invited the board to two events happening soon. A resource fair at the Boys and Girls Club is being held May 10th, where activities and education will be provided. The other is a Child Mental Health awareness dinner, scheduled on May 22nd.

Chair Holmes said the board uplifts the children in foster care and mental health and acknowledged the focus of the board.

**Commissioner Portman moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, that the Board of Commissioners proclaim May 2018 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Month in Wake County. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. [Resolution Recognizing the Woman's Club of Raleigh, Inc.](#)

**Attachments:** [Resolution Honoring the Women's Club of Raleigh Item Summary 5-9-18.docx](#)  
[Woman's Club of Raleigh Resolution.docx](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson read aloud the Resolution.

He invited Ms. Carol Cato, President, Woman's Club of Raleigh, Inc., and his spouse Ms. Nancy Hutchinson, Woman's Club Member, to come forward to be acknowledged.

Ms. Cato said the Woman's Club of Raleigh began in 1904 and continues to be active still today. She said the club will be providing scholarships to several organizations to support women and children. She said all their revenues are generated from fund raising and it is all given back to the community.

**Vice-Chair Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, that the Board of Commissioners recognize the Woman's Club of Raleigh, Inc. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. [Resolution Recognizing the 80th Anniversary of the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.](#)

**Attachments:** [Item Summary for DeltaSigmaTheta Res.docx](#)  
[Resolution for Delta Sigma Theta Inc 4-18 Updated.docx](#)

Chair Holmes said that Ms. Regina Petteway, Wake County Human Services Director, is a member of the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Ms. Petteway said it is a privilege to be part of the Raleigh Alumnae Delta

Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She invited Ms. Angela Smith, President of the Raleigh Chapter, to come forward and speak.

Chair Holmes asked that members come forward to be recognized.

Ms. Angela Smith, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., shared information about the sorority and the work they have accomplished. She said the original sorority was created in 1913 and the Wake County chapter was chartered in 1938 with 29 original members. She thanked the board for the honor.

Commissioner West said that he attended several events this past weekend with the sorority and acknowledged them for their accomplishments through the years.

Commissioner West read aloud the Resolution.

**Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns, that the Board of Commissioners recognize the public service and contributions of the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. over its 80 year history in Wake County. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting went into recess and the meeting reconvened.

Chair Holmes said that the board would like to honor citizens and encouraged citizens to bring items forward to the board for recognition.

## **Consent Agenda**

**Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner West to accept the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **7. [Amend Resolution Supporting Involuntary Commitment Transportation Services with UNC Health Care System at WakeBrook](#)**

**Attachments:** [UNC IVC Transportation Resolution 2nd Amendment Item Summary 5-09-18.docx](#)  
[Wake Co. BOC UNC IVC Resolution.pdf](#)  
[UNC IVC Transportation Resolution Amendment.doc](#)  
[UNC IVC Transportation Resolution 2nd Amendment GG.doc](#)  
[Final Transport Plan - Approved 6-17-2013.doc](#)

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner West, that the Board of Commissioners adopt a second amendment to the resolution supporting involuntary commitment transportation services with UNC Health Care System, a state agency and affiliate entity of UNC on behalf of UNC hospitals, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

8. [Award Construction Contract for Roof Replacement at the Hammond Road Detention Annex](#)

Attachments: [Hammond Road Annex Roof Agenda 5 09 18](#)  
[Bid Tab](#)  
[Budget Summary Hammond Road Detention Annex Roof](#)

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner West, that the Board of Commissioners award a \$596,695 construction contract to Allied Roofing Company, Inc. of Kernersville, NC for the Hammond Road Detention Annex Roof Replacement Sectors D and E. The motion passed unanimously.

9. [Approval of a Five-Year Contract for the Collection and Processing of Recyclables at Wake County Public Schools](#)

Attachments: [Feed the Bin RFP2018 Ben edits.docx](#)  
[WCPSS Bid tabulation.pdf](#)  
[Sonoco\\_5yrContract\\_FY19\\_wSchoolsList.doc](#)

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

1. Approve a five-year contract agreement with Sonoco Recycling, LLC for processing paper and mixed recyclables; and
2. Authorize the County Manager to execute contracts on behalf of Wake County for these services, subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

10. [Approval for Wake County Human Services to enter into a 5-Year Software Contract with RouteMatch](#)

**Attachments:**    [Agenda Item.doc](#)  
                          [Routematch FY18-DRAFT.docx](#)  
                          [Routematch Cost Sheet.xlsx](#)

**Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner West, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Manager to enter into a multi-year contract with RouteMatch Software Incorporated for the provision of transportation scheduling software, subject to language, terms and conditions acceptable to Wake County Information Services and the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.**

**11.    [Tax Committee Recommendations for Value Adjustments, Late Filed Applications, Collections Refunds and Tax Collections](#)**

**Attachments:**    [Tax Collections Item Summary](#)  
                          [Tax Committee Agenda Process](#)  
                          [Executive Summary 1](#)  
                          [Executive Summary 2](#)  
                          [May 2018 Refunds Under 500](#)  
                          [May 2018 refunds over \\$500.00](#)  
                          [Daily Updates For Exemptions](#)  
                          [Daily Updates For Penalties](#)  
                          [Daily Updates For Special Situations](#)  
                          [Daily Updates For Tax Deferments](#)  
                          [Municipal Collection Report](#)  
                          [Wake County Collection Report](#)  
                          [Monthly In-Rem Foreclosure Report](#)  
                          [PFB Summary Report](#)  
                          [Register of Deeds Excise Tax Report](#)

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

**Regular Agenda**

**12.    [Presentation of the County Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019](#)**

**Attachments:**    [FY 19 Budget Presentation Item Summary.docx](#)

Mr. David Ellis, County Manager, recognized all the staff that was a part of the planning of the budget.

Mr. Ellis presented the 2019 Fiscal Year budget.

**Introduction**

Good evening commissioners. It's a pleasure to be here with you tonight in my new role as I present the Fiscal Year 2019 Recommended Budget.

I've worked closely with staff and our partners for months to create a budget proposal that is financially sound and will help us make real progress in accomplishing the goals and the vision you've set for the county.

**Impact of Growth**

We all know Wake County is growing. Every day, 63 new people call this place we love home.

We talk about our increasing population all the time. In fact, it's really been the driving theme of the past three budget messages.

Growth is important, and because it's not going to stop any time soon, we must plan for it in the right ways. But, it's not the only thing we must consider as we look to the future.

We must also focus on things that don't directly tie to growth like maintaining the incredible quality of life that makes Wake County so special. Our parks, our libraries, our greenways and our nature preserves - they're just a few examples.

Wake County is a place where people want to live, work, learn and play, because we have a quality of life that is second to none. And, we want to keep it that way.

But, unfortunately, not everyone is able to enjoy it. Some folks are struggling to make ends meet, can't find housing they can afford and may not know where their next meal will come from.

As I will highlight, we have an opportunity to help improve the quality of life for all our residents through the investments recommended in this budget.

**Developing the Budget**

Earlier this year, you directed us to continue working to achieve the seven goals, which are listed on the screen. You also prioritized 22 of your 60 initiatives and said they should guide our work this year. We focused on those directives while building this budget recommendation, and we feel strongly that it will enable us to move the needle in all your goal areas in FY19. That's the kind of progress that you and I both want to see.

**Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs**

At your board retreat in March, Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs was mentioned. It's a theory that states we can begin to grow and thrive only after our basic needs are met - things like food, water and a safe place to rest our heads.

That concept stuck with me as I worked on this budget, particularly because of this statistic: we currently have more than 93,000 residents in Wake County living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty rate. That means roughly 10 percent of our population lives in a household making \$25,000 or less a year.

If those 93,000 residents were a municipality, it would be the third largest municipality in Wake County. It's also larger than the populations of 70 of our state's 100 counties. No matter how you look at it, it's a sobering statistic, especially when you consider that as our county grows, so will this population in poverty.

I firmly believe that if we can provide reliable sources of food, housing and healthcare for those struggling to thrive in Wake County, we can elevate them to a better place in life. That's good for them, and it's good for our community.

It's our role as public employees to serve *all* residents to the best of our ability, and that is what the budget proposal I share with you today aims to do.

**Budget Breakdown**

The Fiscal Year 2019 Recommended Budget totals more than \$1.3 billion and includes a 2.9-cent property tax increase. For every \$100,000 of assessed value, a property owner would pay an extra \$29. That increase would bring the county's property tax rate to 64.4 cents.

As we shared with you in March, our normal revenue growth will generate \$24 million without a tax increase. That's not enough to maintain our operations, meet our commitments and address your highest priorities. Simply put, growth doesn't pay for itself. And, we must make smart choices with the funding we do have.

As you can see in the chart, property tax is our main funding source. It represents 72 percent of the total budget. It's the only revenue source within the county's complete control. By increasing it, we can fund expanding needs in your priority areas and advance your board goals.

Here's the impact of that tax increase on the average homeowner. The



average value of a home in Wake County today is a little less than \$300,000. The owner of that home would pay an additional \$87 a year in property taxes under this recommendation.

Over the next few minutes, I'll share highlights of the recommended budget and demonstrate how the tax increase is money well spent.

### **Housing Affordability: Defining the Challenges**

I'll start with a topic that's become a central focus for all of us over the past year-housing affordability.

Housing affordability is one of the biggest long-term challenges we face in Wake County. There are several key trends driving our housing needs.

First, as I mentioned earlier, we're growing. Our housing supply is not keeping up with that growth, which puts upward pressure on the cost of renting or owning a home. If our housing supply does not catch up with the needs of our population, it will continue to be difficult for families to find homes in our community.

Second, household incomes are not keeping pace with the rising cost of housing. Since 2007, rental housing costs have increased by 35 percent. But, the median household income for residents without a bachelor's degree-who typically earn lower wages-increased by only 10 percent. That's a significant gap.

Third, Wake County has a shortage of homes that are affordable to lower-income families - those making less than \$39,000 a year. There is a need for 56,000 more housing units than what is currently available. As our county grows, that number is going up. At the same time, our supply of affordable housing is going down every year because of redevelopment or conversion of current units.

Wake County, the municipalities and other partners need to act to reverse these trends. This is a community-wide issue, and all stakeholders must play a role to reach a solution. We cannot do it alone.

Housing affordability is critical to Wake County's success. It preserves our county's economic competitiveness by offering housing for people at all income levels. It also supports individual economic opportunity for all residents, and furthers Wake County's commitment to healthy and inclusive growth.

### **Housing Affordability: Sharing the Solution**

I believe Wake County can be a leader in addressing our community's

housing challenges. As a board, you unanimously adopted a 20-year Affordable Housing Plan and directed us to implement it. To move this plan forward at the pace you envision, we need additional funding.

That's why I am proud to say the Fiscal Year 2019 Recommended Budget includes a historic investment in housing affordability. I propose dedicating \$15 million in new revenue to help provide more housing options for all our residents. This would be a dedicated, recurring funding stream for housing affordability efforts. It would equate to slightly more than a penny on the property tax rate.

In FY18, the county's total investment in housing services was \$5.7 million. In FY19, I propose investing approximately \$25 million to begin a robust housing affordability program.

For FY19, the funding would include the \$5.7 million in existing funds, plus \$15 million in new revenue, plus some ABC funds to kick start our efforts. Then, you'd see a total investment of about \$20 million a year going forward.

Most of our funding-what you see in red-will go toward increasing the stock of housing that is affordable in our community. The rest of the dollars-what you see in gray-would go toward program operating costs related to housing.

### **Producing and preserving units**

First and foremost, we want to build and preserve more housing that working families can afford, because, right now, the demand far outweighs the supply. These working families include hospitality workers, construction workers and so many others who are valuable to our community.

We would look for opportunities to increase the number of rental units available by acquiring or helping preserve properties that are prime for affordable housing, including properties near schools and public transit corridors.

With \$64 million in funding, Wake County would have the potential to produce 2,500 new affordable housing units over the next five years. That would be five times more units than the county added in the previous five years.

This is a significant investment. But, we know Wake County cannot change housing trends on its own. So, we will actively pursue partnerships with the municipalities, developers and other organizations to better leverage our resources.

**Helping people experiencing or at risk of homelessness**

Our investment also focuses on helping those experiencing homelessness or who are in danger of losing their homes.

Our plan includes operating and capital financial support for a new women's shelter. Currently, the community does not have enough bed capacity to serve homeless women without children. Through a partnership with Urban Ministries, the budget includes additional funding for 37 beds to give more single women a safe place to stay the night and access services.

The budget also includes funding to open and operate the Oak City Multi-Services Center, a single facility where people experiencing or at risk of homelessness can access an array of services they need to get back on their feet.

Further, I want to commit to effectively ending veteran homelessness in Wake County by the end of calendar year 2021. With investment and support in this and future budgets, I believe we can do this. These men and women who served our country deserve the opportunity to live in safe and stable homes, and we're going to help them get there.

**Permanent Supportive Housing**

We can also help break the cycle for people who move through and between community systems. These are individuals who frequently interact with homeless assistance, law enforcement and emergency medical services.

I recommend that we implement a pilot program based on the nationally-recognized model for permanent supportive housing. This model combines housing assistance with support, such as mental health services and job training, to help keep people out of crisis.

Permanent supportive housing has proven to be a cost-effective solution for helping people gain independence, while reducing the likelihood that they'll cycle back through our shelters, hospital emergency departments and jails.

We have positioned ourselves to move forward with this effort by earmarking funds to establish permanent supportive housing units.

**\$75 Million in New Investments over Five Years**

To sum things up, let's talk about how we would invest the new \$75 million generated over the first five years of the plan. About \$64 million would go

towards creating housing units, increasing home ownership opportunities and partnering with municipalities to enhance housing opportunities county-wide. About \$11 million would go towards creating the administrative infrastructure necessary to move housing affordability programs forward and develop a continuum of care for those in permanent supportive housing. This shows most of our investment is going directly back in to improving our community.

**Housing Affordability: Investment Benefits the Community**

When stable and affordable housing is available, our whole community benefits. Families with access to homes that are affordable have more income available to make sure their most basic needs are met.

Quality affordable housing also helps create a stable environment for children by reducing frequent family moves and making it easier for them to perform well in school.

In addition, investments in affordable housing produce benefits in the form of jobs, local income, increased property values and property tax revenues. For example, the National Association of Home Builders estimates that, for every 100 typical tax credit apartments, nearly \$8 million in local income; more than \$800,000 in taxes and 122 local jobs are generated in the first year alone.

So, as you can see, the benefits of this historic annual investment in housing affordability are many. The total funding recommendation for housing represents \$25.3 million in our FY19 General Fund Budget - a 338-percent increase over FY18.

**Investing in Behavioral Health**

Another challenge facing our community right now is access to behavioral healthcare. Studies show one in five adults in the U.S. battles mental health issues. In Wake County, that means we have thousands of people entering the system for the first time, or striving to achieve lives of recovery and stability.

You've told us this is an area you want us to focus on, which is why the recommended budget includes a \$30.6 million investment in programs to better coordinate access to mental health and psychiatric services for our residents.

The Behavioral Health Summit held in October helped us identify key focus areas for county dollars. Along with our community partners, we're working now to implement initiatives identified by summit attendees. Two focus areas for the coming year include improving access to appropriate

services for people in a crisis and enhancing the coordination of care for school-aged children with potential behavioral health needs.

**Investing in Behavioral Health >> Urgent Care Pilot Program**

We propose assigning \$750,000 to develop and implement a pilot program to offer behavioral health urgent care. It would work a lot like the urgent care facilities that many of us go to today when we're sick or hurt - only this program would provide services specifically tailored to mental and behavioral healthcare needs.

For example, if your anxiety or depression is escalating, or your psychiatric medications run out long before your next appointment, you could go to behavioral health urgent care instead of an emergency department. The hours would likely extend past the typical 9-to-5 and include some weekend hours, because, as we know, these issues don't just happen during the traditional work day.

Overall, behavioral health urgent care would be designed to address a service gap and provide faster, less expensive service for patients while freeing up space at crisis facilities like emergency departments.

**Investing in Behavioral Health >> Enhanced Mobile Crisis Service Pilot Project**

In this budget, I also recommend investing \$850,000 in a pilot project that would pair mental health professionals with our first responders. Through this partnership, enhanced mobile crisis teams could intervene earlier when someone is experiencing a crisis. That means people would receive the care they need, and their situations could be resolved more quickly.

**Investing in Behavioral Health >> School-based Mental Health Team**

We also want to improve access to behavioral healthcare services for school-aged children. Recent high-profile events in the news remind us that our youngest residents have mental health needs that are just as serious as those of adults.

Therefore, we propose investing an additional \$400,000 in Alliance Behavioral Healthcare's school-based mental health team, bringing our total investment to \$1.4 million. The funds would add more staff to help the schools link students who have developmental disabilities or mental health needs with behavioral healthcare. The proposed additional funding would improve the caseworker-to-student ratio and early identification of student needs, while providing more resources for families and school staff.

Overall, my total funding recommendation for behavioral health in the FY19

budget is \$30.6 million of our General Fund. That's a 13-percent increase over FY18.

### **Investing in County Operations**

When building the budget, another important area I focused on was county operations. We should and must invest in our organization to meet growing demands for service, and achieve your goals and initiatives.

This chart shows the wide range of the work we do in Wake County. From managing public health and social services to building parks, protecting our water supply and keeping the public safe, we do a lot, and our recommended budget allocations for county operations in FY19 reflect that.

When we look at our operational needs, they fall into four main categories: following through on our commitments, managing our risk, maintaining service levels and adding new programs. I'll walk through each of them with you now and give examples of the investments I propose making in each one.

### **Investing in County Operations >> Commitments**

Let's start with commitments. These are basically the things we must do - things like funding previously-approved projects and annualizing partial-year funding.

It's our job to make sure the Wake County Board of Elections has the tools and staff needed to effectively register voters and hold elections. To help, I recommend in the FY19 budget adding funds to complete the replacement of the Board of Election's 13-year-old voting equipment with more modern technology. The budget also proposes funding nine early voting sites for the 2018 General Election. These sites would be open for 17 days prior to election day and employ more than 250 temporary staff members.

Another commitment we have is to open and operate the libraries we build. We're in the process of expanding one in Wake Forest and building a new one in downtown Cary. So, this budget proposal provides funds to hire the employees needed to serve visitors at these libraries and cover the necessary operating costs.

These facilities will help enhance quality of life for our residents and give them better access to books, as well as provide thought-provoking programming for young and old alike.

Much like our libraries, our nature preserves also enhance the county's quality of life, and offer great opportunities for exercise and outdoor exploration.

We're preparing to open the second phase of Turnipseed Nature Preserve to the public this summer.

If we want visitors to have a pleasant experience there and come back, we need to keep it in good condition. In the FY19 budget, I propose funding Turnipseed's ongoing maintenance needs, and adding temporary positions to open the nature preserve on weekends and certain weekdays.

### **Investing in County Operations >> Risk Management**

The next area I looked at while making decisions about county operations was risk management. I considered ways we could mitigate risk and improve how we comply with regulations.

We're all familiar with the situation involving the money missing from the Register of Deeds Office. Following that discovery and investigation, we made changes organization-wide to strengthen how we handle cash.

We've provided more in-person training to employees who handle cash, and we're working to accept credit and debit cards at more locations. In addition, internal and external auditors are conducting reviews of sites that accept cash.

To take these controls a step further, the FY19 budget adds a revenue manager position in our Finance Department to oversee our revenue and cash management business processes. I also recommend funding an annual external audit, as requested by the Register of Deeds Office, to help ensure the finances are in order and county policies are being followed.

I also propose investing in new tools to protect our IT network from security threats. Phishing scams, ransomware and hackings are real dangers, and we must do all we can to protect our information. By putting these tools into effect, we won't eliminate all threats. That's impossible. But, we will enhance our defense against them.

We must also ensure we're meeting federal and state requirements for timeliness and accuracy. Each year, we process roughly 107,000 Medicaid and 78,000 Food and Nutrition Services applications and recertifications. I propose adding seven Medicaid positions and two positions to Food and Nutrition Services to ensure we're processing the paperwork as standards dictate, so residents can get the benefits they qualify for in a timely manner.

We're seeing an increase in suspected and confirmed cases of communicable diseases like E. Coli, Zika and whooping cough. Our research shows that the caseload has grown from about 1,000 in FY14 to nearly 1,300 in FY17 a 27 percent increase.

In my recommended budget, we provide funding to hire a public health communicable disease nurse. This new position would help ensure we're in compliance with state-mandated reporting and case investigation requirements, and improve our ability to handle sudden disease outbreaks.

**Investing in County Operations >> Maintain Service Levels**

Another element of county operations I considered while developing this budget was maintaining our service levels. We must continue delivering a high level of service to our customers while meeting growing demands, and following complex rules and regulations.

Since 2014, EMS has experienced a 15-percent increase in calls for service, with the volume reaching more than 100,000 calls last year alone.

To meet demand, especially during daytime hours when the most calls come in, I recommend investing more than \$1 million to purchase two new ambulances and hire the staff needed to operate them. This will help EMS maintain safe call response levels.

Another issue our EMS department faces is staffing, which is a recognized challenge nationally. Given the shortage of trained paramedics, the budget proposes expanding the successful EMT-to-Paramedic training program that we established in FY18. The expanded program would train 10 paramedics on an annual basis, providing a stable pipeline of qualified paramedics for our EMS department.

The Wake County Sheriff's Office is experiencing similar recruitment challenges. Right now, the Sheriff's Office has 44 openings for deputies and detention officers. These are essential positions - ones we can't go without. The vacancies place a burden on existing employees to work overtime to ensure all shifts are covered.

The recommended budget supports the Sheriff's request to add a second recruiter to help fill these critical vacancies. It would also provide additional funding for recruitment materials and travel expenses related to attending job fairs.

We operate GoWake Access, the county's on-demand transit service for residents living in rural areas, the elderly and those with Medicaid. In this budget, I recommend adding four new customer service representatives to our GoWake Access Call Center, which we estimate will reduce the call wait time for customers by 87 percent and improve their overall experience.

As the county grows by 63 people per day, we're seeing the ripple effects



in other areas, as well. More developments are under construction. More restaurants, hotels and pools are opening. More calls are coming in for animal control assistance. It's our job to make sure we're staffed to respond to these increases appropriately.

Therefore, I recommend adding two inspector positions to ensure the places where we eat and the places where out-of-town visitors stay offer a safe experience for the public.

I also propose adding two inspectors in watershed management to monitor the new developments being built, so they can take the steps needed to protect our water from pollution, control erosion and sedimentation, and manage our floodplains and stormwater.

And, I recommend adding one new animal control officer to our team to expand our emergency and off-hours services.

In all, these five new positions will enable us to deliver the level of customer service that our residents expect and deserve.

I also want to address customer service in this budget from the inside out. I propose investing \$6.5 million in our employees in FY19 by providing a three-percent performance pay increase - on average - to eligible employees. Part of maintaining great service is retaining the great employees who provide it, and that's exactly what I hope to do with this recommendation.

Along those same lines, I want to expand the skills of our leaders, so they can examine new ways to provide excellent customer service and reinforce its importance among their employees. That's why I propose creating a new position in Human Resources to develop and deliver leadership training to our 800 managers and supervisors. We can't be at the top of our game if we're not constantly - as Stephen Covey would say - "sharpening our saw." This investment would allow us to do that.

### **Investing in County Operations >> New Programs**

The last area I looked at as I evaluated the county's operational needs for FY19 was new programs. These are programs that will increase productivity or enhance the quality of our services, achieve cost savings or address an emerging need.

The One Water Study is a good example. A key element of a healthy county is a clean, abundant water supply. While Wake County is the second largest county in the state, we have not identified a 50-year water supply. This is particularly important, considering how fast our population is

growing. That's why the budget proposal provides financial support for a study initiated by our staff and the Wake County Water Partnership to ensure that clean, safe water is always available for future generations.

Through the One Water Study, staff will take water data collected by municipal operators and combine it with data from our Groundwater Study to create a comprehensive snapshot of our county water usage. No other county in North Carolina has performed such a study. With this information, we'll be able to determine what the right tools are to meet our community water needs and develop a proactive, long-term plan, based on population growth, to prevent water shortages.

I also recommend funding a three-year pilot program with the Triangle Land Conservancy to establish a new urban agricultural farm at Walnut Hill Preserve in Wake County. This innovative initiative would not only help bolster local food production, but it would also give small-scale farmers looking to expand the size and scope of their operations the opportunity to sub-let farm plots.

Overall, the total funding recommendation for county operations and capital projects in the FY19 budget is \$513 million. That's a 5.2-percent increase over the FY18 adjusted budget.

### **Investing in Our Partners**

Just as we must invest in our own organization, we must also invest in our nonprofit partners who help us do great work to benefit thousands of Wake County residents. We're proud to join forces with them to enhance our quality of life through music and the arts, as well as bring hope and assistance to those in our community who face serious challenges like food insecurity.

In the FY19 budget, I recommend providing funding to all the nonprofits you see listed on the screen. By committing funding to them, we can make strides in several initiatives surrounding your board goals, and bring positive change to our community.

The total funding recommendation for these important partnerships in the FY19 budget makes up \$3 million of our General Fund and is a 27-percent increase over FY18 funding levels.

### **Investing in Education**

I'm sure you noticed that several of the nonprofits recommended for funding are related to helping our youngest residents be successful in school.

I think you and I agree that we, as a county, must take a wholistic view of

education. Learning doesn't start at kindergarten. The foundation of a strong education begins well before then, when our children are toddlers, and extends far into adulthood. It's through this lens - this broad spectrum - that I made the funding decisions for the FY19 Recommended Budget regarding education.

**Investing in Education >> SmartStart**

A key part of preparing our kids for success in school and in life is providing them with a solid base. That's why I propose investing nearly \$1.2 million in Wake County's SmartStart program.

We have *never* funded SmartStart at this level. By contributing this historic amount, we would enable SmartStart to clear its 2018 Pre-K waiting list.

Our investment would allow SmartStart to leverage state and federal funds to enroll more than 1,400 children in preschool next year. That means 400 more Wake County children would have a desk waiting for them this fall, and they could begin their path to success in the classroom earlier than they expected.

**Investing in Education >> Wake County Public Schools**

As we move through the education spectrum, let's look now at Wake County Public Schools. Last week, the Board of Education approved the school district's annual request for operating funds from the county.

After careful consideration, I recommend increasing our investment in the school system's operating budget by more than \$30 million in FY19, bringing our total yearly investment to \$461 million. This results in per-pupil spending of \$2,618, the highest since at least 2000 - even higher than before the recession. And, that includes inflation.

In school funding relationships in North Carolina, the county serves as the banker, with the Board of Education having full discretion over how to spend the funds it receives from the county. We look to the school system to use its expertise to determine how best to use this investment to support its award-winning teachers, staff and students.

**Investing in Education >> Wake Technical Community College**

The final step in our education continuum is Wake Technical Community College. It's the largest community college in the state and the 20th largest in the nation, serving 74,000 students in the classroom and online annually. Some of its students come straight from high school. Others are adults looking to change careers or learn more about areas of interest. Overall, it's a great asset for continuing education in our community.

To further its mission and help educate our workforce, I recommend investing a total of \$25.4 million in Wake Tech, and that includes \$4.6 million in new funds. Of that, about \$2.5 million are one-time funds necessary to hire faculty and staff for the new RTP campus, which is scheduled to open for regular classes in August. The remaining \$2.1 million will go towards facility maintenance, utilities and technology staffing.

**Investing in Education >> Debt and Capital**

In addition to operating expenses, Wake County is responsible for funding the construction and renovation of facilities for the public school system and Wake Tech.

In FY19, our investment in debt service and capital for both totals \$260.4 million. The majority of that - about \$236 million - is for the school district, with the remaining \$24.4 million for Wake Tech.

Although that's a significant investment, we will need additional resources to fund our capital improvement programs for both over the next seven years. We'll talk more next month about potentially bringing bonds for Wake Tech, the school system and parks before the voters in November.

Clearly, the county places a high value on education. As you can see on this chart, about 53 percent of the FY19 Recommended Budget would fund Wake County Public Schools, and nearly four percent would fund Wake Tech. In all, our investment in education totals nearly \$747 million. That's a 5.7-percent increase over FY18.

We are committed to the learning continuum. We want to provide every opportunity for our residents to succeed from the cradle to college and beyond. I believe this proposed budget demonstrates that commitment.

**Conclusion**

As important as education is to advance in life, it is not the only place where we must invest our limited financial resources. Housing affordability, behavioral healthcare, county operations, partnerships - they're all critical.

We can't afford to ignore any of these areas, because they're all interconnected. We can't elevate one without the others.

That's why I'm recommending a \$1.3 billion budget for FY19 - a 7.2-percent increase over the adjusted Fiscal Year 2018 budget - and a 2.9-cent property tax increase, which would bring the county's property tax rate to 64.4 cents. The tax increase would generate about \$41.6 million, which enables us to make a historic investment in housing and achieve the county's highest per pupil funding ever to Wake County Public Schools.

By funding needs in these areas, we can truly make a difference in the lives of our residents - especially those living on the margins. Through this budget, we can address needs in housing and behavioral healthcare to help those who are struggling. We can expand county services to meet the increasing demands of our growing population. And, we can help give everyone access to a high quality of life.

**Next Steps**

This concludes my presentation. I want to thank staff for putting in countless hours to help me create this budget recommendation, which will make progress in all your goal areas. I also want to thank you, commissioners, for your time and attention today.

Now, I want to share with you and the public what the next steps are in this process. On Monday, May 14, we'll have a work session at 9 a.m. across the hallway in Room 2800 to review the recommended budget, share information on the capital budget and answer any questions you may have.

On Monday, May 21, you'll hold your first budget public hearing during the 2 p.m. board meeting and your second public hearing at 7 p.m. at the Wake County Commons.

On Wednesday, May 30, we'll have a second work session at 2 p.m. in Room 2800 to discuss what you heard during the public hearings and answer any additional questions.

On Monday, June 4, we'll bring the proposed budget before you for a vote during your regular 5 p.m. board meeting.

All materials related to the budget are available right now on our website, [wakegov.com](http://wakegov.com). I encourage everyone to visit the website to get a better understanding of what I've shared today.

Mr. Ellis thanked the board for their time and thoughtful consideration.

Chair Holmes commended the county manager for presenting a budget that enhancing the lives of the citizens of Wake County. She thanked him for considering all of Wake County in the proposed budget.

Chair Holmes said the board is receiving the information at the same time as the public.

**Commissioner Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner West, that**

**the Board of Commissioners receive the recommended fiscal year 2019 budget for consideration and approve the following:**

- 1. Hold a public hearing on the budget during the Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting on Monday, May 21, at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Justice Center, and also at 7:00 p.m. on that day at the Commons Building; and**
- 2. Hold budget work sessions on Monday, May 14, at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday, May 30, at 2:00 pm; and**
- 3. Consider the budget for adoption on Monday, June 4, during the Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting, which begins at 5:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting went into recess, then the meeting reconvened.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Ron Nawazyck, 5700 Creekfall Lane Fuquay-Varina, NC spoke about the Crooked Creek Golf course and said that nobody in the organization intended for the implications of the golf course to be other than what social media has displayed. He said the neighborhood would like to see a park for the county. He asked for respect toward the wishes.

Commissioner Portman apologized to the citizens and said that some comments by board members about the Crooked Creek Golf Course have questioned the integrity of the board members.

Mr. Steve Rao, Morrisville Town Councilman, congratulated the commissioners that won the primary election and the others that will be running for election this fall. Mr. Rao noted the "Running in America" movie that will be broadcasted this evening about the Indian American Community. He thanked the board for their community service and the County Manager for the budget presentation. He commended Mr. Bill Greeves, Chief Information and Innovation Officer, for his innovation for Wake County. He said that he would like funding for a new school in the Town of Morrisville.

Ms. Stephanie Lormaid, 2704 Ramsey Road Raleigh, NC, shared that on May 16 teachers across North Carolina will close schools and spend the day in Raleigh lobbying for higher teacher pay. She asked the board for

money to ensure the children have food and a safe place to be on May 16th.

Ms. Susan Book, 219 Tecumseh Court Cary, NC, advocated for the closing of schools on May 16. She asked for additional funding for backpack buddies.

Chair Holmes said she has spoken with the Interfaith Food Shuttle about providing food on May 16 and she has spoken with the food pantries about the stocking of food for children and families on this date.

Ms. Rachel Zietler spoke about Habitat for Humanity and thanked the board for support.

Ms. Lisa Behrens, Wake County Library Commission member, thanked the board for funding the libraries in Fiscal Year 2017. She said that the members of the Wake County libraries staff distributed bookmarks about the new library hours. She noted the new programs at the libraries. She said increasing important facilities, staff, and programs is important to the citizens for Wake County. She recognized Ms. Brenda Buchanon, Wake County Library Commission member.

Ms. Brenda Buchanon thanked the board for additional hours for the libraries on Sundays.

Ms. Kim Coley, 1501 Hillsborough St. Raleigh, NC, said that the Wake County GOP plan on assisting teachers on May 16 in providing free events for parents as an alternative for the school closures. She invited citizens to pre-register their children.

### 13. [Multi-Family Affordable Housing Development Loans](#)

**Attachments:**    [Item Summary.doc](#)  
                          [Housing Loans Presentation 05-09-18.pdf](#)  
                          [Location Maps.pdf](#)  
                          [Appraisal Summaries.pdf](#)  
                          [Recommended Application Repayment Schedules.pdf](#)

Ms. Petteway said providing loans to housing developers to build affordable housing is part of the process of assisting with the affordable housing crisis.

She said the Request for Proposal process included a pre-determined ranking system and scorecard. She shared the annual Request for

Proposal process for production and preservation for affordable housing.

- Leverages Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds with County Capital and Low- Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)
- Aims to create housing at affordability levels the market will not naturally create
- Serves vulnerable populations including low-income families and those with special needs or experiencing homelessness

Ms. Alicia Arnold, Wake County Housing and Transportation Division Director, shared the modifications to the 2018 process.

1. Updated Request for Proposals
  - a. Subdivided criteria into 2 groups
  - b. Decreased Energy Star point value
  - c. Added Affordability Targeting point value prioritizing:
    1. Units at or below 40% AMI for 9% projects
    2. Units at or below 50% AMI for 4% projects
2. Created Objective Scorecard
3. Robust Financial Analysis
4. Developer Engagement and Negotiation
5. Request Additional 10% of units for County Permanent Supportive Housing Clients

She shared the request for proposals timeline.

- January 2018 - Released RFP
- February 9, 2018 - Responses Received
  - 6 proposals received and reviewed
  - Proposals are reviewed by Wake County Revenue, Budget, FD&C, and Finance Departments; as well as consultation by HR&A
- April 2018 - Review Team scored the proposals
- April 2018 - Housing Advisory Committee supports project ranking

She shared charts of the current and projected funds available and the application summary.

Ms. Arnold shared information about Pine Trace, Zebulon Green, Isles of Wake, Beacon Ridge, Pennington Grove, and Hampton Spring.

Commissioner West asked about supportive housing as it relates to Average Median Income (AMI). Ms. Arnold said supportive housing supports individuals in the lower income ranges. He said that some individuals have access to rental assistant subsidies so the support level



depends on those factors.

Chair Holmes asked about the 30 percent AMI for the Beacon Ridge project. Ms. Arnold said that the Beacon Ridge project has a four percent tax credit.

Commissioner Portman asked about the purpose of the supportive units as opposed to the 120 units. Ms. Arnold said the supportive units are for individuals that are in need of permanent supportive housing. She said there is generally a behavioral health diagnosis, youth aging out of the foster care system, or a qualifying medical diagnosis. He asked whether the cost with and without county participation is available. Ms. Arnold said she could provide this information to the board.

Commissioner Ford asked about the reason the Hampton Spring project did not receive higher scoring.

Ms. Arnold said that Hampton Spring did not receive an appropriate score because it did not have a pharmacy nearby.

Ms. Arnold shared the ranking recommendations and the recommended funding for Tier 1.

Commissioner West asked whether the applicants process is known in advance. Ms. Arnold said that evaluation is made on the housing tax credits with the preliminary application based off the state criteria. She said the commitment letter will allow the Housing Finance Agency opportunity to make their approval.

Vice-Chair Hutchinson said that Beacon Ridge partners with the YMCA in Southeast Raleigh. He asked about the process of adding this project to the list.

Chair Holmes indicated there would be a separate motion for this action.

Mr. Scott Warren, County Attorney, said after the motion and second are made, the motion to amend would be in order.

Commissioner West said there was discussion about scattered sites and over concentration to maximize opportunities for affordable housing. He asked whether the AMI would be increased for the Beacon Ridge site. Ms. Arnold said that she was uncertain about the AMI, but affordable housing would be preserved in the area for the next 30 years. She said the ability to preserve affordable housing is a positive impact.

Ms. Arnold shared the takeaways.

- All projects meet minimum requirements
- Available budget does not allow for funding of all projects
- Tier 1 projects provide 204 total units, including 42 supportive units and 52 units at or below 30% AMI, at a cost of \$2.3 M
- Projects not recommended were less competitive to receive LIHTC funding or scored lower due to financial feasibility, affordability targeting and special needs.

She shared the next steps.

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Commissioner Portman asked about the statistics. He asked about the price of the units in the market depending on whether the county participates for affordability purposes.

Ms. Annemarie Maiorano, Wake County Human Services Deputy Director, said that if Wake County does not invest in the properties that are funded with Low Income Tax Credits at nine percent become less competitive and may not be built.

Ms. Arnold said the county funding allows the rent to be reduced from the market rate to the lower rate level.

Commissioner Portman asked for clarification of the total public investment and total amount achieved below market rate rent.

Mr. Ellis said the City of Raleigh contributed \$4.6 million to the project, which is the public contribution.

Mr. Greg Warren, President, DHIC, said there is equity and the sales of tax credits make a difference. He said this reduces the amount of money to be borrowed.

Ms. Arnold said the market rate rent is reduced to a level that is affordable. She said all of the projects are for 30 years

Commissioner Burns asked how the board can assist in the Beacon Ridge

project.

Mr. Ellis said that \$2.5 million of existing ABC funding have been identified that could be transferred.

Commissioner Portman asked if the gap in funding can be funded in the Fiscal Year 2018 budget. Ms. Johnna Rogers said that ABC funding could be adjusted now and the recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2018 would reflect the adjustment.

Commissioner Portman asked for clarification of the additional motion for consideration of the Beacon Ridge project.

Mr. Warren shared the process of the motion. He read aloud the alternative motion for the board's consideration.

Mr. Ellis said some of the board members asked for options for funding for the Beacon Ridge project.

Chair Holmes indicated that discussion had been made at previous agenda review meetings about the options for the project.

**Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns, that the Board of Commissioners approve the following loans:**

- 1. Up to \$680,000 in Federal HOME, County CIP and/or HOPWA funds for Pine Trace Apartments, an affordable senior housing development in Wake Forest, NC; and**
- 2. Up to \$1,000,000 in Federal HOME, County CIP and/or HOPWA funds for Zebulon Green, an affordable family housing development in Zebulon NC; and**
- 3. Up to \$640,000 in Federal HOME, County CIP and/or HOPWA funds for Isles of Wake, an affordable senior housing development in Wake Forest, NC.**

**All funding commitments are subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. Awards are also contingent upon the development receiving local approvals including site plan approval, all necessary permits from the local municipality and an**

award of tax credits from the NC Housing Finance Agency. In addition, all awards are contingent upon the basic terms as identified in the project descriptions, including funding commitments from the financial partners as identified.

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner West, that the Board of Commissioners amend the funding recommendations for Multi-Family Affordable Housing Development Loans to include the fourth highest scoring proposal, Beacon Ridge, in an amount up to \$2,500,000. To fund this project, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the appropriation of ABC revenues fund balance from the General Fund, and a transfer to the Housing Fund. This loan agreement is contingent upon meeting financial terms and housing unit goals including in the final proposal. All funding commitments are subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

## Appointments

### 14. [Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee](#)

**Attachments:** [Adult Care CAC Item Summary 4-18.doc](#)  
[Adult Care Member List 4-18.pdf](#)  
[Adult Care Applicants 4-11-18.pdf](#)  
[Adult Care App Roster 4-26-18.xlsx](#)  
[Adult Care Board Choices .xlsx](#)  
[Adult Care Attendance 4-30-18.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Mr. John Atkinson, Ms. Phyllis Fulton, Ms. Janet Hughes, Ms. Sarah Johnston, Ms. Mary Martin, Ms. Kay Maynard, and Ms. Tenna Perkins for reappointment.

### 15. [Citizens Energy Advisory Commission](#)

**Attachments:** [Citizens Energy Item Summary 4-11-18.docx](#)  
[Citizens Energy Member List.pdf](#)  
[Citizens Energy Applicant Roster.xlsx](#)  
[Citizens Energy Applicants 5-18.pdf](#)  
[Citizens Energy Board Choices 5-18.xlsx](#)  
[Energy Commission Attendance May 2017 - April 2018.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Ms. Maria Kingery, Mr. Neil Sauer, and Mr. James Ward for reappointment.

**16. [Fire Commission](#)**

**Attachments:**    [Item Summary Fire Commission 3-16-18.doc](#)  
                          [Fire Commission Member List.pdf](#)  
                          [Fire Commission App Roster 4-18.xlsx](#)  
                          [Fire Commission Applicants 4-18.pdf](#)  
                          [Fire Commission Board Choices .xlsx](#)  
                          [Fire Commission attendance 5-18.pdf](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Mr. Robert Overton for appointment.

**17. GoTriangle Transit Citizens Advisory Board**

**Attachments:**    [Transit Citizens Advisory Committtee Appointment Item Summary.docx](#)  
                          [Transit Citizens Advisory Committee Guidelines \(Final\).docx](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Commissioner James West as a liaison for the GoTriangle Transit Citizens Advisory Board.

**18. [Housing Authority](#)**

**Attachments:**    [Housing Authority Item Summary.doc](#)  
                          [HA Member List 4-11-18.pdf](#)  
                          [Housing Authority App Roster.xlsx](#)  
                          [Housing Authority Applicants.pdf](#)  
                          [HA Board Choices .xlsx](#)  
                          [HACW BOC Attendance \(FY2017-18\).pdf](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Ms. Patricia Page for appointment.

**19. [Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee](#)**

**Attachments:**    [NHCAC Item Summary.doc](#)  
                          [NHCAC Member List.pdf](#)  
                          [NHCAC Applicants 4-18.pdf](#)  
                          [NHCAC Applicant Roster 4-18.xlsx](#)  
                          [NHCAC Board Choices 4-18.xlsx](#)  
                          [Nursing Home Attendance 4-20-18.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchsinon nominated Ms. Heather Cooke, Mr. Bennett Cotton, Ms. Carol Derrenbacher, Ms. Sandra Deutsch, Ms. Sarah Lynne Raha, Ms. Anne Schick, and Ms. Andrea Seger for reappointment.

**Vice-Chair Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns, to accept the appointments. The motion passed unanimously.**

**20. [Upcoming Vacancies for June](#)**

**Attachments:** [Upcoming Vacancy List for June 2018.docx](#)

Ms. Denise Hogan, Clerk to the Board, announced the upcoming vacancies for June 2018.

**Committee Reports****Other Business**

Commissioner West asked the County Manager to check on plans the City of Charlotte has to increase their affordable housing funding. Commissioner West asked about what strategies they are proposing. Chair Holmes said the increase of \$60 million is slated to happen over a five year period.

Commissioner Burns thanked everyone who participated in the primary election. He said it was exciting to see the parents and teachers working the polls. He commended the Board of Elections office for their work and said the process went very well. He said that all seven members collaborate on issues and the board has always worked together on issues. He said it is important for the board to continue to work together to move the county forward.

Commissioner Calabria asked if the board could get a copy of the Board of Education's budget.

Chair Holmes congratulated the Wake Tech graduates and acknowledged the work of the students and congratulated the class of 2018.

**21. [Informational Items for the Board of Commissioners](#)**

**Attachments:** [Informational Items for the Board of Commissioners 05-09-2018.docx](#)  
[March 2018 Financials.pdf](#)

**Closed Session**

Mr. Warren said the motion is pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318 11 (a) 4 to discuss matters related to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by Wake County including an agreement upon a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by Wake County in negotiations.

**Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, to go into closed session. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting went into recess and reconvened. No action was taken by the board.

**Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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