



Wake County

301 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Monday, June 4, 2018

5:00 PM

Room 2700, Wake County Justice Center

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; Bill Greeves, Chief Information and Innovation Officer; Denise Hogan, Clerk to the Board; Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Johnna Rogers, Chief Operating Officer; Chris Dillon, Assistant County Manager; Ben Canada, Assistant to the County Manager

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Commissioner Calabria

Items of Business

Chair Holmes said that approving the budget for the county is one of the most important functions of the Board of Commissioners. It ensures fiscal strength, enhances the quality of life, and covers the basic needs of the county.

1. [Approval of Agenda](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

2. [Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Budget Hearings of May 21, 2018 and Work Session of May 14, 2018](#)

Commissioner Ford moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Hutchinson, to approve minutes of the regular meeting and budget hearings of May

21, 2018 and work session of May 14, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

3. [Recognize Recent Awards](#)

Attachments: [FDC_AIA Award_2018.docx](#)

Mr. David Ellis, County Manager, introduced the Facilities, Design, and Construction (FD & C) staff.

Mr. Ellis said earlier this year, the Triangle Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) presented Wake County Facilities, Design and Construction with the 2018 Isosceles Award.

He said this annual award honors individuals, associations or companies outside the architectural profession who have demonstrated excellence in design in the Triangle area. He said Wake County was recognized for significantly improving the Triangle's built environment through our libraries and civic, public and educational buildings. He said the AIA lauded FD&C's commitment to investing in our local community, particularly through the selection of Triangle-based architects and the advocacy of innovative design.

He said according to the AIA, FD&C consistently encourages Wake County's architect partners "to be innovative and to push the envelopes of good design rather than falling into a false sense of security by doing the same old thing." He said in addition, the AIA called Wake County "a model to other governments" and commended our efforts to bolster the urban core by keeping facilities downtown.

Mr. Ellis congratulated Mr. Mark Forestieri, Facilities, Design and Construction Director and his staff. Mr. Forestieri introduced staff from his department.

Mr. Mark Forestieri, Wake County Facilities, Design, and Construction Director, thanked the board for the recognition.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

4. [Convey Utility Easements to the Town of Cary on County Owned Property Known as Crabtree Creek Watershed Project Site #23](#)

Attachments: [Agenda Item.docx](#)
 [Existing Utility Easement DB 14624 PG 2391.pdf](#)
 [USDA - Approval ltr.pdf](#)
 [Cary Easement Request.pdf](#)
 [Easement Survey.pdf](#)
 [Town of Cary Permanent Utility Easement.pdf](#)

Commissioner Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns, to approve the conveyance of permanent utility easements to the Town of Cary; and authorize the Chair to execute said easement document (along with any supporting documentation), subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

5. [Acceptance of a 2018 Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act \(EPCRA\) Tier II Grant Award](#)

Attachments: [2018 Tier II Grant Award Acceptance agenda item.doc](#)
 [FY2018 Tier II Grant.pdf](#)
 [Budget Memo - FY 2018 Grants Fund.xlsx](#)

Commissioner Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns, to accept the 2018 EPCRA Tier II Grant via North Carolina Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$1,000, with funds to be appropriated in Grants and Donations Fund and authorize the County Manager to sign the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2018 EPCRA Tier II Grant. The motion passed unanimously.

6. [Acceptance of a Non-Warranty Deed from State of North Carolina for 66.08 Acres Above Lake Myra and Authorization To Grant a Conservation Easement Back To North Carolina Department of Transportation](#)

Attachments: [NCDOT Mitigation Land Transfer Item Summary 2018_06_04.docx](#)
 [NCDOT Mitigation Transfer Site Map.pdf](#)
 [NCDOT Mitigation Land Transfer Conservation Easement CLEAN FINAL 2018_02_14.doc](#)

Commissioner Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns, to accept a Non-Warranty Deed from the State of North Carolina for 66.08 acres of real property above Lake Myra subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney and authorize the Chair to grant and execute a Conservation Easement over the entire 66.08 acres of said real property and Easement of Ingress and Egress to North Carolina Department of Transportation subject to terms and

conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

7. [Approval of Funding Agreement for Town of Morrisville Cricket Field Lights](#)

Attachments: [Morrisville Item Summary new format.docx](#)
[Morrisville Funding Agreement for Board approval.docx](#)
[Budget Memo - FY 2018 Major Facilities Capital.xlsx](#)

Commissioner Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns, that the Board of Commissioners approve a funding agreement in the amount of \$258,000 with the Town of Morrisville subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

8. [Approval of the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau's FY 2019 Operating Budget](#)

Attachments: [GRCVB Budget Item Summary 6.4.18 \(placeholder for 5.22\).doc](#)
[GRCVB Budget for Raleigh City Council and Wake County Commission.pdf](#)
[GRCVB Final Business Plan 2018-2019.pdf](#)

Commissioner Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns, that the Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2019 operating budget for the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$7,450,629, subject to the adoption of the Wake County FY 2019 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Attachments: [Tax Collections Item Summary.doc](#)
[Tax Committee Agenda Process](#)
[Executive Summary 1](#)
[Executive Summary 2](#)
[June 2018 Refunds Over \\$500](#)
[Daily Updates For Exemptions](#)
[Daily Updates For Penalties](#)
[Daily Updates For Special Situations](#)
[Daily Updates For Tax Deferrals](#)
[Municipal Collection Report](#)
[Wake County Collection Report](#)
[Monthly In-Rem Foreclosure Report](#)

Commissioner Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns, to approve the attached recommendations by the Tax Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

10. [Resolution for Wake County Public School System Performance Contracting](#)

Attachments: [Performance Contracting Item Summary.docx](#)

[WCPSS Presentation.pdf](#)

[Resolution .docx](#)

Mr. Joe Desormeaux, Assistant Superintendent for Facilities, Wake County Public School System, said that performance contracting is a process that energy cost savings projects can be performed with the Wake County Public School System. He said that the Local Government Commission requires the Board of Commissioners to adopt a resolution stating it will not reduce utility appropriations to the Board of Education.

Mr. Chris Halpin, President, Celtic Energy, Inc., shared the background on Energy Savings Performance Contracting Projects.

What is Performance Contracting?

- Method of obtaining energy improvements
- Uses energy savings dollars to pay for the project
- Turnkey design-build project delivery
- Self-funding
- Additional funding vehicle to address facility needs directly impacting operating costs
- Implements Energy Conservation Measures (ECM's) to achieve efficiencies

What is an Energy Service Company (ESCO)?

- Analyzes the buildings
- Designs the energy improvement measures
- Implements them
- Guarantees the energy savings

Mr. Halpin shared the ESPC project milestones and current status.

- Began process to select an ESCO
- 12 schools identified based upon energy performance data
- Develop energy conservation measures (ECMs) and identify cost savings

- Issue financial RFP to identify lender and interest rate
- Contract with ESCO
- ESCO performs facility improvements
- Third party firm verifies energy performance over term of contract

He shared the ESPC Technical Resources.

NCDEQ Utility Savings Initiative (USI) program

- Assists governmental units in management of utility use.
- Serves state and local government agencies across NC.
- Promotes high performance public buildings
- Prequalifies ESCO firms.

Celtic Energy - 3rd Party Technical Reviewer

- Follows State of NC ESPC Guidelines & Best Practices
- Oversight of IGA development w/ WCPSS
- Independent savings analysis.
- Ensure final scope adheres to WCPSS requirements.
- Focus on M&V plan - sound technical approach.
- Review of overall project costs.
- Independently verify ESCO M&V performance reports.

He shared the project scope and metrics.

ECM SCOPE BENEFITS

- Upgraded & standardized LED lighting technology.
- Superior light quality; longer lifetime; zero mercury lamps.
- HVAC equipment replacements.
- New boiler at one site.
- New cafeteria AHUs at one site.
- Multi-faceted BAS improvement:
- Upgraded control components.
- Expansion of BAS HVAC control.
- Retro-Cx & optimize existing system.
- Optimize air-handling units & chilled-water system.
- Demand-controlled ventilation.

He shared a chart of the project economics, savings, scope and metrics.

- Once the project is solidified, owner releases "Financial RFP" to solicit responses from financial institutions (interest rates).
- Requires resolution from County Commissioners to not reduce utility

budget over term of contract.

- Portion of utility budget moves to Debt Retirement Account.
- WCPSS responsible for loan payments.
- Review and approval by LGC
- Construction costs paid to ESCO from escrow account.
- Annual reports provided by ESCO to verify savings (M&V).
- Reviewed by WCPSS & 3rd party.
- If a shortfall occurs, the ESCO writes WCPSS a check.

He shared the milestones.

- Release Financial RFP (6/15/18)
- BOC Resolution Approval (6/18/18)
- Submit LGC Application (7/13/18)
- LGC Approval (8/7/18)
- BOE Signs ESA (8/17/18)
- Begin Construction Phase (September 2018)

He shared the next steps.

- Financial RFP Approval.
- Request BOC Resolution Approval.
- Approval to Execute Energy Services Agreement

Commissioner Burns thanked staff for their work in providing the information. He said that the energy performance contract was a priority when he came on the board. He said improved lighting and air flow improves the health and learning environment for children in the schools. He said that he supports the project.

Chair Holmes commended Commissioner Burns for his persistence toward this project.

Vice-Chair Hutchinson said that improved lighting, air flow, and improvement to the environment is a great green initiative.

Commissioner Calabria echoed former comments and thanked staff for their persistence.

Commissioner Burns moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Hutchinson, to adopt the resolution stating its intent not to reduce appropriations to the Board of Education based on a reduction of energy costs due to the Energy Saving Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Ms. Susan Book, 219 Teccumsah Court Cary, NC, said that there is class size chaos and the legislature has caused issue with funding for the schools. She said that she trusts the Board of Education to make the right decisions for the students.

Mr. Greear Webb, 1104 Sudberry Ct. said that he attends Sanderson High School and there was a recent meeting about school security. He said that safe classrooms are needed for the learning environment of students. He said there is a shortage of nurses and counselors in the schools and asked the board for funding.

Ms. Kristin Beller, 3301 Leesville Towne Court, Raleigh, said that the General Assembly has not placed a school construction bond for consideration and supplements for teachers. She spoke of unintended consequences from the legislative decisions in the budget. She said that Wake County cannot continue to manage shortfalls in the budget.

Mr. Gerald Givens, Jr. 900 E. Six Forks Rd, Raleigh, asked the board to fully fund the Board of Education's budget request. He spoke of how important the public schools are to the community and his families value of it. He asked the board to take a lead in solving the gun violence issue.

Ms. Lee Duque, Executive Director, Interact, thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support of Interact and programs for those that need assistance from domestic violence. She spoke of e-filing and the importance of it assisting with safety of citizens.

Chair Holmes acknowledged students from Sanderson High School and asked them to stand and be recognized. She asked them to continue to let their voice be heard and the future is very bright for them.

Commissioner Burns said he was impressed with the speeches given at the event about security at Sanderson High School and encouraged them to continue moving forward toward the initiative of safe schools.

Commissioner West said he attended the Town Hall meeting at Sanderson High School and said goals can solve problems. He said the board supported the students and encouraged them.

11. [Adopt Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budgets, Capital Improvement Projects, Special Revenue Projects and Personnel Authorization Ordinances](#)

Attachments: [Budget Adoption Item Summary Final.docx](#)
[Adopted Budget Agenda Item PPT.pdf](#)
[01 General Fund Operating Budget Ordinance with Purpose and Function.docx](#)
[02 Debt Service Fund Ordinance.docx](#)
[03 Fire Tax District Fund Ordinance.docx](#)
[04 Major Facilities Fund Ordinance.docx](#)
[05 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Ordinance.docx](#)
[06 South Wake Landfill Partnership Fund Ordinance.docx](#)
[07 Corporate Fleet Fund Ordinance.docx](#)
[08 Human Services Transportation Fund Ordinance.docx](#)
[09 Capital Improvement Projects Funds Ordinance.docx](#)
[10 Housing and Community Revitalization Fund Project Ordinance.docx](#)
[11 Capital Area Workforce Development Fund Project Ordinance.docx](#)
[12 Grants and Donations Fund Project Ordinance.docx](#)
[13 Personnel Authorization Ordinance.docx](#)
[FINAL ADOPTED 01 General Fund Operating Budget Ordinance.docx](#)

Ms. Michelle Venditto, Wake County Budget Director, said the General Fund Budget is \$1,316,123,000 which includes a 2.9 cent property tax increase for a total proposed rate of 64.4 cents. She shared a chart of the General Fund changes from the recommended budget. She shared a chart of General Fund investments.

She shared a chart of ordinances that the board will consider for the Fiscal Year 2019 adopted budget.

Commissioner Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns, that the board of Commissioners adopts the following FY 2019 budget-related ordinances:

Operating Budgets Funds Ordinances

- **General Fund Annual Operating Budget**
- **Debt Service Fund Annual Operating Budget**
- **Fire Tax District Fund Annual Operating Budget**
- **Major Facilities Fund Annual Operating Budget**
- **Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Annual Operating Budget**
- **South Wake Landfill Partnership Fund Annual Operating Budget**
- **Corporate Fleet Fund Annual Operating Budget**
- **Human Services Transportation Fund Annual Operating Budget**

Capital Improvement Projects Funds Ordinance, inclusive of:

- **County Capital Projects Fund**
- **Fire Tax District Capital Projects Fund**
- **Major Facilities Capital Projects Fund**
- **Solid Waste Capital Projects Fund**
- **Housing Capital Projects Fund**
- **Wake Technical Community College Capital Projects Fund**
- **Wake County Public School System Capital Projects Fund**

Special Revenue Project Ordinances

- **Housing and Community Revitalization Fund Project Ordinance**
- **Capital Area Workforce Development Fund Project Ordinance**
- **Grants and Donations Fund Project Ordinance**

Personnel Authorization Ordinance

Chair Holmes asked the clerk to conduct a roll call vote on amendments before the board and that each amendment be discussed after it is made.

Commissioner Burns said that he attended the recent event at Sanderson High School about school security. He said that he recently received a call from his son that a code red security had been issued at Sanderson High School. He said that the board and the community shares the concern that school security is a priority. He said the board can provide additional resources for school counselors, social workers, and psychologists.

Commissioner Burns proposed that amendment 4C of the budget ordinance to be entitled “Reserve.” a reserve of \$2 million in non-departmental as a hold back of Wake County School System appropriations. Appropriation of the reserve is contingent upon the Board of Education taking formal action to utilize the \$2 million to increase the funding for school support for social emotional learning budget request on page 150 of the Wake County Public School System’s requested budget. Following action taken by the Board of Education, the county, by action of the Board of Commissioners, will appropriate the \$2 million as a recurring increase to the Wake County Public School System’s appropriation.

Mr. Scott Warren, County Attorney, said no vote is needed if there is

consent to the amendment.

Commissioner Ford accepted the amendment.

Vice-Chair Hutchinson asked if the amendment increases the County Manager's budget. Commissioner Burns explained that the amendment establishes a reserve of funding.

Commissioner Portman said the request is \$5 million and the reserve is \$2 million. He asked for clarification of the amounts.

Commissioner Burns said that a specific appropriation is needed for the issue. He said the impact from the state budget removes flexibility from the school system. He said the amendment provides an appropriation for school security addressing a specific issue. He said the amendment encourages the Board of Education to appropriate the additional \$3 million to complete the request for the entire program. He said the efforts do not restrict the Board of Education to the \$5 million because of the decrease in flexibility of their budget from the state.

Commissioner West said he is hesitant to support the amendment because of the precedent of the procedure used in making decisions regarding operation of the school system. He said in lieu of safety being a vital part of the community; therefore, he will support the amendment because of its importance. He said there are exceptions in this case.

Commissioner Ford said there is an evident need for social workers, guidance counselors, school psychologists, and nurses, but there is caution in how another elected board spends their funds. He said that this amendment comes with extraordinary circumstances and times but cautioned that this could become a dangerous precedent.

Chair Holmes said that the Board of Commissioners serves as a banker and the Board of Education has discretion and authority in determining how funds are used. She expressed her concern in an ordinance that contradicts the spirit of that law or relationship and that it not be a precedent. She said the ordinance was well-meaning and the extraordinary measures are warranted. She said that it is understood that there are increased mandates and decreased flexibility that hinders the Board of Education's ability to maximize the funding that is received.

Vice-Chair Hutchinson said these are extraordinary times and safety and providing counselors on hand to provide assistance is needed. He said the students that spoke during the public comment period outlined the need

for the support of safety and counseling in the schools. He said that he supports the amendment.

Commissioner Calabria said the budget is a balancing act this funding is intended to be a “floor and not a ceiling” and an amendment is needed to move it forward. He said there is a need for social workers, guidance counselors, school psychologists, and nurses and an investment should be made as a baseline and not as a mission accomplished.

Commissioner Calabria indicated he had a second amendment for the board to consider.

Commissioner Calabria moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, to increase the Wake County Public Schools budget by \$45 million with a tax rate of 65.44 cents.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Chair Holmes - Aye

Vice-Chair Hutchinson-Nay

Commissioner Burns - Aye

Commissioner Calabria - Aye

Commissioner Ford - Aye

Commissioner Portman - Aye

Commissioner West - Aye

The vote passed 6-1.

Commissioner Calabria clarified that an increased tax rate of 3.94 cents would occur with the proposed increase.

Vice-Chair Hutchinson commended the County Manager’s budget as being thoughtful, comprehensive, and forward thinking. He said the current and ongoing needs of the county were covered in the proposed budget. He said that growth cannot fund itself so there is a need for a tax increase. He said that the metrics used for the tax increase for the public schools has been discussed by the board for the past two years and based on per pupil spending. He said the County Manager’s budget gave the highest per pupil spending in Wake County. He said that affordable housing is being addressed in the recommended budget. He said the public cannot solve the issue of affordable housing alone, and there must be continued collaboration with the private sector for affordability and capacity of units. He said the County Manager’s budget provides funding for water resources for a 50-year water supply, a land use plan, transit, renovations for libraries, nature preserves, mental health, Pre-K, the Symphony, Healing Transitions,

and Boys and Girls Club. He said that he fully supports the County Manager's budget moving forward.

The vote was as follows for the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget:

Chair Holmes - Aye

Vice-Chair Hutchinson-Nay

Commissioner Burns - Aye

Commissioner Calabria - Aye

Commissioner Ford - Aye

Commissioner Portman - Aye

Commissioner West - Aye

The vote passed 6-1.

Commissioner Burns said that he has three children in the PublicSchool System and safety and security is important to the community and to the Board of Commissioners. He thanked the County Manager and board for the support for the amendment. He thanked the County Manager and staff for the work toward the budget. He said the proposed budget provides for the future. He said the budget provides a 293 percent increase for affordable housing like no other county in the state. He encouraged the municipalities and state government to provide for affordable housing. He said that when he was elected as a county commissioner, the budget was \$340 Million for public schools. He said in four years, the budget has been increased \$339 Million. He said that he voted for all four budgets. He said that the budget assists those that need it the most. He said that there were reservations in voting for the budget because of affordability and increases for citizens that can least afford it. He said the legislature has placed handcuffs on the Board of Education and the flexibility on the local school system. He said that he supports the proposed budget.

Commissioner Ford commended the County Manager and staff for providing information to the board to make decisions. He said that the proposed budget reflects the values and alignment of the goals of the board. He thanked the citizens of Wake County and for the engagement given toward the budget process. He said that there have been multiple e-mails, phone calls, and social media posts from citizens. He said that it is the first budget that he has voted for, and a foundation has been set for the decisions and reflects the values of the citizens. He said that the approved budget is a significant investment in the school system. He said that he supports the proposed budget.

Commissioner West thanked the citizens and staff involved in the budget

process. He said involvement, ownership, and understanding represents IOU that is key to the process moving forward. He said that he has been a part of 18 budgets combined with the city and county. He said the approved budget has balance, symmetry, alignment, equity, and access. He said adjustments are to be made to offset the challenges from the legislature. He said urgent and important are two terms related to the budget process.

Chair Holmes said that political affiliation or pro or anti-tax is not related to the budget decision. She said the budget decision is about making sure EMS is available, officers will be available to keep families safe, and teachers will be available to teach students in a school building that is safe and equipped. She said that today, the board balances the need of every constituent and makes an enlightened decision that will benefit the whole. She said there is something in the budget for everyone. She said there is collaboration with Interact in protecting children from violence, working with SmartStart to end the Pre-K wait list, and ensuring vulnerable students are ready for kindergarten and better prepared for life. She said there is collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club, a goal to end homelessness, and providing housing options for the more than 2,200 students in the Wake County Public School System who are homeless or live in hotels. She said there is additional funding for the Sheriff's office to keep citizens safe and raises for detention officers. She said that being a leader involves compromises. She said that she is proud that the County Manager presented a budget that increases the per pupil funding to the highest even accounting for inflation. She said the Sanderson High School students remind her that it is not enough and the teachers and school staff deserve more than what is available to them. She said that as a first-generation college graduate she has mixed feelings on voting for the budget because education is an equalizer. She said the Board of Education is tasked with finding additional funds or shifting funds. She said the Board of Commissioners will continue to strive to ensure the educators and students are protected despite the cuts from the state. She said the budget is a compromise and is the best that can be placed forward to the citizens. She thanked staff and the County Manager for their work and leadership. She thanked the board for reviewing the budget data in advance and the long hours of consideration. She said that there is a commitment to putting the school system first and keeping in mind what is needed to make it great. She said that children need housing and access to food is vital for the learning process. She said that her vote supporting the budget takes the students into account.

Vice-Chair Hutchinson said that the vote has been the most difficult than in the past as commissioner. He said the budget is about compromise and the amount of compromise. He said that funding for schools in Wake County has occurred more and faster than any other board. He said there

have been four years of tax increases and the County Manager presented a budget for the highest per pupil spending plus inflation. He said that he listened to seniors and lower income citizens that are struggling with tax increases and the impacts to their families. He commended the teachers for the passion toward their work. He asked how the passion can be fostered for teachers. He said excitement and joy from the teachers fosters learning for students. He said that surveys, one-on-one conversations, and focus groups can assist with identifying how the joy and passion can be restored.

Commissioner Calabria thanked the County Manager and staff for their work toward the budget. He said the approved budget is groundbreaking and superlative. He said the budget has different meaning from funding programs to taxing citizens. He said Wake County is quintupling the amount of available affordable housing and is the single largest move by a county government in the state. He said that the housing affordability problem is evident and working with the municipalities to ensure forward thinking planning and zoning to set the stage for responsible smart growth. He said that expansion of programs will provide care and resources. He said that there will be a \$30.6 million program for behavioral health to expand access to mental health services that includes the first Behavioral Health Urgent Care and Mobile Crisis Service. He said the program adds \$1.4 million for school mental health to add more case workers and provide more resources to families and school staff through Alliance Behavioral Health. He said the budget reduces the Medicaid and food and nutrition backlog by adding staff so that more citizens are served. He said there is a reduction of wait times for the GoWakeAccess riders that provides transportation for the elderly and disabled to medical appointments. He said the budget adds two new libraries opening in Cary and Wake Forest. He said the budget adds \$1.2 Million to Smartstart. As a result, 400 more children will be served. He said that Wake County has the highest per pupil spending for the Wake County Public School System. He said the decision to increase funding for the schools was a compromise, and acknowledged the Board of Education's time in answering questions of the Board of Commissioners about school funding and to make important decisions. He said the Board of Education has unfunded mandates from the state and there is a lack of flexibility. He said that special education funding will be on a stable source moving forward providing funding for counselors, social workers, psychologists, and teacher and staff raises. He said the budget provides expansion for universal breakfast in schools and for the WakeTech RTP Campus. He said if the quality of life is improved for everyone, then investments must be made across the board.

Commissioner Portman said that Wake County is a great place to live and a well managed organization. He said serving on the Board of Commissioners is a job of stewardship, listening to public feedback, and

listening to the public's opinion. He said that he supports the budget because it serves needs. He said that he ran for office because of enhancing public education and planning for a sustainable future. He said that citizens move to the area for the schools and the expectation of making a good living. He said that the current board is faced with raising taxes because of prior boards reluctance to see the needs. He said the budget in 2014 was \$1.3 Billion and the budget this year is \$1.65 Billion. He expressed concern about a budget increase of \$345 million for WCPSS (26 percent) in 5 years on an increase of 2.2 percent in student enrollment. He said that citizens have a concern about adequate teacher pay, supplies, clean and safe schools, and maintenance of schools. He said the state legislature, Board of Commissioners, and Board of Education have responsibilities for spending. He said the flexibility of principals and school authority has changed over the years. He said there is a lack of clarity from all three parties over these issues. He urged the Board of Commissioners to establish an improved funding method; otherwise, there will be a constant need in the classroom and there will be issues with school funding as in prior years. He asked that every student be funded, a living wage be adopted competitive to the national average, a fund is allocated for classroom supplies, and enforce maintenance at schools. He said unless there is a victory in these areas, the public will not continue to endure constant tax increases each year. He said the County Commissioners and Board of Education must have discussions with the state legislature about the needs for the county. He said that affordable housing funding provides stability to housing and acute care services. He said mental health services are needed. He said that Medicaid expansion is not meeting the needs in Wake County. He said that working together with partners will allow for collaboration for housing and acute care services.

Appointments

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

Attachments: [Adult Care CAC Item Summary 5-18.doc](#)
 [Adult Care Member List 5-23-18.pdf](#)
 [Adult Care App Roster 5-23-18.xlsx](#)
 [Adult Care Applicants 5-18.pdf](#)
 [Adult Care Board Choices 5-23-18.xlsx](#)
 [Adult Care CAC Attendance.xlsx](#)

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

13. [Library Commission](#)

Attachments: [Library Commission Item Summary 5-18.docx](#)
[Library Commission Member List 5-23-18.pdf](#)
[Library Commission App Roster 5-30-18.xlsx](#)
[Library Commission Applications 5-30-18.pdf](#)
[Library Commission Board Choices 5-30-18.xlsx](#)
[Library Commission Attendance 2017-2018
\(December2017-May2018\).xlsx](#)

Appointments deferred to the next meeting.

14. [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 recommended two changes:

Mr. Chris Perry, East Region, is currently an Alternate Member and Mr. Rodney Privette, East Region, is a Primary Member. The Commission would like for Mr. Chris Perry to be a Primary Member and Mr. Privette an Alternate Member.

15. [Open Space and Parks Advisory Commission](#)

Attachments: [Open Space Item Summary.docx](#)
[OSAPAC Member List.pdf](#)
[OSAPAC Applicants 5-18.pdf](#)
[OSAPAC App Roster.xlsx](#)
[OSAPAC Board Choices .xlsx](#)
[OSAPAC Attendance 5-24-18.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Ms. Ann Marie Amico, Ms. Robin Hammond, Ms. Mallory Martin, Mr. Mark Schwegel, and Mr. H.C. Woody Woodward for re-appointment.

16. [Town of Wendell Board of Adjustment](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary Wendell Board of Adjustment 5-16-18.doc](#)
[Wendell BOA Letter 5-18.pdf](#)
[Town of Wendell BOA Member List.pdf](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Ms. Amy Swaim for appointment.

17. [Town of Wendell Planning Board](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary Town of Wendell Planning Board 5-16-18.doc](#)
[Wendell Planning and Zoning Letter 5-18.pdf](#)
[Town of Wendell Planning Board Member List.pdf](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Ms. Victoria Curtis for re-appointment and Ms. Grace Walker for appointment.

18. [Wake Technical Community College Board of Trustees](#)

Attachments: [Wake Tech Item Summary.docx](#)
[Wake Tech Member List.pdf](#)
[Wake Tech Applicants.pdf](#)
[Wake Tech App Roster .xlsx](#)
[Wake Tech Board Choices .xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Mr. Willie Stewart for re-appointment.

19. [WakeMed Board of Directors](#)

Attachments: [WakeMed Item Summary.doc](#)
[Wake Med Member List 5-23-18.pdf](#)
[WakeMed Letter of Recommendation-Stewart 5-29-18.pdf](#)
[Wake Med App Roster 5-23-18.xlsx](#)
[Wake Med Applicants 5-18.pdf](#)
[Wake Med Board Choices 5-23-18.xlsx](#)
[Wake Med Attendance.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Mr. Chad Price for re-appointment.

20. [Water Partnership](#)

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[Water Partnership Member List.pdf](#)
[Water Partnership App Roster 5-23-18.xlsx](#)
[Water Partnership Applicants 5-22-18.pdf](#)
[Water Partnership Board Choices 5-23-18.xlsx](#)
[Water Partnership Attendance 5-24-18.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Hutchinson nominated Mr. Thomas Dean and Mr. Garey Fox for appointment.

Vice-Chair Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Burns, to

approve the appointments as recommended. The motion passed unanimously.

21. [Upcoming Vacancies for July](#)

Attachments: [Upcoming Vacancies July 2018.docx](#)

Other Business

Commissioner Burns provided an update on the Sheriff's Department's participation in the ICE 287 g program. He spoke with the Sheriff and there are no deputies enforcing ICE warrants. He said that there are 12 officers in the Wake County Detention Center at a cost of \$900,000. He said that there are no Wake County Deputies issuing ICE warrants or making arrests. He said that Wake County Corrections Officers that are trained in that area will investigate inmates on whether there are ICE warrants pending.

He said that in his opinion, this carries significant issues of Federalism and civil rights, and he is not ready at this time to recommend a change to the budget. He thanked the Sheriff for his response and candor, and told him that he was most interested in a misallocation of resources if Wake County's sworn deputies were undertaking missions that undermined the faith of the Hispanic community in the neutrality of the Sheriff's office and endangered potential victims of exploitation and criminality in that community. He said citizens do not need to be scared to report crimes.

Commissioner Burns said the Sheriff assured him that he shared his concerns, and that was why he limited participation to the Detention Center. He invited the board to tour the Detention Center and see how the program is administered.

Closed Session

Mr. Scott Warren, County Attorney, said there was not a need for a closed session.

Adjourn

Chair Holmes moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Hutchinson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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