



# Wake County

301 South McDowell Street  
Raleigh, NC

## Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

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Monday, May 6, 2019

5:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

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### Budget Presentation

#### Meeting Called to Order: Chair Jessica Holmes

**Present:** 7 - Commissioner Jessica Holmes, Commissioner Sig Hutchinson, Commissioner Matt Calabria, Commissioner Greg Ford, Commissioner James West, Commissioner Susan Evans, and Commissioner Vickie Adamson

Others Present: David Ellis, County Manager; Scott Warren, County Attorney; Johnna Rogers, Chief Operating Officer; Emily Lucas, Chief Financial Officer; Denise Hogan, Clerk to the Board; Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk to the Board; and Ben Canada, Assistant to the County Manager.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

**Invocation: Commissioner Greg Ford**

#### Items of Business

1. [Approval of Agenda](#)

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

2. [Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2019 and the Work Session of April 8, 2019](#)

**Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Ford, to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2019 and the Work Session of April 8, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

Attachments:    [Agenda Item.docx](#)  
                         [BOC Foster Care proc .docx](#)

Mrs. Regina Petteway, Director of Human Services, thanked staff and foster parents present to stand and be recognized.

Ms. Toni Bush, Foster Care Program Manager, quoted "It takes a village to raise a child". She made mention of all the partners for the foster care program. She asked that the Board Of Commissioners recognize May as "National Foster Care Month." She shared that there are 64 participants in the foster care extended program and 563 children and youth in foster care. She shared that all children deserve a safe and happy life.

Commissioner West read the proclamation aloud. He thanked Ms. Bush for her leadership. He also thanked Director Petteway for her services and leadership. He shared the quote "There are unsung and undecorated heros that toil day in and day out to make our world a better place to live." He said the Human Services staff are heros for Wake County.

Chair Holmes said she was encouraged to see that Human Services had a foster care booth at the "Out Raleigh" event this past weekend. She asked how many licensed foster parents are in Wake County. Ms. Bush said that there are 170 licensed foster families in Wake County.

Chair Holmes noted that 563 children in Wake County need a foster home. She asked how an individual can start that process.

Ms. Kim Herrington, Program Manager, said that she could be reached at 919-250-4461 and the main phone line is 919-212-7474. Chair Holmes said that she attended an event this weekend that distributed scholarships to foster children.

**Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Ford, that the Board of Commissioners proclaim the month of May as National Foster Care Month and recognizes and honors 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:    [Child Mental Health Awareness Proclamation BOC description 2019.docx](#)  
                         [Childrens Mental Health Awareness Proclamation.docx](#)

Vice Chair Ford said that Alliance Health is raising awareness this month especially for children's mental health. He said that this was to provide awareness and the community resources available to citizens. He shared

that he too dealt with mental health/depression issues as a child.

He recognized Alliance Health, Wake County Community Collaborative for Children and Families, and Wake System of Care who serve children with mental health issues in Wake County:

Vice-Chair Ford read the proclamation aloud.

**Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners proclaim May 2019 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Month in Wake County. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Consent Agenda**

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

5. [Appropriate Capital Regional Advisory Committee Funding for the EMS Ambulance Strike Team](#)

**Attachments:**    [EMS Ambulance Strike Team Item.docx](#)  
                          [Wake AST\\_CapRAC FY19 Award.pdf](#)  
                          [Budget Memo - FY 2019 Grants and Donations Fund.xlsx](#)

**Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner West, that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$1,400 from WakeMed on behalf of the Capital Regional Advisory Committee into the Grants and Donations Fund for the EMS Ambulance Strike Team. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. [Approval of Selection of Construction Manager at Risk for the Marbles Kids Museum Expansion Project](#)

**Attachments:**    [Marbles CMAR Selection Agenda Item.doc](#)  
                          [CMAR Evaluation Worksheet.pdf](#)  
                          [Rodgers--Holt Brothers Interview Presentation.pdf](#)

**Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner West, that the Board of Commissioners approve the selection of Rodgers Construction, Inc. & Holt Brothers Construction Joint Venture as Construction Manager at Risk for the Marbles Kids Museum Expansion Project. The motion passed unanimously.**

7. [Resolution of Recognition](#)

**Attachments:**    [Item Summary - Brenda Gibson.docx](#)  
                              [Brenda Gibson Resolution.docx](#)

**Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner West, that the Board of Commissioners recognize Brenda Gibson, Chair, WakeMed Board of Directors. The motion passed unanimously.**

**8.    [Tax Committee Recommendations for Value Adjustments, Penalty Waivers, Tax Relief Applications, Refund Requests and Various Reports](#)**

**Attachments:**    [Tax Collections Item Summary.docx](#)  
                              [Tax Committee Agenda Process.docx](#)  
                              [Executive Summary 1.doc](#)  
                              [Executive Summary 2.doc](#)  
                              [May 2019 Refunds Under 500.pdf](#)  
                              [May 2019 refunds over \\$500.00.pdf](#)  
                              [Daily Updates For Exemptions.pdf](#)  
                              [Daily Updates For Penalties.pdf](#)  
                              [Daily Updates For Special Situations.pdf](#)  
                              [Daily Updates For Tax Deferments.pdf](#)  
                              [Municipal Collection Report](#)  
                              [Wake County Collection Report](#)  
                              [Monthly In-Rem Foreclosure Report](#)  
                              [PFB Summary Report.pdf](#)  
                              [Register of Deeds Excise Tax Report.pdf](#)

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

**Regular Agenda**

**9.    [Swift Creek Land Management Plan Second Amendment and Land Acquisition of a Site Assemblage Containing 12.187 Acres for a Land Bank School Site in the South-Central Wake County/Cary/Southern Raleigh Area \(First Reading\)](#)**

**Attachments:**    [2019-4-29 Agenda Item Summary - Warner Assemblage - Final.docx](#)  
[2019-4-29 BOC Presentation - South Central Wake ALP First Reading 5-6-2019 REV.pdf](#)  
[2018-1-18 Offer to Purchase Anthony Warner Butler.pdf](#)  
[2018-1-18 Offer to Purchase Daniel Worth Woodall.pdf](#)  
[2018-1-18 Offer to Purchase Luther D. Warner Rev Trust.pdf](#)  
[2018-1-18 Offer to Purchase Shirley T. Warner Rev Trust and Charitable Trust.pdf](#)  
[2018-09-13 Report 5417 Tryon Road Raleigh NC 27606.pdf](#)  
[2018-09-13 Report 5501 Tryon Road Raleigh NC 27606.pdf](#)  
[2018-09-13 Report 5505 Tryon Road Raleigh NC 27606.pdf](#)  
[2018-09-13 Report 5509 Tryon Road Raleigh NC 27606.pdf](#)  
[2018-09-13 Report 5517 Tryon Road Raleigh NC 27606.pdf](#)  
[2018-09-13 Report 6200 Yates Mill Pond Road Raleigh NC 27606.pdf](#)  
[2018-09-13 Report 6212 Yates Mill Pond Road Raleigh NC 27606.pdf](#)  
[2019-4-30 Boundary Improvement Survey Warner Assemblage final.pdf](#)  
[Swift Creek Land Management Plan Interlocal Agreement and Exhibits.pdf](#)  
[2019 Proposed Swift Creek Land Management Plan Interlocal Agreement 2nd Amendment DRAFT \(002\).docx](#)

Ms. Betty Parker, Senior Director of Real Estate Services, WCPSS, shared the Central Wake County locations special options.

She shared the school based special/optional schools and programs.

- **Bridges Program:** K-5 serving 48 mild to moderate at-risk students.
- **Mt. Vernon School:** Grades 6-8 serving 105 mild to moderate at-risk students.
- **River Oaks Middle School:** Grades 6-8 serving 105 students who are not finding success in their base school.
- **Longview School:** Grades 6-12 alternative school serving 102 students.
- **Mary E. Phillips High School:** Grades 9-12 serving 200 students across the day and evening programs who have not reached their potential within a traditional school setting.
- **Connections Academy (Transitions):** Grades 6-8 serving 60-80 long term suspended students with disabilities
- **Infinity:** Grades 9-12 serving 60-80 long term suspended students with disabilities.

- **SCORE:** Grades 9-12 serving 500 virtual seats and 100 seats in facilities for two groups:
  - High school students who have been recommended for long term suspension, but may obtain extra help and wrap-around services at an actual physical location.
  - Former high school students to complete their requirements for a high school diploma in an accelerated, online and blended-learning environment.

She shared the program needs supporting land acquisition.

- **6-12 Alternative Learning Program (ALP) School (Tier III):** A specific program need identified and prioritized through the Space Needs Analysis and Prioritization (SNAP) process.
- **Purpose/Function:** To provide services and intervention through the Alternative Learning Program for middle school and high school special education and regular education students for whom an alternative learning program is recommended.\*
- **Estimated Space Need:** ±54,000 sf building with site elements to support 200 students
- **Proposed Location:** Central Wake County/Cary/Southern Raleigh.
- **Proposed School Availability:** 2023

She shared the site assemblage aerial. She shared the preliminary 6-12 ALP feasibility study.

She shared the Swift Creek land management plan.

- Guides development management in the water supply watersheds to protect water quality.
- Includes land use classifications and attendant performance standards based on maximum density, impervious limits, storm water requirements, and whether municipal sewer connections are allowed.
- Changes to the Plan are governed by an Interlocal Agreement signed by all parties.
  - Includes a process to amend the Plan and for making ongoing land use decisions within the area subject to the Plan.
  - Agreement of all parties to the ILA will be needed to support

the proposed school development within the Plan area.

- Prior to development of the ILA, the parties approved an exception to the Plan in 1998 in support of the Yates Mill Pond Elementary School.

She shared a map of the Swift Creek land management plan-municipal jurisdictions. She shared a map of the SCLMP land use classifications of adjacent properties.

She shared the Swift Creek land management plan.

- Collaborative meetings occurred with staff of Wake County, City of Raleigh, and Town of Cary and the Board of Education/WCPSS.
- Meeting consensus conclusions included:
  - Annexation into Town of Cary is expected.
  - Provision of water and sewer utility service is expected from Town of Cary.
- An Amendment to the SCLMP ILA will be required prior to development to support the location of the school facility and extension of utilities within the SCLMP area.
- An Amendment to the Wake County Land Use Plan will be required prior to development.
  - City of Raleigh staff recommended certain storm water and impervious surface limits objectives, which based upon the preliminary feasibility study appear achievable:
    - Storm water runoff and nutrients from the school development will be less than or equal to what is currently being contributed from the parcels.
    - School development will not result in an exceedance of watershed development limitations required by the SCLMP for the Town of Cary service area.
- Discussions are underway to consider and collaboratively plan the necessary approval processes for an appropriate ILA amendment.
- As the Board of Education is not a party to the SCLMP ILA, Wake County assistance is needed to advance the SCLMP ILA Amendment for stakeholder approvals.

She shared the contract terms and information.

- **Sellers:** Jeffrey Butler, as Trustee for The Shirley T. Warner

Revocable Trust dated 8/30/2001, The Luther and Shirley Warner Charitable Trust dated 7/29/2016, & The Luther D. Warner Revocable Trust.

- **Asset Description:** Seven parcel assemblage of 12.187 acres, with houses and outbuildings located in the southeastern quadrant of the intersection of Tryon Road and Yates Mill Pond Road, across from Swift Creek Elementary.
- **Proposed Utilization:** 6-12 ALP location
- **Negotiated Assemblage Purchase Price:** \$1,582,000
- **Appraised Value:** \$1,696,500
  - **Utilities:** Water & sewer services are available at the site
- **Target Opening:** School year '23-'24 predicated on timing of available funding.
- **Funding Source:** Site acquisition costs are funded from the Land Acquisition line item of the ongoing CIP.
- **Operational Cost Impacts:** Modest utility and site landscape maintenance costs are anticipated until site development begins. While some program costs are in the current operational budget, additional operational costs may be incurred with relocation facilitating program growth to meet existing needs once the facility is constructed.
- **Interim Site Management:** A Property Management/Stewardship Plan will be developed to minimize potential risks and to promote responsible stewardship and sustainability for the land bank period in advance of the school development project.

She shared the land acquisition comparison of other properties in the area.

Ms. Parker said that the copy of the proposed amendment was in the packet. This is a first reading. No action taken by the board.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that there has been a lot of conversation about water and asked Ms. Parker how the school system is looking at green infrastructure. She said that the zoning in its current state would permit water and sewer services for 12 houses. The rezoning would permit water and sewer services to 72 homes. She explained that the lines would be rerouted with more capacity. She said that they are working with a sustainability study to look at the storm water measures. She said that they are looking at many options as it pertains to watersheds.



**Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Ford, that the Board of Commissioners:**

**1. Receives this information from the Board of Education, so that upon answering of any outstanding questions, this item will be placed on the May 20, 2019 agenda to approve the funding for purchase price and closing costs, subject to an amendment of the Swift Creek Land Management Plan approved by all the parties to the Swift Creek Land Management Plan Interlocal Agreement (ILA) that allows a school site on the subject property, in an amount not to exceed \$1,590,707.50 pursuant to N.C.G.S. 115C-426: and**

**2. That the Board of Commissioners approve of the proposed amendment to the Swift Creek Land Management Plan, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney; and**

**3. That the Board of Commissioners authorize and direct the County Manager or his designee to advance the Board of Education's request to the Town of Apex, Town of Cary, Town of Garner, and City of Raleigh for the proposed amendment of the Swift Creek Land Management Plan, specifically a Land Use Classification amendment of the subject property, required for site development as a school. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Public Comments**

Mayor Frank Eagles said that the proposal for the Men's Clinic does not have any traction in the new budget. He spoke about colon cancer and prostate cancer statistics. He requested that all Human Services facilities consider offering screenings one day per week. He commended Commissioner Hutchinson for his work on the Population Health Task-Force and the Community Health Needs Assessment. He asked Commissioner Hutchinson to join he and Commissioner West in supporting the cancer screenings. Mayor Eagles asked Commissioner Calabria to help with Vocational Education. He said that he would like trades in all of the high schools.

Ms. Kristen Beller, President Wake North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE), spoke about the priorities of the schools and additional resources. She shared the overviews of educators. She said that educators struggle to find resources. She said that this effects the morale of the students and the teachers. She said that all of the staff deserve the \$15.00 per hour minimum wage that all other state and county employees

receive. She said that students have social and emotional needs that are unmet due to budget constraints. She said that there is a concern of the overall health of the students. She shared her thoughts on the renovations of the schools and asked for increase in funding for schools.

Councilman Steve Rao, Town of Morrisville, shared three announcements. He shared that a Cricket team was given a pass to play in many countries. He thanked the commissioners for their investment in the Church Street Park. He said that he attended an Indian event with Chair Holmes recently and \$500,000 was raised for the School of Math and Science. He credited Mr. Tom Looney, Chair, Wake Tech Board of Trustees, for their cyber programs. He shared that on May 8th, he is participating in a Tech Talk program and invited the commissioners to attend. He wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Ms. Susan Book, WCPSS parent, asked the board to fund the school boards request. She talked about the budget cuts that the school system faces. She said the PTA often fills the funding gap. She asked the board to call for a pause in Charter Schools. She said Charter Schools do not offer opportunities for all students.

Ms. Kim Mackey, WCPSS teacher, she said that the schools need help with the school trailers. She said that more teachers are needed and not enough technology to supplant them. She said that they need an investment in students. She shared that she would like to see Alliance Health services in the schools. She shared comments on students approaching her with issues surrounding suicidal tendencies. She shared the many things that she doesn't have as a teacher.

10. [Public Hearing and Other Actions to Proceed with Mallard Crossing Subdivision Road Improvements](#)

**Attachments:**    [Item Summary.docx](#)  
                          [Mallard Crossing Presentation 5-6-19.pdf](#)  
                          [Petition.pdf](#)  
                          [Petition Summary.xlsx](#)  
                          [Map.pdf](#)  
                          [Sample Payment Schedule.xlsx](#)  
                          [Policy Assessment - Status Report.docx](#)  
                          [Required Steps.docx](#)  
                          [Wake County Water, Sewer, & Road Financial Policy.pdf](#)  
                          [Executed Preliminary Assessment Resolution.pdf](#)  
                          [Final Assessment Resolution.docx](#)  
                          [CIP Budget Memo - FY 2019 County Capital Fund - Economic Development.xlsx](#)

Terry Nolan, Planner III, Wake County Planning, Development, and Inspections, shared the Wake County Water Sewer and Road Financial Policy.

- Policy was adopted in April 2015 and revised in January 2019
- Used to determine when the County should consider public financing of critical community infrastructure projects
  - Subdivision roads (orphan roads)
  - Private water systems that have failed
  - Private sewer systems that have failed

She shared the Mallard Crossing subdivision.

- Built in five phases from 1984 - 1997 (280 total lots)
- Developer failed to turn portions of the roads over to NCDOT upon completion
- Roads not in the maintained highway system need repair for acceptance by NCDOT
- Total estimated cost to repair the roads is \$420,000

She shared the petition information.

- Petition was submitted to the County in January 2018
- Petition includes some (not all) of the orphan roads in the subdivision
- 58 lots are subject the petition request
- Petition meets statutory requirements
  - Signed by at least 75% of the property owners who represent 75% of the lineal frontage of road
- 45 of the 58 property owners signed the petition

She shared a map of the subdivision.

She shared dates of community meetings.

- February 15, 2018
- February 27, 2019

She shared community outreach and resident feedback.

- Mailings to all properties for community meetings
  - Feb 2019 letter prompted 1 original signer to indicate he is now opposed
- New petitions prepared for new property owners Feb 2019

- Neighborhood leaders engaged owners, 4 properties signed
- Mailing to non-signers with information, petition, comment sheet
  - 2 non-signers returned comment sheet stating opposition
  - 1 submitted signed petition and indicated support

She shared charts of the project cost estimate and the financing terms.

She shared how the special assessment will work.

- The total project cost is spread equally among all property owners
- Assessment starts at the completion of the project
- Property owners can pay the assessment up front without finance charge or finance over a seven (7) year term
- Assessments stay with the property during land transfer unless paid at closing
- If a financial hardship can be demonstrated, alternate payment arrangements may be considered by the Revenue Director

She shared next steps, if approved.

- The County will manage the project like any other CIP project
- Roads are turned over to the NCDOT
- The Board conducts a public hearing and considers adoption of the assessment roll
- Assessment roll turned over to Revenue for collection of the assessments (Fall 2020)

She shared staff findings.

- The community has met the minimum 75% petition requirements per NCGS
- Alternate solutions to repair the roads are not viable/reasonable
- Today's public hearing was advertised, and each property owner mailed a notification letter

Vice Chair Ford asked if other sections in the development would be restricted from requesting funding assistance in the future. Ms. Nolan said there may be a request in the future from other sections in the development.

Commissioner Calabria shared his thoughts on the process of the roads, the bond and what the counties role is. He said in the past, a developer was required to obtain a bond to ensure the roads were completed and turned over to the Department of Transportation for maintenance. He said the state changed the law several years ago and the developer is no longer required to obtain the bond. He talked about the road repairs and what

was being turned over to the DOT. He talked about contaminated ground water and the implications.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked Mr. Chris Dillon, Assistant County Manager, if the state was considering changing the law to require the bond. Mr. Dillon said that there is current legislation being considered, but no action has been taken.

Commissioner Adamson said that this is a public safety issue. She said that fire and emergency services would be restricted to accessing homes in the development due to the poor road conditions.

Chair Holmes opened the public hearing.

Ms. Joanne Clark expressed her concern about the potholes in front of her home and how the ambulance had a bumpy road to get to her mother in law to their home. She said that the potholes prohibit her children from riding their bikes. She asked the board for their support in getting the roads fixed.

Mr. Edward Miller thanked the commissioners for considering this program for his neighborhood. He said that he has lived in the neighborhood for 22 years. He shared that neighbors joined together to try to fix the issue. He said that there was 78 percent participation. He thanked the commissioners for listening to their needs.

Chair Holmes closed the public hearing.

Ms. Nolan said staff recommends approval of the resolution and appropriation of funds.

**Commissioner Calabria moved, seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson, that the Board of Commissioners:**

- 1. Hold a public hearing to consider the petition from property owners in the Mallard Crossing Subdivision and the Preliminary Assessment Resolution adopted on April 15, 2019, and adopt a Final Assessment Resolution for County financing by special assessment to improve the subdivision roads for acceptance into the NC Department of Transportation Maintained Highway System; and,**
- 2. Appropriate \$420,000 to the Water, Sewer & Road Improvements Division of the Economic Development element within the County Capital Fund to increase the available budget for Road Improvements.**

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**The motion passed unanimously.****11. [Public Hearing and Consideration of Business Development Grant Agreement for Collectis, Inc.](#)**

**Attachments:** [CollectisFinalDraftAgendaItem3-18.docx](#)  
[FINAL Collectis Presentation 3-18-19.pdf](#)  
[CollectisFinalDraftAgreement5-1-19.docx](#)  
[WakeCountyEconomicDevelopmentPolicyOctober2018Final.pdf](#)

Mr. Chris Dillon, Assistant County Manager, shared the Collectis, Inc, background information.

- A clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company that harnesses the immune system to target and eradicate cancer cells.
- Collectis uses gene editing to create cost-effective, "off-the-shelf" products from healthy donors that can be immediately available for patients across all geographies.
- Patients without enough T-cells for therapy, Collectis can create T-cells based on patients' own T-cells.

He shared the project bio.

- Location of immunotherapy manufacturing facility in Wake County, enabling the company to internalize production for the commercial scale manufacturing of products currently in development.
- Creation of 200 new jobs.
- Average salary of \$100,823 annually.
- Estimated \$68.6 million in new investment.

He shared the incentives.

- Wake County Economic Incentive Grant Tier 4
  - 35% of new tax growth over 5 years
  - Total Wake County incentive grant of \$785,925
- State of NC awarded a \$1.99 million Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG)
- Other partners include:
  - City of Raleigh
  - North Carolina Community College System
  - Capital Area Workforce Development Board
  - Wake County Economic Development

Chair Holmes asked Mr. Dillon to explain how the incentives program works. Mr. Dillon said that the county assesses a property tax on a property and a grant is issued back to the taxpayer after they have met the

requirements.

Commissioner Calabria asked about the JDIG funds. Mr. Dillon said that Wake County is a tier 3 county would require a match.

Chair Holmes said that Wake County is creating jobs and adding to the county's income base.

Commissioner West talked about economic development and the companies that may not meet the threshold.

Mr. Dillon responded and talked about the vulnerable communities and upward mobility.

Chair Holmes opened the public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chair Holmes closed the public hearing.

**Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing and approve a Business Development Grant Agreement with Collectis, Inc., subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.**

**12. [Presentation of the County Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020](#)**

**Attachments:** [Presentation of the County Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020.docx](#)

Chair Holmes introduced County Manager David Ellis.

County Manager Ellis presented the budget and the following narrative:

**Introduction**

Good afternoon, commissioners. I'm pleased to be here with you today to present Wake County's Fiscal Year 2020 Recommended Budget.

I've been in my new role as county manager for just a little over a year now. And, every day, I'm proud of the important and impactful work that we do here.

Whether it's finding homes for the homeless, funding schools where our children can learn or adding more miles to a greenway, we provide

services that in some way benefit everyone in our community.

I understand what a difference these services make in the lives our residents. That's why I've spent the past year analyzing the demand for them and gauging our ability to respond.

### **Growth and Demand for Services**

Here's what I learned. We have a strong and dedicated workforce, and the demand for the services they provide is growing along with our population. The number of unfunded state mandates and new state regulations is also increasing. These are the three key drivers that influence this budget recommendation.

First, let's talk about the state mandates. In Fiscal Year 2020, the General Assembly will require us to offer new services that we haven't offered before - for example, providing photo IDs for voters at Board of Elections offices. Those mandates don't come with funding for staff or all the equipment needed, so we must dedicate funds to them in our budget to ensure we're in compliance.

The same is true for new regulations. The General Assembly has passed laws that include changes, which impact our staffing ratios and our workflows, particularly in our Environmental Services and Human Services Departments. To meet these legal requirements, we must invest funds in Fiscal Year 2020 for additional staff.

Overall, though, the biggest driver affecting our services is population growth. Our county is already 1.1-million people strong. Over the past decade, we've added more than 235,000 new residents. That's more than the populations of Cary and Apex combined!

And, it's not stopping. The latest census numbers show we continue to grow at a clip of 56 people per day. We're also the third fastest growing county of our size in the nation. Only two large counties in Texas - the homes of Plano and Austin - are growing faster than us.

It's clear from my analysis that we must address the cumulative effects of growth - past, present and future - to do what's best for our community. It's my job to make sure that we have the right resources in place to continue meeting the complex and increasingly diverse needs of our population. It's important that we keep providing the services our residents depend on in a timely, responsible manner.

What you'll see today is that my budget recommendation reflects the results



of my analysis. You'll notice investments in areas where demand for services is rising or where we need to focus more resources to achieve the outcomes you would like to see.

### **Board Goals**

Your seven board goals areas helped guide the development of this budget recommendation.

The words on this word cloud are taken from the goals and initiatives you generated during our board retreat earlier this year. They are our compass. They show us the direction you want to go and help us develop the roadmap to get there.

This budget will help move the needle in all seven of your goal areas over the coming year.

### **Impact of the Bonds**

In addition to your goals, another thing I kept in mind when we started building this budget were the three bonds that Wake County voters approved in November. Together, they total more than \$1 billion. That makes it the largest total bond package ever approved by voters in North Carolina history.

The Wake County Public Schools bond will invest \$548 million over two years to fund the construction of new public schools, the renovation of existing ones and the equipment needed to operate them.

The Wake Technical Community College bond will invest \$349 million over four years to continue the expansion of the RTP campus, complete training facilities used for skilled trades and law enforcement, and fund technology upgrades.

The Parks, Greenways, Recreation and Open Space bond will invest \$120 million over six years to fund more open space preservation, new greenway connections, new park and nature preserve construction, and renovations to existing parks.

It's very exciting to think about the good these bonds will do in Wake County. But, alongside our excitement, it's important to remember that moving forward with these capital investments requires a 3.8-cent property tax increase.

### **Building the Budget: Considerations**

I knew, as we built this budget recommendation, we had to scrutinize every budget expansion request and make data-driven, outcome-based decisions on which requests to fund - just as we do every year. We also had to look closely at our revenue picture.

Our two major revenue sources - the property tax and the sales tax - grew by a combined 3% over last year. We estimate that all revenue changes will generate about \$31 million in Fiscal Year 2020. However, our budget requests, including the school system's, totaled more than \$83 million.

It's a perfect example of how growth doesn't pay for itself. Growth simply doesn't generate enough revenue to cover the needs of the school system, Wake Tech and the county.

That's why - as we developed this budget - I had to consider raising the property tax, which makes up 75% of our total revenue, and is the only revenue source we control. That makes it our best tool for bridging the gap between the needs of our community and our base revenue growth.

### **Building the Budget: The Result**

The budget I present to you today is the result of an intense vetting process. It includes priority needs we must address to deliver core county services at the level our residents expect and as state regulations require.

After careful review and consideration, I recommend to you a Fiscal Year 2020 General Fund Budget that totals nearly \$1.47 billion and requires a 6.36-cent property tax increase.

Of that 6.36 cents, 3.8 cents will go to fund the bonds, as I mentioned. The remaining 2.56 cents would fund county operations and public school needs. To break that 2.56 cents down even further, 1.39 cents would go to directly to the school district's operating budget, and 1.17 cents would go to the county's operating budget.

Under this recommendation, the county's property tax rate would be 71.8 cents.

### **Education: WCPSS**

The proposed property tax increase will help fund critical needs like education. Funding school construction and renovation for Wake County Public Schools is our state-mandated responsibility. We also provide supplemental funding to the school system for some operational expenses.

This year, we recommend increasing our appropriation to the school system by \$36.5 million. That would bring our total investment in the district's operating expenses alone to more than \$507 million. It would also mark the first time in county history that our contribution to the school system's operating budget has exceeded half a billion dollars.

When you couple that with the capital funds we will contribute for school construction and renovation, our total investment in WCPSS would be almost \$790 million. 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.

### **Education: Wake Tech**

Wake Tech is a next step for many high school graduates as they begin their career path. It's also a place where local companies can provide their employees with additional training to advance in their professions.

We recommend investing an additional \$1.7 million in Wake Tech in Fiscal Year 2020, which would bring our operating investment in the community college to nearly \$25 million.

When you add in the capital dollars we'll contribute in this budget for new campus construction, maintenance of existing facilities and infrastructure, and support for a strong online curriculum, our total investment would equal more than \$64 million.

Together, our recommended funding for Wake Tech and WCPSS totals nearly \$854 million, and makes up 58% of this budget.

### **Public Health and Safety**

Now, let's focus on our investments in county operations for which I am responsible.

Earlier, I mentioned that my budget recommendation would include more funding for areas where demand for our services is increasing. This is most evident as we look at the health and safety of our residents. As our population grows, so does the need to protect the public, which I consider to be our top priority and our most important responsibility.

That's why in Fiscal Year 2020 we suggest expanding funding in three key areas:

- Responding to crisis;

- Protecting our most vulnerable residents and those in our care; and
- Ensuring safety through regulation.

### **Public Health and Safety: Responding to Crisis**

We'll begin with responding to crisis. In this section, we'll share the challenges facing our EMS department and the City-County Bureau of Identification.

If you're experiencing a medical emergency, you want EMS to arrive as soon as possible after you call 911. And, you're not alone. In 2014, EMS received nearly 90,000 calls for service. In 2018, that number rose to more than 106,000 - an 18% increase. And, this year, EMS expects the number of calls to jump another 3%.

The rising call volume means more ambulances must respond at the same time, leaving fewer ambulance units available for incoming calls. When there are too few ambulances available countywide, our EMS folks call this "E-STAT."

They're seeing a trend of E-STAT events occurring more often and for longer periods of time. In fact, EMS has experienced a 220% increase in E-STAT duration since 2015. We want to lower that percentage and provide a quick response. To do that, we recommend adding five ambulance shifts and hiring 20 EMTs and paramedics to operate them.

The City-County Bureau of Identification provides forensic services to law enforcement agencies in Wake County. They investigate crime scenes, analyze DWI blood alcohol samples, and photograph, fingerprint and collect DNA from people arrested in Wake County.

CCBI has an agreement with local municipalities to respond to 90% of all crime scene calls within an hour. In 2018, the Crime Scene Investigations Division fell short of that mark at 84%. To help them get to 90%, we recommend adding two new crime scene investigators to CCBI.

### **Public Health and Safety: Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Residents and Those in Our Care**

When we consider the health and safety of our community, we also have to think about protecting our most vulnerable residents and those in our care.

Wake County is often considered a large, affluent county. But, in reality, more than 230,000 people - nearly a quarter of our population - are at or

near the poverty line. That means they may not know where their next meal is coming from, if they'll have enough money to pay the rent or if they can afford medical care.

In this section, we'll talk about the growing demand for services in our Economic Self Sufficiency Division to support our most vulnerable residents. We'll also look at steps we should take to care for the children in our custody and the residents we house in our jail.

Economic services like food assistance and Medicaid provide protection for those struggling in our community to keep a roof over their heads and healthy meals on the dinner table.

In Wake County today, we serve nearly 170,000 Medicaid recipients and help administer Food and Nutrition Services - what we used to call "food stamps" - for more than 120,000 people. These programs help reduce poverty and food insecurity, increase access to medical care, and over the long-term, they lead to better health and better economic outcomes.

By adding 6.5 new positions in this area, we can meet state requirements for timeliness and accuracy, and help our growing population become more self sufficient.

Child Welfare is another area where we work hard to make a difference in people's lives.

In Fiscal Year 2018, our Child Welfare staff received more than 10,000 reports of suspected child abuse or neglect. Of those, more than 5,000 were deemed appropriate for our social workers to interview the children and adults in the house to determine if child abuse or neglect was occurring.

At the same time, our Child Welfare team worked with 800 families to create collaborative work plans, so the children could remain safely in their own homes. Meanwhile, our Foster Care staff placed another 800 children in alternative care, while their caregivers received specialized services, aimed at establishing a permanent housing solution - like reunification or adoption - for the children.

These numbers are heartbreaking, because behind every case is a child who may be suffering physical or mental health impacts, and those effects could last a lifetime. To help children in these situations and provide them with the support they need, we recommend adding 14 new positions to our Child Welfare Division.

These new positions will lower the average caseloads for our social workers and enhance their ability to protect our youngest residents from harm. Adding staff will also strengthen our efforts to help children in our care find permanent, loving homes, as well as support and retain seasoned employees by reducing their caseloads.

The 1,200 residents housed in our jail are another group whose care we must consider in this budget. It's the Sheriff's responsibility to keep them safe and in good health while they're in his custody. To support that duty, this budget includes adding several new positions at the request of Sheriff Gerald Baker.

The first position is a sergeant who would conduct ongoing Crisis Intervention Training for the more than 300 county law enforcement officers and more than 400 detention staff. They would learn how to de-escalate tense situations and how to intervene when behavioral health incidents occur. Considering the jail is one of the largest mental health centers in the state, this training is important and another way the Sheriff's Office can keep jail residents safe.

We also propose adding 4 nurses and 1 care technician to the jail medical team. They would provide relief and support to current medical staff in the behavioral health and specialty drug detoxification units. They would also help the jail's medical observation unit better coordinate patient care and provide overnight clinic coverage during emergencies and medical triage.

Finally, the budget recommends continuing to fund the successful Detention Education and Workforce Initiative. The two-year pilot program has already generated fruitful outcomes, and based on that, we want to keep it going. The program would continue to offer classroom training, instruction and post-release case management for 120 participants to help them find viable work and avoid the cycle of recidivism.

### **Public Health and Safety: Ensuring Safety through Regulation**

We also have a responsibility in the community to uphold state regulations and enforce county codes to ensure our residents are safe and healthy.

One of the areas where we do this is on construction projects. In Fiscal Year 2018, our staff conducted more than 60,000 building inspections and provided more than 9,000 permits for projects that involved residential and commercial development, as well as plumbing, mechanical and electrical work.

With the construction business booming, there's a strong demand among developers and the business community for timely inspections, so their projects stay on schedule. In response to this demand, we propose adding two inspectors to our team. By expanding our staff, we can deliver the timeliness that the market needs while ensuring the homes, offices and stores being built in Wake County are safe and structurally sound.

The final regulatory area where we advise adding staff involves one of our most important natural resources - water. We recommend adding three employees to our Water Quality Division to address a proposed change in state regulations that governs how we process deck, garage and shed permits for homes with septic systems. We also propose hiring a second chemist in response to a 23% increase in requests for well water testing by private well owners since Fiscal Year 2017.

Overall, our recommended funding for the county's public health and safety needs totals \$390 million and makes up 26% of this budget.

### **Board of Elections**

Another important area we focus on in the Fiscal Year 2020 Recommended Budget is the Board of Elections.

Right now, about two-thirds of Wake County residents are registered to vote. That's nearly 740,000 people, and it continues to grow every day.

Voter turnout is also on the rise. During the 2018 General Election, nearly 440,000 people went to the polls and cast their ballots - a 34% increase from the General Election in 2014.

Those who couldn't vote on election day asked for absentee ballots. From 2014 to 2018, the number of requests jumped nearly 50% during the mid-term elections.

More and more Wake County residents are getting involved in the democratic process, and I think that's great, so does the Board of Elections. But, what this data tells us is we have to be prepared for record-setting numbers again in Fiscal Year 2020.

One of the elections we expect will generate significant interest from voters is the March presidential primary. This budget recommendation invests the \$3.3 million needed for the Board of Elections to hold the primary and operate 11 early voting sites, according to hours dictated by the state.

As I mentioned earlier, the state has changed election law in North

Carolina. It now requires the Board of Elections to issue photo ID cards upon request to registered voters. It also adds more steps to the procedure for processing absentee ballots, and it changed early voting schedules.

We must support these unfunded state mandates. By adding six new positions to the Board of Elections, we can comply with the law and be ready to handle historic demand for voter registration and unprecedented voter turnout, while continuing to maintain the security of our ballots.

In all, our recommended funding for the Board of Elections totals \$8 million and makes up about 1% of this budget.

### **Facilities, Technology and Infrastructure**

Up to this point, I've talked mainly about the outward-facing services that the county provides - things that touch the public in an obvious and tangible way. Now, I'm going to turn my focus to services that really support county operations.

We rely on dependable IT networks, effective project management and well-maintained facilities to create a solid foundation for our organization. And, to ensure our organization remains strong, we must continuously look at ways to improve our digital and physical infrastructure to make sure they're the best they can be.

The county has more than 10,000 connected devices, more than 17,000 user accounts and 430 terabytes of data stored onsite, and the threat to them is real. We've all seen the headlines talking about other cities and counties who've fallen victim to phishing and ransomware scams that compromised their information and cost them millions.

There is no fail-safe option to prevent it, but we can try to mitigate our risk by adding more protections, which is the responsible thing to do. That's why, in this budget, we recommend investing an additional \$1.7 million in IT security and network improvements.

We also want to strengthen oversight of our brick and mortar infrastructure by adding two new project managers to our Facilities Design & Construction Department.

Their workload is growing. This year, they estimate they'll manage 110 projects and conduct nearly 300 real estate transactions - that's up about 10% from Fiscal Year 2018. We also anticipate a slate of new projects will come from the \$120 million parks bond passed in November and the \$106 million Human Services Facilities Plan, which would receive its first \$6



million in this budget.

By adding these project managers, we ensure these exciting construction projects will come in on time and on budget.

Just as we consider our new facilities in this budget, we must also remember the needs of our existing ones. Our aging county buildings - many of which operate 24/7 - need renovations to extend their lifespans, and our newer buildings use and store complex technology.

In all, we maintain more than five million square feet of county buildings. Our facilities are essential to our organizational infrastructure. They're where our residents go for services and where our employees go to work. In this budget, we recommend adding three facility staff to maintain our buildings and respond to occupants' needs.

We also propose adding three inspectors to our General Services Administration. They'll make sure that county facilities comply with state-mandated inspections of stormwater management devices. This is important work, because it will help protect our neighboring communities from damaging floodwaters.

Overall, our recommended funding for facilities, technology and infrastructure totals \$86 million and makes up about 6% of this budget.

### **Organizational support**

The work we do for the community requires a lot of internal support.

We have a workforce that's 4,200 people strong. We manage and maintain about 1,000 vehicles in our fleet. And, we processed 50,000 vendor payments in Fiscal Year 2018 alone. This is not easy work, and it takes a dedicated team of many departments to make it happen.

Our Tax Administration Department not only collects the commercial and residential property taxes for the county, but it also partners with the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles to collect vehicle property taxes. DMV requires us to reimburse the state for fees related to the service. In Fiscal Year 2020, the state is raising these mandated overhead fees, so we've included an additional \$450,000 in this budget to cover the cost increase.

Another area where we must add funding in the budget to cover state requirements is LGERS, the Local Government Employees Retirement System. The state is raising the employer's contribution rate, and the

impact is significant. We have added \$1.56 million to this budget just to cover the mandated increase.

As we look beyond the state mandates at what it takes to keep our organization running smoothly, the answer is smart, dedicated and innovative employees. We recognize that highly qualified and skilled employees are critical to delivering services at the level the community expects.

Our economy is healthy, and unemployment is low. So, to retain the great staff we have now, we must invest in our workforce. That's why I propose giving our employees a 3% pay increase effective July 1 to correspond to increases in the labor market.

In all, our recommended funding for organizational support totals \$58 million and makes up 4% of this budget.

### **Quality of life**

You hear me talk a lot about the great quality of life that we enjoy here in Wake County. It's one of the many reasons why families and businesses come from across the country and around the world to locate here.

I'm proud to say that Wake County plays a role in creating that high quality of life for our residents. We touch people's lives by making resources like parks, greenways and libraries available to everyone. We aren't required to fund these programs, but we do every year in our budget, because it's the right thing to do.

It this time last year, I recommended that you invest \$15 million annually to help preserve and increase affordable housing units in Wake County. You approved those much-needed dollars, and now, thanks to your leadership, we have a recurring funding source to support this critical need in our community.

The housing team has used the funds from Fiscal Year 2019 to make great strides in the affordable housing arena. They include:

- Committing \$12.6 million in gap funding for nine projects, which could potentially bring 920 new affordable housing units to Wake County;
- Contributing \$2.4 million to create our first full-service women's shelter in Wake County that will offer 37 more beds for single women experiencing homelessness, and

- Converting a dorm at the South Wilmington Street Shelter to give preference to male veterans who have no place to sleep.

In the Fiscal Year 2020 Recommended Budget, we plan to use this year's \$15 million allocation to continue implementing our Affordable Housing Plan. The funding will increase the supply of affordable housing units in the county, while helping formerly homeless men, women and families find transitional and permanent supportive housing. It will also support our efforts to prevent homelessness county-wide.

For about a quarter of Wake County households, paying for housing takes more than 30% of their income. The money allocated in our budget to affordable housing will improve their quality of life.

Our parks, greenways and nature preserves also enhance the quality of life for our community. Every year, they boast more than one-million visits. Some folks come to walk, run or cycle for exercise. Others want to bird watch or take advantage of our many educational programs centered on nature.

Regardless of the reasons, everyone can benefit from our park system, and we want to protect these pristine places, so future generations can enjoy their beauty. To do that, we recommend adding two positions to watch over our more than 7,600 acres of open space and make sure no one uses it for anything other than its intended purposes.

This is important, too, as we embark on \$120 million in parks, greenways, recreation and open space projects in Wake County, thanks to the bond the voters approved in November.

We'll continue to work with our municipal partners to build new greenways and create connections between existing ones to expand our trail network. We'll also build new parks, add amenities to existing parks and preserve additional open space - all things that will add value to our quality of life.

Another way we're making Wake County a great place to live is by investing in our public libraries. We operate 22 libraries countywide, and last year, they recorded nearly 3.4-million visits. Those patrons had access to more than 1.5-million books and materials online, and could attend more than 10,000 programs.

We want to make the outstanding educational and cultural opportunities our libraries offer even more easily accessible to our residents. That's why we're opening new and improved libraries in Cary, Fuquay-Varina and Morrisville next year. These facilities will serve as centers of learning and

spaces to build community within these towns.

But, before we cut the ribbon on these libraries, we must account for the associated costs in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. We have to buy books and hire staff, so these libraries can meet the needs of patrons of all ages on day one. This budget would address those obligations.

As we expand the footprint of our library system, we also recommend expanding our library hours to better serve our residents. Right now, 16 of our 22 libraries are open on Sunday. In this budget, we recommend adding Sunday hours to the remaining six libraries.

This change will enable our libraries to operate on the same schedule. So, regardless of whether you go to West Regional, Cameron Village or Zebulon to check out a book, they'll all be open at the same time.

If you think that's an exciting change, just wait. Every day, I ask our organization to think innovatively and approach our work from new perspectives, and that's exactly what we've done in this final budget recommendation.

We're turning the typical on its head and proposing that our library system eliminate late fees. That means no more charges for returning books late or forgetting to renew them online. And, all existing late fees would be forgiven.

The revenue generated from the late fees is very minimal, but some people see them as a barrier to visiting the library. We think doing away with late fees will help encourage reluctant patrons - especially those who can't afford the fees - to come in and check out books.

We see this as a positive step to growing the popularity of our library system and making it an even stronger component of Wake County's great quality of life. And, it could make history. We believe we'd be one of the first library systems of our size in the nation to eliminate late fees.

In all, our funding recommendation to enhance the quality of life in Wake County totals \$71 million and makes up 5% of this budget.

## **Conclusion**

Making solid investments in our quality of life; organizational support; facilities, technology and infrastructure; Board of Elections; public health and safety; and education are all critically important.

And, they each form a vital slice of the pie that represents our Fiscal Year

## 2020 Recommended Budget.

Together, they illustrate our priorities and show we're addressing the rising demand for services triggered by years of growth in our county. That's why I feel confident recommending to you a Fiscal Year 2020 General Fund Budget that totals \$1.47 billion.

It includes a 6.36-cent property tax increase that will generate \$94.8 million. Of that funding, 76% will go to education. The remaining 24% will go to the county.

Here's what a 6.36-cent tax increase would mean for property owners. For every \$100,000 of assessed value, they would pay an extra \$64 a year. So, if you own a \$300,000 home - which is roughly the average home value in Wake County - you'd pay an additional \$16 per month, or \$192 more a year, in taxes under this recommendation.

Although it's an increase, it will enable us to provide historic funding - more than three-quarters of a billion dollars to WCPSS - and better meet the increasing demand for services that protect the health and safety of our residents.

It will also ensure when big crowds turn out to vote next year, we'll be ready to make sure every ballot is counted. And, it will create new opportunities for our 1.1-million residents to experience the quality of life that makes Wake County so special through new libraries, new parks and more affordable housing.

This concludes my presentation. I want to thank you, commissioners, for your time and attention today. I also want to thank county department heads and budget staff for putting in countless hours to help me create this budget recommendation, which is focused on meeting service demands and achieving outcomes.

## Next Steps

Now, let's look at the next steps in this process.

On Monday, May 13, 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 20, 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 29, we'll have a second work session at 2 p.m. in Room 2800 to discuss what you heard during the public hearings and identify changes to the recommended budget for consideration on Monday, June 3. We'll bring the proposed budget to 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 it to get a better understanding of the information I've shared today.

Again, thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

David Ellis  
Wake County Manager

Chair Holmes thanked the manager and his team for their work on the budget. She shared with the public that this information is in real time and that the commissioners will make the best decisions for the county. She reiterated the adopted meeting schedule of the board.

Chair Holmes said that on behalf of the board, there are several items that Board of Commissioners places priority on such as the Sheriff, EMS, and the schools.

**Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner West, that the Board of Commissioners receives the Recommended Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for consideration and approves the following:**

- 1. Hold a public hearing on the budget during the Board of Commissioners' regular meeting on Monday, May 20, at 2:00 p.m. in the Wake County Justice Center, Room 2700, and that day at 7:00 p.m. at the Wake County Commons Building;**
- 2. Hold budget work sessions on Monday, May 13, at 9:00 a.m. and on Wednesday, May 29, at 2:00 p.m. in the Wake County Justice Center, Room 2800;**
- 3. Consider the budget for adoption on Monday, June 3, during the Board of Commissioners' regular meeting, which begins at 5:00 p.m.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

## **Appointments**

### **13. [Adult Care Community Advisory Committee](#)**

**Attachments:**    [Adult Home Care CAC Item Summary.doc](#)  
                              [Adult Care CAC Member List.doc](#)  
                              [Adult Care Applicant Roster.xlsx](#)  
                              [Adult Home Care CAC Applications.pdf](#)  
                              [Adult Care CAC Board Choices .xlsx](#)  
                              [Adult Care Home CAC Attendance 4-19.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated the following for reappointment:

Mr. Robert Carver  
Ms. Nancy Cordaro  
Mr. William Lamb  
Ms. Edythe McKinney  
Ms. Darlene Miller  
Mr. Michael Shugrue  
Mr. Kent Thompson

He also nominated Ms. Mary Clair Hashagen for appointment.

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

### **14. [Alliance Behavioral Healthcare](#)**

**Attachments:**    [Alliance Item Summary 2-19.docx](#)  
                              [Alliance Member List 2019.doc](#)  
                              [Alliance Health App Roster 2-19.xlsx](#)  
                              [Alliance Health Applicants.pdf](#)  
                              [Alliance Health Board Choices 2-19.xlsx](#)

Appointments deferred to the June 2019 agenda.

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

**Attachments:**    [Citizens Energy Item Summary.docx](#)  
                          [Citizens Energy Member List.doc](#)  
                          [Citizens Applicant Roster 2.xlsx](#)  
                          [Citizens Energy Applicants 2.pdf](#)  
                          [Citizens Energy Board Choices 2.xlsx](#)  
                          [Copy of CY2018-2019 Rolling 12 months Energy Commission](#)  
                          [Attendance Clerk Template April 2018 - March 2019.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated the following for reappointment:

Mr. Marty Clayton  
Mr. Paul Davis  
Mr. Peter Egan  
Mr. Robert Hinson  
Mr. Julian Prosser  
Mr. Mark Schwegel

Appointments for two vacancies were deferred to June.

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

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

Vice-Chair Ford nominated the following individuals for reappointment:

Ms. Heather Cooke  
Mr. Bennett Cotton  
Ms. Carol Derrenbacher  
Ms. Sandra Deutsch  
Mr. Clifton Lovenhouse  
Ms. Sharon Lord  
Ms. Sarah Lynn Raha  
Ms. Anne Schick  
Ms. Andrea Seger  
Ms. Sharon Singer  
Ms. Betty Brandt Williamson

**17.    [United Arts Grants Panel](#)**



**Attachments:**    [Item Summary United Arts.doc](#)  
                          [United Arts Grants Panel Member List.doc](#)  
                          [United Arts Grants Panel Applicant Roster .xlsx](#)  
                          [United Arts Grants Panel Applicants.pdf](#)  
                          [United Arts Grants Panel Board Choices .xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated Ms. Erika Rosenthal (District 7) for appointment.

**18.    [Wake County Board of Adjustment](#)**

**Attachments:**    [Board of Adjustment Item Summary 2.doc](#)  
                          [Board of Adjustment Member List.doc](#)  
                          [Board of Adjustment Applicant Roster .xlsx](#)  
                          [Board of Adjustment Applicants.pdf](#)  
                          [BOA Bd Choices .xlsx](#)  
                          [Copy of BOA 2018 attendance template.xlsx](#)

Appointments were deferred to the June 2019 agenda.

**19.    [Wake County Planning Board](#)**

**Attachments:**    [Item Summary Planning Board.doc](#)  
                          [Nursing Home Member List.doc](#)  
                          [Planning Board Applicant Roster .xlsx](#)  
                          [Planning Board Applicants.pdf](#)  
                          [Planning Board Bd Choices .xlsx](#)  
                          [PB Attendance.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated the following individuals for appointment:

Ms. Meredith Crawford  
Mr. Daniel Kadis

**20.    [Wake County Water Partnership](#)**

**Attachments:**    [Water Partnership Item Summary.doc](#)  
                          [Water Partnership Member List.doc](#)  
                          [Water Partnership Applicant Roster .xlsx](#)  
                          [Water Partnership Applicants.pdf](#)  
                          [Water Partnership Board Choices .xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated Mr. Michael Orbon for appointment.

**21.    [WakeMed Hospital Board of Directors](#)**

**Attachments:**    [WakeMed Item Summary.doc](#)  
                          [WakeMed Letter and Waiver for Larry Barbour 2019.pdf](#)  
                          [WakeMed Member List.doc](#)  
                          [WakeMed Applicant Roster.xlsx](#)  
                          [WakeMed Applicants.pdf](#)  
                          [WakeMed Board Choices .xlsx](#)  
                          [WakeMed Attendance 4-30.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Ford nominated the following individuals for appointment:

Ms. Mary Nash Rusher  
Mr. Blount Williams

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

**Attachments:**    [June vacancy list.docx](#)

Vice Chair Ford read aloud the upcoming June appointments.

## **Other Business**

Commissioner Vickie Adamson said that she knew students on campus last week during the shooting at UNCC. She eluded to an article that the Charlotte Observer issued. She asked for a moment of silence for Charlotte and the students.

Chair Holmes said that Wake County stands with UNCC.

Commissioner West shared about the conference that he attended in San Diego, Ca. He talked about the wrap around approach that the meeting he attended focused on. He said that it focused on education, families and social support as well as community safety. He talked about the vulnerable communities initiative that San Diego faces and the work that Chair Hutchinson does in Wake County. He said that Wake County is on the right track as it relates to partnerships. He said the county needs to make sure that it is productive and have a strong workforce. He shared about the Arizona Proficiency Test. He shared about a data map that he and someone created years past. He shared about things being scalable and sustainable.

Commissioner Hutchinson shared about the recent Tobacco Free Forum and the statistics of youth dealing with tobacco in Wake County. The program was located at the Poe Center. He said that cigarette use is declining and Juul and the use of vaping is increasing. He shared that 1/3 of users will die because of their use. He said that 90 percent of users start

before the age of 18. He said that the Triangle Apartment Associations are starting the Tobacco Free communities. He said this is the first step and he looks forward to working with these students next year.

Commissioner Calabria reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting. He shared about the Opioid addiction issues and the services being provided. He said that Naloxene is being provided by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the Sheriff's department to those in need and people are being trained how to use it. He talked about the EMS pilot program for federal reimbursement of transports. He shared the ideas for future committee meetings to include Sheriff Baker and District Attorney Lorrin Freeman to discuss various offender courts. He issued an open invitation to commissioners to share their thoughts on topics.

### **Closed Session**

Scott Warren, County Attorney, indicated there is no need for closed session.

### **Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Gilyard  
Deputy Clerk to the Board  
Wake County Board of Commissioners