



Wake County

301 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Monday, May 20, 2019

2:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

Budget Public Hearing

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; Denise Hogan, Clerk to the Board; Johnna Rogers, Chief Operating Officer; Derwick Paige, Chief Community Development Officer; and; Ben Canada; Assistant to the County Manager

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Commissioner James West

Items of Business

1. [Approval of Agenda](#)

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

2. [Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2019](#)

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

3. [Retiree Recognition](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary 5.20.2019.docx](#)
 [Ricky Buffaloe.docx](#)
 [Terry Hake.docx](#)

Mr. David Ellis recognized Mr. Ricky Buffaloe, 38 years of service, Information Services; and Captain Terry Hake, 25 years of service, Sheriff's Office.

He presented them with plaques for their service to Wake County.

4. [Women's Health Month Proclamation](#)

Attachments: [Agenda Item.docx](#)
 [Woemn's Health Month Proclamation 5-20-19.docx](#)

Ms. Regina Petteway, Wake County Human Services Director, introduced Ms. Nicole Ingram, Chair, Wake County Commission for Women.

Ms. Ingram said that the month of May is Women's Health Month. She thanked Commissioner Adamson for her support in attending the Wake County Commission for Women meetings and for the board's support. She said that the Commission appreciates the Board of Commissioner goal for healthy moms and babies. She spoke about the health of women and noted that there would be listening tours coming up for board members to participate.

Commissioner Evans read aloud the Proclamation.

Commissioner Adamson moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Ford, that the Board of Commissioners proclaim the month of May 2019 as Women's Health Month. The motion passed unanimously.

5. [Proclamation Recognizing Emergency Medical Services \(EMS\) Week 2019 in Wake County](#)

Attachments: [EMS Week 2019.docx](#)
 [EMS Week Proclamation.docx](#)

Dr. Jose Cabanas, Wake County Emergency Services Medical Director, said that EMS Week is special for staff. He invited the board to the EMS Code Celebrate 2019 at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium on Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 PM.

Commissioner Calabria said that Wake County is proud to be ranked at the top for the best place to live. He said that Wake County is still ranked the highest for survivors of heart attack patients.

Commissioner Calabria read aloud the Proclamation.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked Dr. Cabanas and the entire staff for the safety of the citizens in Wake County. He said the EMS Code Celebrate event will recognize 97 citizens that were revived from a near death experience. He thanked staff for their life saving efforts.

Chair Holmes asked Dr. Cabanas to share recognized statistics for Wake County. Dr. Cabanas said it is important for EMS to be available since cardiac arrest is unpredictable. He said that he is proud of the systems in place to deliver care at the most appropriate time. He said there is a team effort in life saving efforts.

Chair Holmes said that there is a commitment in the county budget to ensure that lives are saved and by living in Wake County you have a greater chance of surviving a heart attack.

Commissioner Calabria moved, seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson, that the Board of Commissioners proclaim the week of May 19-25, 2019 as Wake County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

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

6. [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 \(Second Reading\)](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary - Warner Assemblage Second Reading.docx](#)
[WCPSS Site Assemblage Second Reading Presentation 5-20-19.pdf](#)
[2019 Proposed Swift Creek Land Management Plan Interlocal Agreement 2nd Amendment \(with exhibits\).pdf](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners approve funding for the 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. The motion passed unanimously.

7. [Approval of a Multi-Year Agreement for Self-Insurance Program Actuarial Review Services with Financial Risk Analysts, LLC](#)

Attachments: [2019.05.02 Board Item Summary_RM Actuarial Services.docx](#)
[2019 Actuarial Review Proposed Agreement.pdf](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Manager to execute a three-year contract, with two optional one-year extensions, with Financial Risks Analysts, LLC for the annual review of the County's self-insurance program and findings, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

8. [Additional Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety](#)

Attachments: [Agenda Item.docx](#)
[Budget Memo - FY 2019 Human Services.xlsx](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$32,240 of additional funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NC DPS) for Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) partner agencies into the Human Services Department. The motion passed unanimously.

9. [Approval of Revisions to the Wake County Animal Control Ordinance Regarding Rabies](#)

Attachments: [Item Summary Sheet.docx](#)
[Wake County Rabies Ordinance -FINAL DRAFT.docx](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners adopt the attached revisions to the Wake County Animal Control Ordinance regarding Rabies. The motion passed unanimously.

10. [Waiver of Certain Wake County Development Permit Fees Related to Storm Damage Occurring on May 13, 2019](#)

Attachments: [Fee Waiver - Storms on May 13 2019.docx](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners waive certain development permit fees as a result of damage incurred by storms impacting Wake County on May 13, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Agenda

11. [Public Hearing to Consider Renaming a Portion of Carpenter Fire Station Road \(SR](#)

[1624\) as Proposed for the Town of Cary's Road Realignment Project](#)**Attachments:**[Board Item Summary.docx](#)[Road Renaming Presentation 5-20-19.pdf](#)[Signed Resolution Carpenter Fire Station Road Renaming from Town of Cary.pdf](#)[Wake Ordinance 2019.pdf](#)[Wake Ordinance 2019.doc](#)

Ms. Diane Saunders, Wake County Address Coordinator, said that the request is a town initiated project. Ms. Saunders said that Mr. Bob Shultes, Town of Cary, Project Manager-Transportation Engineer, was present. She said that the NC General Statutes requires that the Wake County Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing when renaming roads that are dedicated to the public and not within a city. She shared maps of the impact of the realignment. She said a notice of the public hearing was advertised in the local newspaper, public hearing notices were posted in two locations, and a public hearing notice has been posted in the Wake County Courthouse. She said the impacts would be three address changes to residences, no business address changes, and the Town of Cary will replace the street sign.

Chair Holmes opened the public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chair Holmes closed the public hearing.

Ms. Saunders said that staff recommends approval of the request.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners hold a public hearing and adopt the attached ordinance to permanently rename a portion of Carpenter Fire Station Road as Bandelier Lane, effective August 1, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Mr. Mark Stohlman, 209 Bailey Ridge Road, Morrisville, NC, said that the board should be involved in the long-term lease or sale of the RDU property. He said Wake Stone is selling the property that belongs to the taxpayers in Wake County.

Mr. Charles Morris, 119 Lantern Way, Carrboro, NC, shared a video of the forest and green space areas in Wake County. He encouraged the elected officials to intervene in the airport property lease.

Mr. David Anderson, 1209 Anora Drive, Apex, NC, spoke about the benefit of outdoor parks. He spoke of the RDU land and the negative impact of mining in a recreational area.

Ms. Tamara Dunn, 2232 Old Reedy Creek Road, Raleigh, NC, said that there are loud booms near her home near the airport property. She said that the public does not want the RDU land used as a quarry. She said the airport has refused to sell or lease the property.

Mr. Bill Doucette, 1703 Nottingham Road, Raleigh, NC, said that a quarry on the RDU property is not wanted by the citizens. He asked why the county would not take ownership of the property.

Dr. Jean Spooner, 2401 Trinity Farms Road Raleigh, NC, asked the board to follow the process and obtain approval from all four municipal governments before a sale would take place. She asked county officials to intervene for the sale or lease of the property.

Ms. Isabel Mattox, 127 W Hargett Street, Raleigh, (spoke on behalf of Mr. Matthew Carpenter) said that she represents Umstead Coalition and four other plaintiffs and has filed a lawsuit in Wake County Superior Court. She said the RDU Airport Authority has not followed the law by entering into an agreement with Wake Stone. She spoke of the violations have been made because the property will not be used for aeronautic purposes. She said the deeds indicate that the Oddfellows trac is deeded to the City of Raleigh, City of Durham, Durham County, and Wake County. She asked the board to intervene in the litigation or make a declaratory ruling.

Ms. Martha Brock, 4713 Old Plank Road, Raleigh, NC 27604, spoke about the process in public policy and said that she was concerned about the year 2020 process for the upcoming election.

Mr. Tom O'Brien, Mayor Pro-tem, Holly Springs, 4708 Green Point Road, Holly Springs, expressed his concern about the odor at the landfill in Holly Springs.

Ms. Christine Kelly, no address given, expressed his concern about the odor at the landfill in Holly Springs.

12. [Public Hearing on the County Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020](#)

Attachments: [Budget Public Hearing Item Summary 5-20-19.docx](#)

Mr. Joey Stansbury, 5356 Meryton Park Way, Raleigh, 27616, said the budget for Wake County Public Schools needs to be reviewed. He said

that the numbers keep decreasing for school enrollment. He said \$4 million was spent on a golf course. He said the amount requested from the Wake County Public School System is not justified. He asked for a review of taxpayers spending.

Mr. Gilbert Pagan, 117 Forest Edge Drive, Cary NC 27518, suggested that there be more advertisement, public hearing meetings, surveys, and information provide to the public on the budget.

Ms. Debbie Griffith Overby, 7252 Manor Oaks Drive Raleigh, NC, 27615, shared her concerns about the tax increase and it's impact on the renters. She said the increase negatively impacts the citizens in Wake County.

Mr. Russell Capps, 7204 Hal Stead Drive, Raleigh, 27613, complimented Wake County EMS for their service to the citizens of Wake County. He said there is new construction all over Wake County. He asked why there is not enough revenue from the new construction in order to cover the requests from the Board of Education.

Mr. Gary Pendleton, 2908 Lake Boone Place, Raleigh, NC 27608, said that services for citizens over 50 should be considered. He asked whether Wake County Public Schools needs the money that they are asking for. He suggested the county hire a consultant to look at school spending.

Ms. Lisa Behrens, 8005 Old Deer Trail, Raleigh, NC, 27615, shared that the libraries are beneficial to the citizens of Wake County and asked the board to support the library budget. She said that she supports the hours, fine free book policy, and access to resources.

Ms. Brenda Buchanon, 1018 Dominion Oak Drive, Cary, NC, 27519, shared that the library budget allows for access to resources needed for the citizens of Wake County. She asked the board to support the library budget.

Mr. John Allen, 7413 Valley Lake Drive, Raleigh, 27612, said there has been a 66 percent increase in taxes since 2014. He said that the schools should live within their budget. He said there are issues with county spending and balancing the budget.

Mayor Frank Eagles, Town of Rolesville, said that there is a larger demand for services in Wake County. He said the parks bond passed by 68 percent. He said that nobody wants to pay for taxes, but services require funding.

Ms. Emanuela Pristen, 105 Heart Pine Drive Cary, NC 27518, said that she is concerned about eliminating fines on books and asked why the

school is asking for money. She said that there is no justification for the higher taxes.

Ms. Michelle Morrow, 423 Oakridge Road Cary, NC, 27606, asked why operating costs are being covered each year by the Wake County Schools. She said that children must be prepared but examination should be made over the schools' budget.

Mr. Justin Fawson, 114 Thornewood Drive, Cary, NC 27518, asked the board to reconsider the proposed budget and examine the spending in Wake County.

Ms. Valerie Cozart, 2201 White Oak Road, Raleigh, NC 27608, asked the board to reconsider the proposed budget. She is in support of education, but said there needs to be justification for the spending.

Ms. Ying Ji, 2309 Pindos Drive, Cary, NC 27519, said that the additional tax is a strain on the citizens of Wake County. She said that the renters are suffering. She said that the economy suffers when taxes are not affordable.

Ms. Hoi Chan, 624 Halcyon Meadow Drive, Cary, NC 27519, asked for accountability of the spending of taxpayer money. She asked the board to be more transparent with spending.

Ms. Ying Wu, 8137 Herington Way, Raleigh, said that higher taxes will deter citizens from moving to Wake County.

Ms. Bin Liu, 102 Willenhall Court Cary, NC 27519, said that homeowners have experienced a 66 percent tax increase since 2014. She said the increases will impact services and renters. She asked the board to look at other solutions.

Ms. Erin Pare, 5300 Lake Edge Drive, Holly Springs, NC, 27540, said that this is the forth tax increase since she moved to Wake County. She said there has been a 12 percent tax hike for her including the municipal bonds. She said that leaders should be conscience of spending and look for better outcomes and lower cost.

Ms. Haiyan Wang, 809 Wellbrook Station Road Cary, NC 27519, said there should be additional time for the public to weigh in on the budget. She said that renters are impacted with increases. She asked the board to be accountable with spending.

Ms. Yvonne Lill, 102 Vishay Court Cary, NC 27519, said that she is a realtor in Wake County and assists citizens with property. She said that since 2014 the property tax and value has increased and citizens are

burdened with paying their mortgages.

Ms. Allison Strickland, 236 Liberty Star Road, Wendell NC 27591, said that Interact is the only agency for women of domestic violence. She thanked the board for their support of the agency.

Ms. Jenny Shu, Bashford Road, said that she is against low cost housing. She said the younger generation has a different work ethic.

Ms. Angela Humphries, 6233 Winter Spring Drive Wake Forest, NC 27587, said "Red for Ed" needs to be discontinued. She said "#purpleforparents" is supported by the teachers. She asked for the board to reconsider the spending and the comments from others before her.

Ms. Lisa Mead, Wake PTA Board of Directors Member, said she is a former teacher and Wake County property owner. She said that salary and child care cost was a consideration of no longer teaching. She encouraged the board to fully fund the schools.

Ms. Eileen McIntyre, Wake Forest, said that California has dealt with increased property increases. She asked the board to reconsider the property tax increase.

Mr. Eric Dailey, 117 Dalmeny Drive, Cary, NC 27513, asked the board to consider additional dates for a public hearing for the citizens of Wake County because of the recommended tax increases.

Chair Holmes said new revenues from new construction is projected for Fiscal Year 2020 is \$25 million and the total budget request is \$1.46 billion. Chair Holmes said the calendar for the year was voted upon in December 2018 by the Board of Commissioners. She asked the Board of Commissioners Great Government Committee to consider alternate dates for future budget public hearings and ways to notify the public of them.

13. [Consideration of the Wake County Board of Education's Request for an Additional Appropriation of \\$4,964,143](#)

Attachments: [0013_1_Item Summary-WCPSS Supp Request.pdf](#)

Vice-Chair Ford said this item is a response to the March 19, 2019, \$4,964,143 request from the Board of Education for unanticipated transportation expenses. He said the funding was for special education, transportation contracts, and unanticipated expenses due to diesel bus engine failures and maintenance cost. He said that the recommendation permits the Wake County Board of Education to use, or transfer to their General Fund funds that are unspent from the 2006 CIP building program in accordance with NCGS 115C-433 (d).

Ms. Emily Lucas, Wake County Chief Financial Officer, said there was \$9,086,619 of unspent funds in the 2006 CIP Building Program for land sales and the Board of Education can use this funding from their operating fund.

Vice-Chair Ford said the request was a rare instance and asked that future criteria be formed for requests outside of the regular budget process. He suggested the Board of Commissioners Great Government or Public Education Committees discuss these processes at future meetings.

Commissioner Evans said that she supports the request.

Commissioner West asked whether this request has come before the board previously. Ms. Lucas said that she understood that the request was not planned for in the budget.

Mr. David Ellis, County Manager, said the request was a joint effort between Wake County Board of Education and the Wake County Board of Commissioners.

Chair Holmes said that the board is unrestricting funds instead of providing a new allocation.

Mr. Scott Warren, County Attorney, said a conforming resolution solidifying the request would come forward at a future meeting.

Vice-Chair Ford moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners permit the Wake County Board of Education to use, or transfer to their General Fund, up to \$4,964,143 of funds unspent from the 2006 CIP building program in accordance with the NCGS 115C-433(d). The Board of Education shall report the use of these funds to the Board of Commissioners in a future CIP reallocation request. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Closed Session

Mr. Warren indicated that there was no need for a closed session.

Recess - Reconvene at 7:00 p.m. at the Commons Building

Respectfully submitted,

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