



# Wake County

301 South McDowell Street  
Raleigh, NC

## Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

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Monday, February 3, 2020

5:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

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### Regular Meeting

#### Meeting Called to Order: Chairman Greg Ford

#### Rollcall

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

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

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Invocation: Commissioner Jessica Holmes

#### Items of Business

1. Approval of Agenda

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

2. Proclamation Recognizing February as American Heart Health Month in Wake County

**Attachments:** [Agenda Item.docx](#)  
[Heart Health Month Proclamation 02-03-20.docx](#)  
[Heart Health 2020 schedule of events FINAL.pdf](#)

Dr. Kim McDonald, Wake County Human Services Physician Director, introduced Mr. Christopher Kippes, Wake County Human Services Division Director.

Mr. Kippes shared information about heart disease in Wake County. He said American Heart Health Month is more than taking care of yourself. He said Ms. Sonya Reid, Wake County Health Promotion & Prevention Section Manager and Wake County EMS partner together for activities all month. He asked staff to stand and be recognized. He said that a schedule of heart health events can be found on the Wakegov.com website.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that 80 percent of heart related deaths are preventable.

He read aloud the Proclamation.

**Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners endorse the proclamation recognizing February 2020 as American Heart Health Month in Wake County. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Consent Agenda**

**Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.**

3. Appropriate Department of Public Safety Funding for Capital Area Workforce Development to serve as Intermediary Agency for the Wake Local Reentry Council

Attachments:    [DPS Intermediary County Commission Item-MTAdditions.docx](#)  
[CAWD Budget Memo 02-03-20.pdf](#)

**Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson, that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$130,000 from North Carolina Department of Public Safety into the budget for Capital Area Workforce Development. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Refinance and Rehabilitation Funding for Avery Square Apartments in Garner, NC

Attachments:    [Item Summary](#)

**Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson, that the Board of Commissioners approve a loan of \$350,000 to CASA to support the refinancing and rehabilitation of Avery Square Apartments, an affordable family housing development in Garner, NC.**

**All funding commitments are subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. In addition, all awards are contingent upon the basic terms as identified in the project descriptions. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. Land Acquisition for a 27.83 Acre School Site Located on Creedmoor Road in Northwestern Wake County (Northwest Raleigh Area) (Second Reading)

**Attachments:**    [2020-1-23 Legistar Version - Bay Leaf Baptist - Second Reading v2.docx](#)  
[WCPSS Creedmoor Road Acquisition - 2nd Reading Presentation 02-03-20.pdf](#)

**Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson, that the Board of Commissioners approve funding of the purchase price together with closing costs in an amount not to exceed \$2,655,625.15 pursuant to N.C.G.S 115C-426. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. Land Acquisition of a Parcel of Land Containing 28.9316 Acres Located on Piney Plains Road in Central Wake County (Cary Area) (Second Reading)

**Attachments:**    [Legistar Version - Crossroads Maintenance Facility - Second Reading.docx](#)  
[WCPSS Crossroads Acquisition - 2nd Reading Presentation 02-03-20.pdf](#)

**Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson, that the Board of Commissioners approve funding of the purchase price together with closing costs in an amount not to exceed \$13,194,531 pursuant to N.C.G.S 115C-426. The motion passed unanimously.**

7. Land Acquisition of Two Parcels of Land Containing a Total of 1.26 Acres Located on S. Main Street in Southern Wake County (Fuquay-Varina Area) (Second Reading)

**Attachments:**    [2020-1-23 Legistar Version - Betts Agenda - Second Reading v2.docx](#)  
[WCPSS S Main Street Acquisition - 2nd Reading 02-03-20.pdf](#)

**Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson, that the Board of Commissioners approve funding of the purchase price together with closing costs in an amount not to exceed \$228,545 pursuant to N.C.G.S 115C-426. 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](#)  
                          [Tax Committee Agenda Process](#)  
                          [Executive Summary 1](#)  
                          [Executive Summary 2](#)  
                          [Feb 2020 Refunds under \\$500](#)  
                          [Feb 2020 Refunds over \\$500](#)  
                          [Daily Updates For Exemptions](#)  
                          [Daily Updates For Penalties](#)  
                          [Daily Updates For Tax Relief](#)  
                          [Daily Updates For Special Situations](#)  
                          [Daily Updates For Tax Deferments](#)  
                          [Municipal Collection Report](#)  
                          [Wake County Collection Report](#)  
                          [Monthly In-Rem Foreclosure Report](#)  
                          [PFB Summary Report](#)  
                          [Register of Deeds Excise Tax Report](#)

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

## **Regular Agenda**

9.        Public Hearing on a Request for Disinterment, Relocation, and Reinterment of Approximately Seven (7) Graves Located at 2937 Mt. Vernon Church Road to Oakwood Cemetery near Downtown Raleigh (Petition GR-02-19)

**Attachments:**    [GR-02-19 Item Summary.docx](#)  
                          [Grave Removal Presentation 02-03-20.pdf](#)  
                          [Harris Cemetery Petition and Archaeological Report 1.27.20.pdf](#)

Mr. Keith Lankford, Planner III, shared information about the grave removal process. He stated that the purpose is to accommodate the sale of the property and its subsequent residential development by others. Mr. Lankford said that it is also done to provide better protection of the burials by relocating them to a perpetual care cemetery.

He shared that the petitioner is Debra Joy, Legacy Research Associates, and she is acting on behalf of the current and future property owners at 2937 Mt. Vernon Church Road. He said that the actual number of graves cannot be determined until excavated. They believe there are approximately seven.

He shared a map of the cemetery location and a photograph showing some of the gravestones and additional flags marking other graves.

Mr. Lankford shared a summary of the cemetery:

- There is one grave marked by an inscribed tombstone (Tessie Harris Evans, 1904-1927) and one marked by a temporary funeral home marker (Forrest Parker, Jr. 1960-1961).
- 5 other possible graves identified.
- The petitioner conducted extensive genealogical research of the Harris family in an effort to identify who may be buried in this cemetery.
- The petitioner confirmed the name of another family member (Ida Harris) that is buried, somewhere, in this cemetery based upon her death certificate.

He said that part of the process is to research records and that staff had not found any records of significance.

He shared a photograph and information about the Oakwood Cemetery which is the proposed reinterment site.

He shared the staff findings:

1. The petitioner has fulfilled all of the requirements as outlined by the North Carolina General Statutes.
2. Removal is necessary to accommodate the sale of the property and the subsequent residential development by others and to provide better protection of the burials by relocating them to a perpetual care cemetery.
3. The remains will be reinterred at Oakwood Cemetery, where they will receive perpetual care.
4. All required public notifications were complied with by the petitioner and Wake County planning staff (i.e.-legal ads in the newspaper and public hearing sign posted at the site).
5. No opposition to the removal and relocation of the cemetery.
6. No evidence of any historical significance and its removal and relocation would not be detrimental to the general welfare of the County.

Vice-Chair Adamson asked how many orphan cemeteries are in Wake County. Mr. Lankford said that some property owners have separated out the cemetery on their property for tax reasons and he estimated that a quarter of all cemeteries are orphan.

Chairman Ford opened the public hearing.

No one came forward.

Chairman Ford closed the public hearing.

Mr. Lankford said the Wake County Planning Staff recommends approval of the request.

Commissioner Holmes noted that a final resting place is of importance and is an uncomfortable process. She said that one of her decisions to approve the request is that the family will receive perpetual care.

**Vice-Chair Adamson moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners approve the disinterment, relocation, and reinterment of approximately seven (7) graves located at 2937 Mt. Vernon Church Road to Oakwood Cemetery near Downtown Raleigh. The motion passed unanimously.**

**10. Wake Technical Community College Capital Improvement Program Appropriations and Reallocations**

**Attachments:**    [Item Summary 1.24.20.docx](#)  
[Wake Tech Reallocations Presentation 02-03-20.pdf](#)  
[Resolution.docx](#)

Dr. Scott Ralls, President, Wake Tech, along with Dr. Gayle Greene, Executive Vice President, Wake Tech, and other Wake Tech staff were welcomed.

Dr. Scott Ralls, President, Wake Tech, began the presentation on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and said that appropriations and reallocations are related to strategic programming in Eastern Wake County. He stated that the plan is strategic in location, programming, and how resources were being used.

Dr. Ralls shared a slide titled East Wake Expansion, completing the circle.

The next slide he shared depicted the ten locations of the campuses in Wake County. He said there is need and presence will make a difference. He said the eastern part of the county is surrounded by an area with individuals that do not have higher education. He shared information about why the eastern part of the county has such a need which included the points that 60 percent of Wendell residents have no form of degree beyond high school, that 6 percent of the community has less than a 9th grade education, and the nearest community college for Wendell residents is 20+

miles away.

Dr. Ralls said there are opportunities with approved bond funding, that current projects can be easily reprogrammed, there is an available strategic site in Eastern Wake County and that this area is the most underserved in Wake County. The site would bring programming and pre-college opportunities, and is in a good location. He said that this site also has the potential to provide economic development to the area.

He shared a map of the available property which covers 106 acres which is strategic due to the location. It shares the same interchange as East Wake High School and is also nearby to Knightdale and Zebulon which will enable easier access for students in this area.

Mr. Jeff Carter, Vice-President, Facilities, Wake Technical Community College, shared a chart of the Eastern Wake site vision and funding. He shared a layout of the three parcels.

He shared the acquisition update.

- Contract signed on November 1st, 2019
- 180 day due diligence period ending April 29th, 2020
- Purchase price = \$10,600,000
- Estimated closing costs ~ \$300,000
- Estimated closing date ~ late April, 2020
- Master planning underway

He shared a chart of the revised four year CIP allocation program and the remaining fiscal year 2020 appropriations request.

Mr. Carter shared the fiscal year 2020 appropriation summary with \$44,271,400 requested in February 2020 bringing the total CIP allocation for this fiscal year to \$96,576,000.

Commissioner West said social and economic vitality is one of the goals and alignment and systems thinking is important. He said in 2010 a pilot of minority and census tracts was identified in this area. He said this is an opportunity to uplift citizens that need these services. He said the facility will connect all the dots together.

Commissioner Evans said she is excited about the movement and "thinking outside the box" to have the greatest impact in the county. She said the board is committed to Workforce Development in Wake County. She said she supports the reallocation and appropriations.

Commissioner Holmes said that she heard "making a difference" several times during the presentation. She echoed the board's comments and said the area around the campus will be developed for the greater community.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked Dr. Ralls and his staff for the commitment for programs to leverage funding for a great outcome.

Commissioner Calabria said that focus has been placed on connections to the community. He said that location is key for this campus.

Chairman Ford said an investment in Wake Tech is an investment in the future. He said it is likely the board will continue to make improvements to this area of eastern Wake County.

**Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, that the Board of Commissioners:**

- 1. Reallocate a total of \$45,447,220 in the Wake Tech Community College Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program for projects at a new planned Eastern Wake Campus, RTP Classroom Building 2, Ready Hall Labs Renovations and Renovations at the Perry Health Sciences Campus.**
- 2. Appropriate \$44,271,400 to the Wake Tech Community College Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program for projects at a new planned Eastern Wake Campus, RTP Classroom Building 2, Ready Hall Labs Renovations and Renovations at the Perry Health Sciences Campus.**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Public Comments**

Ms. Africa Williams thanked the Board of Commissioners that were present at Leadership Raleigh and for supporting cognitive and mental health related disabilities. She said her child has a disability and the condition affects the entire family. She said she moved to Wake County to obtain guardianship for her son. She asked the board to support assistance to families with these needs.

- 11. Additional Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety**



**Attachments:**    [Agenda Item.docx](#)  
                              [Budget Memo JCPC Funds 02-03-20.pdf](#)

Mr. Eric Johnson, Chair, Wake County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, said the Raise the Age Program was implemented in December 2019 and that has increased the number of offenders coming into the system. He said the allocation allowed for funding of additional programs to keep youth out of the detention system. He commended the support of Commissioner West and the board for the Raise the Age.

Mr. Darrel Blevins, Wake County Human Services, Eastern Regional Director, said the county is working diligently to find providers in the community and build capacity of the programs.

Commissioner West said related to the Raise The Age Program item, the NCACC looked at its goals and Wake County was the second to the last state to approve the Raise the Age Program. He said that the Chair of Juvenile Crime Prevention County and staff were present at today's meeting were there to answer questions.

Commissioner Holmes expressed her gratitude for the Raise the Age Program. She asked about the Second Chance Act and whether there was any additional information on this program. Mr. Johnson said he could not speak to additional information about the program at this time.

**Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$255,994 of additional funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) to help to reduce juvenile crime. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **Appointments**

### **12.     Adult Care Home Community Advisory Board**

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

Vice-Chair Adamson nominated Ms. Pam Grissom for appointment.

### **13.     GoTriangle Citizens Transit Advisory Committee**

**Attachments:**    [Go Triangle Citizen Advisory Committee Item Summary.doc](#)  
[GoTriangle Citizens Transit Member List 2020.doc](#)  
[GoTriangle Citizens Transit Advisory Bd Choices .xlsx](#)  
[GoTriangle Citizens Applicants 2020.pdf](#)  
[GoTriangle Citizens Transit Applicant Roster 2020.xlsx](#)  
[GoTriangle Transit Advisory Committee Attendance 2018-19 \(Wake\).xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Adamson nominated Mr. Satish Garimella for appointment.

**14.**     Wake County Board of Adjustment

**Attachments:**    [Item Summary BOA.doc](#)  
[BOA Member List.doc](#)  
[Board of Adjustment Applicant Roster.xlsx](#)  
[Board of Adjustment Applicants 2020.pdf](#)  
[BOA Board Choices .xlsx](#)  
[Board of Adjustment Attendance template \(002\) \(003\).xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Adamson nominated Mr. DeAntony Collins (Alternate), Mr. Dustin Engelken (Regular), Mr. Waheed Haq (Regular), and Ms. Sheree Vodika (Alternate) for reappointment. She nominated Mr. William Wingfield (Alternate) for appointment.

**15.**     Wake County Planning Board

**Attachments:**    [Item Summary Planning Board.doc](#)  
[Planning Board Member List 2020.doc](#)  
[Planning Board App Roster-Revised.xlsx](#)  
[Planning Board Applicants - Revised.pdf](#)  
[PB Board Choices - Revised .xlsx](#)  
[Planning Board Attendance.xlsx](#)

Vice-Chair Adamson nominated Mr. Jason Barron, Mr. Donovan Clark, Mr. Ted Van Dyk, Mr. Asa Fleming, and Mr. James (Bill) Jenkins for reappointment.

**16.**     Wake Forest Planning Board

**Attachments:**    [Town of Wake Forest Planning Board Item Summary.doc](#)  
[Town of Wake Forest Recommendation Letter.pdf](#)

Vice-Chair Adamson nominated Mr. Christopher Joyner for reappointment.

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

**17. Upcoming Vacancies for March**

**Attachments:** [Upcoming vacancies for March 2020.docx](#)

Vice-Chair Adamson read aloud the Upcoming Vacancies for March.

**Closed Session**

County Attorney Scott Warren indicated there was no need for a closed session.

**Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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