



Wake County

301 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Monday, July 6, 2020

5:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

Regular Meeting - Meeting Held Remotely

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Greg Ford

Chair Ford called the meeting to order.

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; Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Johnna Rogers, Chief Operating Officer; Chris Dillon, Assistant County Manager; Denise Foreman, Assistant County Manager; Ben Canada, Assistant to the County Manager

Pledge of Allegiance

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Invocation: Commissioner Susan Evans

Commissioner Evans shared the invocation.

Items of Business

1. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Holmes asked that the Juneteenth item be moved up on the agenda.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, to approve the Agenda as edited by Commissioner Holmes to move Item 24 to be heard immediately after the Resolution Recognizing Systemic Racism and Discrimination. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2020 and the Work Session of June 8, 2020

Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 15, 2020 and the Work Session of June 8, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution Recognizing Systemic Racism and Discrimination, Our Shared Duty to Address It, and Declaration of Racism as a Public Health Crisis

Attachments: [Resolution for July 6 - item summary.docx](#)

[Resolution for July 6 v7.docx](#)

Chair Ford said that this is an issue that the board has worked with directly and indirectly.

Commissioner Holmes shared that the reason for the resolution coming at this time is due to COVID-19. She shared statistics for the reason for bringing the resolution forward. She shared that the Hispanic population and African Americans make up approximately 30 percent of the population in Wake County but together represent 70 percent of the positive COVID-19 cases. She shared that it was important to bring the resolution to the table for the reason mentioned and that Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte have also presented a resolution recognizing systemic racism and discrimination.

She shared action steps she wants implemented:

- recognize bias and require racial equity training for the board, sheriff's department and other staff
- distribute PPE to 27610 zip code and other areas of high need
- evaluate names of all county buildings to ensure they are in keeping with the current sentiments
- full funding of for schools from CAREs Act
- improve the infant mortality rate for babies of color
- place social workers in schools
- develop a public relations team in regard to evictions within the county

Vice-Chair Adamson said that this resolution has been a long time coming

and it is way past due.

Chair Ford made comments to the county manager about names on monuments, statutes, etc.

Manager Ellis shared that none of the statutes, buildings, or monuments to date have names that are discriminatory in nature.

Commissioner West read the resolution aloud.

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Commissioner Holmes, that the Board of Commissioners adopt the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Adoption of June 19, Juneteenth, as a Paid County Holiday

Attachments: [BOC Agenda Item - Juneteenth Holiday.docx](#)
[Juneteenth Resolution 7-6-20.docx](#)
[Revised Ordinance Section 31.08 with Change to Holidays.docx](#)

This item moved up after the resolution was read.

Trinijah Martin, Deputy HR Director, presented the item.

Commissioner Holmes shared history of Juneteenth. She shared that Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated recognition of the end of slavery.

Vice Chair Adamson shared that times are changing. She said that this is a symbolic opportunity to do the right thing. She shared that she hopes it is celebrated appropriately.

Commissioner Evans shared sentiments of Vice-Chair Adamson. She shared the moments from the meeting with the law enforcement earlier today. She shared that she lived through the Civil Rights movement and we have a long way to go. She shared that she recognize the holiday for employees, but the community does not, and it is important to educate the public.

Commissioner Calabria echoed his colleagues. He said that he is proud to be a part of a board that does the hard work in an intentional and focused way. He said recent events are a reminder to us that action is needed. He said the he gratified to be a part of a county that does not look the other way. He said that there is more to do and that we can not separate ourselves from the community. He quoted Mark Twain "the man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them."

Commissioner Hutchinson honored his colleagues on this resolution. He shared that this is critical and he supports the motion.

Commissioner West thanked Commissioner Holmes on her leadership. He shared reflections of the protest in Wake County.

Chair Ford shared that several of the board members attended and participated in the protest. He shared that the resolution sends a message of significance. He shared that if you don't know why dates such as this one are significant it is an example of how racism works its way into our lives. He asked educators to find a way to add this to their curriculum.

Commissioner Holmes shared her thoughts that Wake County has just declared Juneteenth as a holiday. She shared that she is proud of the board today and thanked her colleagues. She read the proclamation aloud. She said that this is a historic day for Wake County. It's not just for Blacks but for all Americans. She shared that other municipalities will be joining in declaring Juneteenth a paid holiday.

Chair Ford said this is a significant moment in the county's history.

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners:

1. Approve adoption of June 19, Juneteenth, as a paid County Holiday effective January 1, 2021.

2. Approve modification to the personnel ordinance section pertaining to holidays. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

- 5.** Land Acquisition of an Assemblage Containing a Total of 5.762 Acres Located Adjacent to the Apex Friendship Schools Campus on Humie Olive Road in Western Wake County (Apex) (Second Reading)

Attachments: [2020-5-28 BOC Agenda Item - AFES Expansion Assemblage - Second Reading 7-6-2020.docx](#)
[WCPSS Second Reading Presentation 7-6-20.pdf](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners approve funding of the purchase price together with closing costs in an amount not to exceed \$649,685.00 pursuant to N.C.G.S 115C-426. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Conveyance of Real Property from Eastern Wake Fire-Rescue Dept, Inc. ("EWFR") to Wake County

Attachments: [EWFD Agenda Item.docx](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners:

1. Accept the conveyance by Special Warranty Deed of the real property acquired by EWFR at Book 2688, Page 528 of the Wake County Registry, being the Hester Street Fire Station, and the Right of Way for Hester Street Station acquired by EWFR at Book 3351, Page 493 of the Wake County Registry, upon terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.

2. Accept the conveyance by Special Warranty Deed of the real property acquired by EWFR at Book 6533, page 755 of the Wake County Registry, being the Clifton Road Fire Station, upon terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.

3. Authorize the Manager to execute any documents incident to the acquisition of the aforementioned properties. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Supplemental - S

Attachments: [EMPG-S supplemental Fed FY2020 agenda item.docx](#)
[Please DocuSign FY2020 EMPG-S Wake County.pdf](#)
[Budget Memo Supplemental S.pdf](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners accepts and appropriate \$12,695.45 from the 2020 Federal Fiscal Year Emergency Management Performance Grant "S" program via North Carolina Emergency Management for the purpose of providing a system of emergency preparedness from all hazards in the local jurisdiction. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Accept Additional 2019-2020 Federal Emergency Solutions Grant Allocation under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) for Homeless Populations Amid Coronavirus (COVID-19) Recovery

Attachments: [Item Summary](#)
[CARES Homeless Budget Memo.pdf](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Accept and appropriate an additional allocation of \$1,709,995 in Federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for homeless populations amid Coronavirus (COVID-19) recovery; and**
- 2. Authorize the Chair to sign documents necessary to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The motion passed unanimously.**

- 9. Approval of the Federal Transit Administration CARES Act Funding Agreement and the Appropriation of Grant Funds**

Attachments: [Agenda Item.docx](#)
[CAMPO FTA Funding Sub-Allocation 2020 Split Letter Draft.pdf](#)
[CARES Act contract - GoWake Access.pdf](#)
[CARES Transit Funds Budget Memo.pdf](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Approve the CARES Act grant agreement between the City of Raleigh and Wake County GoWake Access; and**
- 2. Accept and appropriate \$3,347,971 of additional revenues and expenditures in the Human Services Transportation Fund budget; and**
- 3. Reduce NCDOT-distributed Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) annual grant revenues and expenditures in the Human Services Transportation Fund budget. The motion passed unanimously.**

- 10. Wake County Public School System Capital Improvement Program Appropriations and Reallocations**

Attachments: [WCPSS CIP FY 21 Fall Appropriation Item Summary .docx](#)
[BOC Resolution.docx](#)
[WCPSS Resolution.pdf](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners approve the following request for appropriations and reallocations in the Seven Year Capital

Improvement Program:

- 1. Appropriate a total of \$189,070,585 for construction funding at Herbert Akins Road Middle (M14), Fuquay Varina High, and West Millbrook Middle, and preliminary design funding for E-xx4 New Elementary and Baucom Elementary, along with program needs such as technology devices, mobiles, assessments, property acquisition, partial renovation improvement projects, program management, and program contingency;**
 - 2. Reallocate \$5,500,000 to refund a previous reallocation for an early site package at Westbrook Middle and to fund an early site package at E-51; and**
 - 3. Approve the request to appropriate and reallocate a total of \$5,000,000 of FY 2020 program contingency funding, not previously appropriated, to property acquisition to meet reductions to the FY 2021 plan as requested by the county. The motion passed unanimously.**
11. MOA for Disposition and Development of Affordable Housing on County-Owned Property in Holly Springs
- Attachments: [Agenda Item](#)
 [Draft Memorandum of Agreement](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Wake County, the Town of Holly Springs, DHIC and MyComputerCareer (MyCC) represented by Savills USA, to participate in a process coordinating the disposition and development of real property at 1317 N. Main St. in Holly Springs, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Affordable Housing Development Conversion Request from DHIC for The Commons at Highland Village, LLC
- Attachments: [Commons at Highland Village Conversion v.1.docx](#)
 [Consent Wake County Highland](#)
 [Seniors_DHICletterhead_612020docx.docx](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners:

1. Consent to Community Revitalization and Preservation Corporation (CRPC), a non-profit affiliate of DHIC, as the sole member and manager of The Commons at Highland Village, LLC; and

2. Authorize the Chair to execute the statement of lender consent subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

- 13.** Approval of FY 2021 County Funding Plan for the Home and Community Care Block Grant

Attachments: [Agenda Item.docx](#)
[HCCBG July 2020 CountyFundingPlan.pdf](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners approve the County Funding Plan submitted by Wake County Human Services, Meals on Wheels, and Resources for Seniors and affix required signatures. The motion passed unanimously.

- 14.** Wake County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Annual Plan and Certification for FY 2020-2021

Attachments: [JCPC Final Item Summary.docx](#)
[Wake JCPC Annual Plan FY 2020-2021.docx](#)
[Wake County Funding Plan FY 20-21v2.pdf](#)
[CertificationForm-2020.pdf](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners adopt the Wake County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Annual Plan for FY 2020-2021 and affix signatures on the appropriate forms. The motion passed unanimously.

- 15.** Approval of Multi-Year Services Agreement for EMS Billing Services

Attachments: [EMS Billing Services](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Manager to execute a multi-year services agreement for EMS billing services on behalf of Wake County, subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

- 16.** Resolution of Support for the Triangle Trails Initiative

Attachments: [Triangle Trails Initiative Resolution Item.docx](#)
[Triangle Trails Initiative Resolution.docx](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners approve the resolution recognizing the Triangle Trails Initiative. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Designation of Map and Plat Review Officer for the Town of Wake Forest

Attachments: [Item Summary.docx](#)
[Resolution from Town of Wake Forest.pdf](#)
[Board of Commissioners Resolution.docx](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners adopt a Resolution designating staff from the Town of Wake Forest as Map and Plat Review Officer. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Appointment of County Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

Attachments: [July 6 agenda item.docx](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners appoint David Ellis, County Manager, as Clerk to the Board, effective July 6, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Reappointment of the Wake County Tax Administrator

Attachments: [Item Summary Reappointment.docx](#)
[Oath.docx](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners:

1. Reappoint Marcus D. Kinrade to a fourth term as Wake County Tax Administrator commencing July 6, 2020 for a four-year term, at a salary of \$185,000, with future salary increases pursuant to contract; and

2. Instruct Mr. Kinrade to take the oath of office as required by statute and the North Carolina Constitution. The motion passed unanimously.

20. 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](#)
 [July 2020 Refunds Under 500.pdf](#)
 [July 2020 Refunds Over 500.pdf](#)
 [Daily Updates For Exemptions.pdf](#)
 [Daily Updates For Penalties.pdf](#)
 [Daily Updates For Tax Relief.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](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners approve the attached recommendation by the Tax Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Motion to Appropriate Funds for Triangle Family Services

Attachments: [Item Summary - Holmes TFS.docx](#)
 [Budget Memo - FY 2021 Non-Departmental.pdf](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners appropriate \$125,000 in ABC fund balance and allocates the funds to Triangle Family Services for contracted service in Fiscal Year 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Appoint a Voting Delegate for the 2020 Virtual Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners

Attachments: [Item Summary 2020 NCACC Voting Delegate.docx](#)
 [Voting delegate form 2020.doc](#)

Commissioner West moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Board's Chair to appoint a Voting Delegate for the business session at the 2020 Virtual Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

23. General Public Comments

Attachments: [Public Commnets 7-6-20.pdf](#)

Ms. Gilyard read the public comments.

Regular Agenda**24. Public Hearing and Consideration of Business Development Grant Agreement for Bandwidth, Inc.**

Attachments: [BandwidthAgendaItem.docx](#)
[BandwidthPowerPoint.pdf](#)
[BandwidthFinalContract.docx](#)
[WakeCountyEconomicDevelopmentPolicySeptember2019Final.pdf](#)

Mr. Chris Dillon, Assistant County Manager, shared that a public hearing will need to be opened and closed tomorrow at 5:00 pm. It will be on the August 17th agenda for approval.

He shared Bandwidth, Inc.

- Bandwidth, Inc is a communications software company that has proudly called Raleigh home for the past 18 years.
- Specializing in CPaaS (Communications Platform as a Service), Bandwidth powers some of the most innovative communication solutions from brands like Google, Microsoft, Cisco, Zoom and many others. The company is competing and winning against its Silicon Valley-based competitors every day.
- Over the last 18 years in Raleigh, Bandwidth has growth to 700+ employees, an IPO in November of 2017, and current market cap of \$2B.

He shared Project Athens.

Project Athens

- The company will need to accommodate and enrich the lives of 1150+ future co-workers (and their families) which it plans to hire over the next 7 years.
- \$106,426,500 million in new investment, not including the purchase of a 40 acre lot from the State of NC for \$30 million.
- Bandwidth's great success is a shining example of what can be done in this market with homegrown NC talent alongside those who have moved to the area to join in the company's mission.

He shared incentives.

Incentives

- Wake County Economic Tier 2 Grant
 - 50 percent of new tax growth over 8 years
 - Total Wake County incentive grant of \$3,068,060
- Other partners include:

NC Department of Commerce JDIG program

- City of Raleigh
- North Carolina Community College System
- Wake County Economic Development

Chair Ford shared that this is huge opportunity for Wake County.

Vice Chair Adamson thanked Mr. Dillion. New growth even during the pandemic proves Wake County is a great place to live.

Commissioner Hutchinson congratulated Bandwidth for their service to Wake County.

Commissioner Evans shared that she is glad that Bandwidth is coming to District 4 in Cary.

Chair Ford thanked Mr. Dillon for his work on this project. He asked Mr. Dillon to explain business development grants processes.

Mr. Dillon shared information on the incentive grants.

Commissioner Holmes shared thoughts about small business loans and whether grants could be provided versus loans to small businesses. She asked what distinguished New Hanover County to provide grants and not loans.

Mr. Dillon said that he is aware that local governments will step out and not follow the rules, but in the end have been asked to pay the funds back.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked about the building taxes and incentive grants.

Mr. Dillon said that based on valuation, the company pays taxes on the building and 50 percent goes toward reimbursement of the grant.

Vice Chair Adamson shared that there has been a lot of growth during her tenure. She asked what is the environment in Wake County looking like presently for economic investment.

Mr. Dillon said that the talent is needed to build the platform in order to attract commercial investment.

Commissioner West shared an article about black businesses being closed. He ask for thoughts and impacts on the pandemic and the recovery.

Mr. Dillon shared that programs like Wake Works that train citizens, programs that pay while you learn would help to get on the path to success. He shared that partnering with Wake Tech would help to get the education and training that residents need.

Commissioner West asked if leverage would help for those that have been left behind.

Mr. Dillon said investments and mentoring programs would be a benefit.

Vice Chair Adamson read the motion.

Chair Ford opened the public hearing. There were 2 comments that will be submitted to the Commissioners.

Vice-Chair Adamson moved, seconded by Commissioner West, that the Board of Commissioners:

1. Hold a public hearing and approve a Business Development Grant Agreement with Bandwidth, Inc., subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.

2. Instruct staff to continue receiving public comments until July 7, 2020 at 5:00pm, and to place this agreement on the agenda of the Board's next regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

- 25.** Board of Elections Update and Acceptance and Appropriation of One-Time CARES and HAVA Funds Allocated by Session Law 2020-17 in Response to Coronavirus Pandemic

Attachments: [Agenda - Board of Elections CARES and HAVA Funds Allocation.docx](#)
[HB 1169 Allocation.pdf](#)
[H1169v8.pdf](#)
[Budget Memo - FY 2021 Grants and Donations Fund.pdf](#)

Mr. Gary Sims, Board of Elections Director, shared the Board of Elections Update and Acceptance of One-Time CARES and HAVA Funds. He asked the board to accept and appropriate an additional allocation of

\$885,927 of revenue and expenditures.

Chair Ford thanked Mr. Sims. He said that the board wants to make sure everyone has what they need for voting purposes.

Vice Chair Adamson said that citizens are lobbying for paid postage and there are rumors that armed vigilantes will prevent people from entering the polling places.

Mr. Sims said that statute has not changed as it relates to postage and the postage is the expense of the residents. He said that they can not apply any actions that are not already policies as it relates to weapons that are not part of the law. He said that the policies still apply on election day. He said that working with state and local partners, they are privy to information about issues and that they protect the citizens.

Chair Ford said that postage can not be expensed on the county's end. He shared his thoughts on taxes paying for postage.

Commissioner Calabria thanked Mr. Sims and the Board of Elections for their work. He asked about the changing landscape at the General Assembly and if things would change and affect anything at the Board of Elections as it relates to federal funding.

Mr. Sims said that there are bi-partisan teams that go out in the community especially to the nursing homes to assist them with voting but COVID has added new layers to how to best approach this outreach program due to budget constraints.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked Mr. Sims for his work. He asked are there any concerns or needs he has that the board needs to know.

Mr. Sims said that they had been proactive about getting PPE in for staff so they were prepared at the outset. They continue to recruit workers and manage locations for voting, as with every department funding is a concern.

Commissioner Calabria said that promoting voting in the county is important. He said he would like to consider making election day a holiday and he encourages all Wake county employees to volunteer for election day assistance.

Commissioner Holmes noted the conversation she had with Mr. Sims about voting. She shared comments about pay raise for the elections department. It is slated to be on the August 17, 2020 agenda. She read a quote from Mr. Sims about the importance of participation in work at voting locations. "Yes its worth it, its a good investment especially in our younger

workers. Many of our seniors do it out of commitment to community and patriotism, but we need diversity of age and otherwise need to attract the next generation of officials."

Mr. Sims said that he is humbled for the concern to increase the pay for the Board of Elections. He shared that there are generations of families working at the Board of Elections. He said Wake County School System is offering the opportunity for students to be volunteers at voting locations for the process.

Commissioner Holmes shared that when the item is brought to the board that Vice Chair Adamson will read the motion as she was the person who first brought this issue forward.

Commissioner West echoed his colleagues. He said that he is concerned about the senior citizens and how COVID will affect their participation.

Mr. Sims shared that in NC there is an option for voting by absentee mail ballots. He shared that other options will be in place for voting.

Commissioner Evans made comments about the communications department partnering with the Board of Elections for videos etc.

Chair Ford echoed his colleagues.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners receive a Board of Elections update and accept and appropriate an additional allocation of \$885,927 of revenues and expenditures into the Grants Fund from the State of North Carolina to prepare for and respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for 2020 elections related matters. The motion passed unanimously.

Aye: 7 - Chairman Ford, Vice-Chair Adamson, Commissioner Calabria, Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Holmes, Commissioner Hutchinson, and Commissioner West

26. Community Organization Funding Process

Attachments: [Item Summary - Community Org Funding.docx](#)

Chair Ford shared that this was a continuation from the work session today.

Mr. Ben Canada, Assistant to County Manager, shared the four options from the earlier meeting. He provided charts of each option listed below

and discussed the differences.

He shared option A.

He shared option B.

He shared option C.

He shared there was another version of B but he did not have a chart for that.

Commissioner Hutchinson made the motion to accept proposal B.

Commissioner Holmes offered a friendly amendment. She stated that staff should acknowledge that there are other organizations that fit the criteria, i.e. Hope Center, Justice Served, and Wake Smiles. She asked that all organizations that fit ABC funding criteria be considered and the remaining funds be spread equally among the other organizations.

Chair Ford asked for direction on a motion and amendment.

Commissioner Hutchinson wanted clarification about what the new figures would be reflecting the amendment and how it would change the allocations to the current list of organizations.

Commissioner Evans asked a clarifying question to Commissioner Holmes amendment regarding evenly spreading additional funding.

Commissioner Holmes said it would only be to organizations that were on the list.

Mr. Canada said that the Hope Center and Wake Smiles would qualify, he did not find that Justice Served meets the criteria but if the board chooses to include them that can be done.

Manager Ellis said that Wake County ABC funds come from the ABC Board.

Recessed at 7:11 pm

Reconvened at 7:28 pm

Mr. Canada shared the option B and explained the revisions to the chart of funding as requested by the amendment request by Commissioner Holmes.

He shared the new chart.

Commissioner Calabria asked for clarification on changes.

Mr. Canada asked Commissioner Holmes if the changes were what she had intended.

Commissioner Holmes reiterated her proposal that all the funds be distributed equally.

Commissioner Hutchinson shared that he does not accept Commissioner Holmes amendment.

Commissioner Holmes requested a roll call vote.

The motion passed 4-3.

Hutchinson - Yes

Calabria - Yes

Holmes - No

Evans - Yes

West - No

Ford-Yes

Adamson - No

Commissioner West said the way this was set up poorly. He said there was no direction or shift to better ways of doing things like we had agreed upon earlier.

Commissioner Holmes shared her frustrations along with Commissioner West. She said this is a step backwards. She requested again that the other organizations that fit ABC criteria be funded.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that funding these organizations was a long process and it was good to finish it and move the budget along.

Approved Motion: The attached handout shows the final allocation. The Board approved a motion to take the starting point allocations, then take three organizations out of the process and fund those with ABC fund balance. Those three organizations, and funding in the motion, were Dorcas Ministries (\$83,500), Step Up Ministry (\$27,000), and Green Chair (\$26,500).

Removing those three organizations from the process left \$137,000 available in the community organization funding process. Of this amount, the motion allocated \$118,000 to Marbles, bringing their FY21 amount to \$450,000. And, the motion allocated \$19,000 to Symphony, bringing their FY21 allocation to \$81,000.

In a separate Board action last night, \$125,000 from ABC fund balance was awarded to Triangle Family Services.

The Board expressed interest in possibly awarding ABC fund balance, a one-time funding source, to other community organizations. The approved motion did not approve additional awards. These funding decisions can be taken up at the August 10 work session or the August 17 regular meeting.

Contracts with Organizations Awarded Funding: County staff will immediately begin setting up contracts with the organizations awarded funding.

Board's Next Steps: Here are some possible next steps, following last night's discussion about community organization funding

- The Board expressed interest in discussing the uses of ABC fund balance (a one-time source of funding) at the August 10 work session or the August 17 regular meeting.
- Consider discussing the County's future financial and ownership model with Marbles at an upcoming meeting

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, that the Board of Commissioners confirm the allocations determined during the July 6 special work session, Option B. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chairman Ford, Commissioner Calabria, Commissioner Evans, and Commissioner Hutchinson

Nay: 3 - Vice-Chair Adamson, Commissioner Holmes, and Commissioner West

Appointments

27. Alcohol Beverage Control Board

Attachments: [Item Summary Alcohol Beverage Control Board revised.doc](#)
[ABC Bd Member List 2020.doc](#)
[ABC Applications.pdf](#)
[ABC Roster.csv](#)
[ABC Bd Choices.csv](#)
[ABC Board Attendance fiscal year July1 2019-June 30 2020.xlsx](#)

Mr. Willie Rowe was reappointed to serve as chair for a second term.

Reappointed to the ABC board:

- Mr. Lucius Jones
- Mr. Kenneth Kirby

Chair Ford recognized the ABC board and the funds that were shared with the board in the amount of \$11 million.

Vice-Chair Adamson shared thoughts on funds from the ABC board and the beds that are needed for Healing Transitions.

Vice-Chair Adamson moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to reappoint Mr. Lucius Jones and Mr. Kenneth Kirby. Mr. Willie Rowe was appointed as Chair of the board for his 2nd term. The motion passed unanimously.

28. Upcoming Vacancies for August

Attachments: [Upcoming Vacancies for August 2020 List.docx](#)

There are no upcoming vacancies for August.

Other Business

Commissioner Holmes said that an item will be on the agenda for August 17th for ABC funds. She shared that she has requested staff to designate all funding from surplus property.

Commissioner Hutchinson shared his thoughts on surplus property and how funds could be used on affordable housing and/or open space.

There was board discussion on the request of funds for surplus property.

Commissioner West shared a closing statement. He shared the budget process was a good process but he has issues with the community funding process. The budget reflects where our priorities are.

Chair Ford said the budget process is difficult and at the end of the day not everything can be funded. The conversations today are good but the decisions are for another day and suggested that staff reviews the issues referencing the budget process.

Commissioner Holmes asked Manager Ellis if the sale of surplus property could be on the August 17th agenda.

Manager Ellis suggested September to have the item on the agenda. Commissioner Holmes agreed.

Vice-Chair Adamson shared information about the 2020 Census. The deadline has been extended until October 2020.

Chair Ford was appointed to serve as the Voting Delegate for North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC).

This agenda item was accepted.

Closed Session

No need for a closed session.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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