



Wake County

301 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Monday, August 10, 2020

2:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

Work Session - Meeting Held Remotely

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; Chris Dillon, Assistant County Manager; Emily Lucas, Chief Financial Officer; Jason Horton, Strategic Performance Director; Gary Sims, Elections Director; Ben Canada, Assistant to the County Manager; and Michelle Cerett, Executive Assistant.

Meeting Called to Order: Chair

Chairman Ford called the Work Session to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

1. Agenda

Attachments: [08-10-220 Work Session Agenda.pdf](#)

2. Update on 2020 Board Goals

Attachments: [BOC Goal Update.pdf](#)
[BOC Goal Update Handout.pdf](#)

Mr. Jason Horton, Strategic Performance Director, shared an update with the Board on their goals and objectives.

He shared the background on the board goals for 2020.

- Feb 7 - BOC developed draft initiatives at the annual retreat
- Mar 3 - First case of COVID-19 identified in North Carolina in Wake County
- Mar 13 - Wake County declares State of Emergency in response to COVID-19
- Mar 16 - BOC approves 2020 goals, objectives and initiatives at regular meeting
- Mar 26 - Wake County issues Stay-At-Home mandate
- June 22 -- BOC received memo update memo summarizing COVID-19 impacts

He shared the effects the pandemic has had on the county and how county operations are carried out.

- The COVID-19 emergency response is the County's top priority.
- Pandemic has significantly changed how County staff operates.
- COVID-19 disrupted the planning cycle at a critical time.
 - Delayed development of staff work plans
 - Especially new initiatives and revised initiatives

Mr. Horton shared a breakdown of the goal status earlier in the year and currently.

He shared a handout that outlines all 47 of the board goals and initiatives.

He shared the key takeaways from the process to date.

- County staff are resilient
- Making progress in many areas by:
 - Expanding the use of virtual meetings
 - Reengaging with community partners
 - Modifying initiative work plans (when needed)
- However, expect fewer initiatives reaching a 'complete' status in 2020.
- COVID-19 will delay some initiatives. Examples include:
 - CH 2.4 - Medicaid Transformation (*specifically implementing the 'Healthy Opportunities' grant*)
 - E 1.4 - Community College Affordability
 - GG 5.2 - Budget Process Engagement
 - GS 4.2 - Unified Development Ordinance Amendments
 - PS 2.1 - Hazardous Materials Risk Preparedness

He highlighted the progress that has been made.

- **CH 2.2 - Live Well Wake**
 - 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) submitted and approved by the state.
 - Human Services staff are assisting seven established workgroups implementing strategies.
- **CH 2.3 - Healthy Babies and Moms**
 - Infant Mortality 2020 Workgroup Report completed this summer.
 - A 'Improving Community Outcomes for Maternal Child Health' (ICO4MCH) grant provides resources to hire 3 staff to address 3 of 6 focus areas.
 - Staff continue to pursue other grant opportunities to advance priorities.
- **PS 4.1 - Emergency Service Volunteers**
 - Recruitment materials provided to each non-profit fire department
 - Non-monetary grant assistance from International Association of Fire Chiefs and Volunteer Workforce Solutions
 - Federal SAFER grant provides personal protective equipment, transportation reimbursement, and additional duty crew funding.
 - Fire Services receive semi-annual reports from participating departments

Mr. Horton said staff has been instrumental in making progress on the goals despite the obstacles created by COVID-19.

He shared work session topics that relate to the goals and initiatives.

- Potential considerations in the fall include:
 - GG 5.1 - Community Engagement
 - GS 2.1 - Comprehensive Solid Waste Plan
 - GS 4.1 - PLANWake

He shared information on the transparency portal and said the next staff update is planned for the fall.

- Next staff update planned for the fall
- For the latest information, visit
<<http://www.wakegov.com/transparency/goals>>

Chairman Ford thanked Mr. Horton for the update. He is pleased that staff continued to move forward on this progress despite the obstacles with

COVID-19.

Commissioner Hutchinson said the report is amazing and he thanked Mr. Horton for his work.

Commissioner Holmes said she is impressed with the progress of the county. She mentioned former Human Services Director, Regina Petteway, and thanked her for the work she did with the Infant Mortality data prior to her retirement.

Commissioner Calabria thanked Mr. Horton and staff for all their work on the goals. He said the pandemic may continue for longer than expected and he asked that staff be aware of that moving forward.

Commissioner Holmes asked that staff work with residents on the options for paying their taxes during the pandemic.

Mr. David Ellis, County Manager, said staff will begin working on a plan to present this information to the public. He agreed that COVID-19 will continue to delay things for an extended period of time.

Commissioner West said it is important to be mindful of residents needs as we work through the impacts of the pandemic. He said while great progress has been made, it is important to continue looking at demographics and information related to Community Health.

Mr. Horton said the staff with Social and Economic Vitality have been instrumental in working with residents in vulnerable communities and providing them with additional resources. He said it is important to remain mindful of the familiar faces and continue to offer them resources.

Commissioner Evans said it is important to engage the community and continue to work with vulnerable communities.

Vice-Chair Adamson said it is great to see staff in action during this pandemic.

Mr. Ellis recognized the outstanding work of staff at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). He said they had 85-100 workers per day from all Wake County departments including Public Health, Library Staff and Emergency Management. He thanked them for their time and effort in the EOC during this pandemic.

Commissioner Holmes noted the resilience of the EOC staff in the past week in dealing with the pandemic, a hurricane, and the effects of an earthquake in the western part of the state.

3. Board Meetings for Remainder of 2020

Attachments: [2020 Board Meetings.pdf](#)

Mr. Ben Canada, Assistant to the County Manager, provided information on upcoming meetings for the remainder of 2020.

Regular Meetings

- Return to in-person meetings no sooner than October 19
 - Staff considering proposing a criteria-based approach?
- Assess COVID metrics in late September
- May continue remote meetings into 2021

He said four additional work sessions have been added to the calendar for the remainder of 2020.

Additional Work Sessions

- 4 additional work sessions
 - New times on 4th Monday of each month, 2:00pm
 - August through November
- 7 remaining work sessions after today
- Calendar invites sent last week

He shared upcoming work session topics.

- Hospitality Tax - Proposed Arena agreement
- WakeWorks update
- Wake Invests in Women update
- South Wake Landfill
- Economic Development update
- Potential ABC Fund Balance uses

Meeting facilitation will rotate among Commissioners depending on topic

Chairman Ford suggested considering a hybrid approach to re-opening the county offices and reverting back to in-person meetings.

Commissioner Holmes said she is in support of the hybrid approach as long as social distancing is followed.

Mr. Ellis said staff will consider the hybrid approach and report back to the board.

Vice-Chair Adamson said opening back up will need to be done carefully. She said the virtual meetings are efficient, but she would like to see a way that citizens can participate more in the meeting.

Commissioner Hutchinson said he is no hurry to return to in-person meetings. He said it is important to consider the health of citizens when returning to in-person meetings.

Commissioner Evans said she is comfortable with the virtual meetings and sees no reason to rush back into in-person meetings.

Commissioner Calabria said he is comfortable with the virtual meetings. He said the hybrid option is a good idea when the time comes, but there should be no hurry.

Commissioner Holmes said if a hybrid option is considered, it should include the requirement of face masks and hand sanitizing stations.

Mr. Canada said staff is working on plans to address these concerns when the time comes to re-open.

Mr. Canada thanked the board for their feedback and said staff will begin working through the re-opening plans.

4. CARES Act Funding Plan

Attachments: [COVID Funding Update August 10 2020 Work Session.pdf](#)

Ms. Emily Lucas, Chief Financial Officer, shared an update on the CARES Act funding.

She shared the Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) funding plan framework

On May 18, staff presented a funding plan framework for utilization of County's \$194 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)

Original Funding Categories and Estimated Funding Needs:

1. Public Health Emergency Response (\$65 million)
2. Community Response & Resiliency (\$34 million)
3. Continuity of Operations (\$31 million)
4. Economic Recovery (\$25 million)
5. Miscellaneous (for potential revenue replacement) (\$39 million)

She shared the prioritization of the funding

CRF Funding Plan Prioritizes Public Health

- County's priority remains to ensure sufficient funding supports our responsibility to contain and mitigate the public health emergency
- County has developed and utilized a funding plan for its CRF that supports a variety of efforts aimed vulnerable populations, local governments and agencies, education, and the business community
- The funding plan follows high-level federal and state guidelines, and subject to change based on updated guidance from the federal government

She shared a table of the updated funding plan.

She shared the public health emergency response

FY 2020 Accomplishments

- Activated and managed EOC operations utilizing County staff
- Managed and enforced public health orders
- Trained and staffed call center and contact tracers
- Purchased PPE, equipment, and other medical supplies
- Began mass testing throughout the County in June

FY 2021 Goals (through December)

- Receive and put into rotation 5 additional ambulances
- Secure and establish permanent location for mass testing
- Turn testing, tracing, and other activities over to Public Health division of HS
- Staff over 200 temporary positions to allow County employees to return to regular duties

She shared the community response and resiliency.

FY 2020 Accomplishments

- Managed the IQ hotel
- Established through House Wake coordinated intake, rental assistance, and temporary housing and case management at three hotels
- Increased shelter capacity and services
- Partnered with WCPSS and non-profits to distribute meals and food

through 184 distribution sites

- Partnered with WakeMed and El Centro to provide PPE and testing information to vulnerable populations

FY 2021 Goals (through December)

- Implement WakeHELPS program
- Extend House Wake Program to include eviction prevention assistance
- Extend partnerships with non-profits to provide meal/food distribution through December 2020
- Continue distribution of PPE and testing information to vulnerable communities

Ms. Lucas shared efforts made to address food insecurity through the pandemic.

Food Security Efforts Result in 2.4 Million Meals Distributed
Cooperative Extension leverage 42 partnerships (including WCPSS) to serve children and vulnerable populations.

Results through 8/3:

- 2.4 million meals distributed
- 51,000+ shelf stable or produce boxes
- 171 sites County-wide
 - 31 Schools
 - 46 Big Bus Food Truck Sites
 - 94 Community Sites

Current/Future Efforts

- Develop regional hubs that can combine food security assistance with other services.
- Focus on serving diverse populations and those with transportation challenges.
- Increase purchase power, storage, and distribution capacity of County and partners.

Total investment (through December) = \$3.9 million

She shared efforts directed at House WAKE and eviction prevention.

House Wake to Invest \$15 Million in Eviction Prevention
Housing will deploy three intervention strategies:

1. Provide partial back and current rent owed and up to 3 months

- future rent for qualifying households and landlords not pursuing eviction.
2. For qualifying households where the landlord is pursuing eviction, Wake will refer to partners offering free legal assistance.
 3. For evicted tenants that qualify, Housing will refer to partner agencies to provide relocation services.

Program anticipated to be launched by beginning of September and will combine \$2 million of specific federal funds received to support housing efforts.

She shared information on the Wake HELPS program.

Wake Helps Offers Residents Utility Payment Support

- Launched August 3 in response to expiration of Governor's executive order prohibiting utility disconnections
- Dedicates \$5 million toward supporting households impacted financially by COVID-19 with any delinquent utility bills
- Supports low-to-moderate income families
- Households may apply for a one-time payment of up to \$500
- Program pays utility provider directly, once application is reviewed and approved
- Program leverages existing HS staff who support similar programs

Commissioner Holmes thanked Ms. Lucas for the efforts focused on food insecurity. She said food distribution for students has been great throughout the pandemic. She encouraged food distribution to be made to vulnerable areas instead of residents needing to find transportation to the food pantries.

Chairman Ford said the Communications department has done an excellent job in relaying information on the programs available.

Mr. Ellis said inserts are also being included with utility bills to instruct residents on how to access the assistance programs.

Commissioner West said the assistance programs are great, but it is important to teach individuals to maintain it.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked staff and community partners in addressing the food insecurity issues. He said it is important to remember the Latino community in the food security efforts.

Commissioner Evans said she is appreciative of the food security efforts.

She said she has heard of many children not being able to get to the food distribution sites. She asked if it is possible to increase distributions in rural areas.

Mr. Ellis said he will address the issue with the Cooperative Extension office.

Commissioner Calabria said staff, partners, and the school system have all worked well together to ensure food distribution. He said it is heartening to see the number of residents willing to volunteer their time towards these efforts. Commissioner Calabria said the Federal Government is reverting to the traditional school year in terms of funding for school meals. He said that the Summer Service program is ending and this leaves a gap in the federal funding, leaving a gap in the ability to provide meals. He said it is important to include a food security plan with the opening of remote learning sites for students.

Chairman Ford thanked Commissioner Calabria for all his efforts on food security.

Ms. Lucas shared progress on the continuity of operations during the pandemic

FY 2020 Accomplishments

- Provide hazard pay for EOC staff and front-line workers (including municipalities and fire departments)
- Increase facility cleaning and make facility modifications
- Purchase additional equipment and IT services for telework capabilities
- Support WCPSS efforts to move to distance learning for the remainder of FY 2020

FY 2021 Goals (through December)

- Continue hazard pay for eligible employees
- Continue increased facility cleanings and facility modifications for facilities
- Continue to support municipal partners as they provide services in light of COVID-19
- Continue to support WCPSS during the 2021 School Year

She shared the WCPSS updated funding request

- Additional \$13.11 million supplements \$14.1 million WCPSS already received from County

- WCPSS received approximately \$24 million of CARES Act funding from state; likely to receive more after Congress approves next round of funding
- WCPSS recognized cost savings from building maintenance and utility in local current expense fund during FY 2020

Chair Ford asked Ms. Lucas how staff arrived at the recommended funding for WCPSS.

Ms. Lucas said this funding must be expended by December, 2020. She said that it was taken into consideration when recommending the WCPSS funding. She said staff was unable to find confirmation that student support staff was an approved expense. She said that staff recommends WCPSS purchase new things they anticipate needing so the expenses are completed by the end of December if they become allowable expenses.

Chairman Ford said this is a unique request at a unique time.

Commissioner Holmes asked if the student support staff funding request was for the entire school year and said that CARES funds are not the only source the board has available.

Ms. Lucas said the request was for funding through December, 2020. She said the mental and emotional needs of students has increased. She said she supports WCPSS receiving the student support staff funding.

Chairman Ford agreed with Commissioner Holmes regarding the support staff funding, he said it is an ongoing need so it won't be handled once and then not revisited.

Commissioner Evans said it is important to increase the support staff in the school system. She said support staff was inadequate prior to the pandemic. She said she understands the concern with staff support being an allowable expense for CARES Act funding, but she requested staff to continue to look into it. She said if it is not an appropriate expense, then staff should look at other funding sources.

Chairman Ford said part of the issue is finding nurses that are willing to take the position knowing that it is only funded through December.

Ms. Lucas said staff continues to look for guidance regarding the CARES Act funding. She said the school system received \$24 million in CARES Act funding in June that has not been allocated. She said there was also a cost saving due to virtual learning at the end of the last school year.

Vice-Chair Adamson commented on the need for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and asked if there are any shortages.

Mr. Ellis said PPE is plentiful, but there is specific PPE that school staff would need. He is unsure of the availability of the specific PPE.

Chairman Ford said Mr. Ellis has gathered information and can provide the additional cost involved to have one nurse and one social worker at each school.

Mr. Ellis said the cost would equate to \$8.7 million for the additional nursing staff and \$4.5 million for additional social workers.

Commissioner Calabria said he agrees with the need for additional support staff. He said school support is an important piece in the behavioral health of students. He suggested offering the school system flexibility with their funding as long as it coincides with government regulations.

Mr. Ellis said the county will work with the school system. He said the county is responsible to ensure the money is spent appropriately.

Commissioner Hutchinson said he is in support of additional support staff for the school system. He said flexibility is important and should be permitted.

Vice-Chair Adamson said that while the county CARES Act funding needs to be spent by December, 2020, the school system has until September, 2021 to spend their funding. She commended the school board for their work during this pandemic.

Ms. Lucas shared accomplishments and goals related to economic recovery.

FY 2020 Accomplishments

- Launched Wake Forward small business loan program
- Developed job training response plans through Capital Area Workforce Development

FY 2021 Goals (through December)

- Leverage external non-profits to offer job development and best safety practices training (CAWD)
- Support Wake Tech efforts to accelerate Wake Works program, meet telework needs, and expanded workforce development programs

- Support GRCVB efforts to increase consumer confidence in “safe” travel and leisure activities in Wake County

She shared accomplishments related to job retention.

Small Business Loans Support Job Retention - Wake Forward A Program to Assist Small Businesses

Summary (as of 7/20/2020):

- 1,892 applications totaling \$59 million
- 113 loans approved, average - \$34,000
- Estimated 882 jobs retained

Technical assistance program launched to assist in application process.

Wake Tech

- Equipment purchases for Wake Works and other job training programs (health care, law enforcement)
- Purchase IT needs for telework capabilities
- Support emergency student food assistance
- Identifying other eligible programmatic needs

CAWD

- Invest \$1.7 million in programs that focus on:
- Virtual job shadowing and career fairs
- Computer training
- Youth job re-entry programs
- Entrepreneurship programs

She shared the current federal activity related to additional funding.

- Federal legislators currently negotiating new legislation (HEALS Act)
 - May not include additional funding for state and local governments
 - Will likely include additional funding for local education
 - Will likely include an extension to utilize funds through September 31, 2021
 - May include flexibility to use funds to replace lost revenues (*with a catch*)
- Areas where eligibility and responsibility remains unclear:
 - As with ARRA funds received in previous recession, only explicitly-eligible expenses will be considered for CRF

She shared how the Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection and

Schools (HEALS) Act funding would assist with lost revenue replacement.

Lost Revenue Replacement in HEALS Act

- Would currently only allow for replacement of lost sales tax revenue
- US Senate proposal would require County to distribute 25% to municipalities before using any remaining funds for revenue replacement
 - Would have to release \$48.5 million to municipalities
 - May impact ability to carry out funding plan
 - Impacts ability to fund response operations into CY 2021, if time extension is approved
 - Currently asking for flexibility around how to share in lost sales tax revenues

Vice-Chair Adamson asked for an update on the county status of sales tax revenue.

Ms. Lucas reminded the board that tax information runs on a 3 month delay and that the statewide March tax revenues were only down by 7 percent which was better than the projected 25 percent and April was down 13 percent not the 40 percent they had projected. With the spring reopening, it is still unclear what the impacts are and she will update with new figures as they become available.

Ms. Lucas shared a summary of the finance presentation.

- County's priority remains to ensure sufficient funding supports our responsibility to respond to the public health emergency
- After the August 17 appropriation, remaining unbudgeted funds = \$72.8 million
- Remaining appropriation allows County to adapt to changing conditions of the Public Health Response through FY 2021, including:
 - Vaccine availability and deployment
 - Additional case spiking, testing, and tracing
- Remaining appropriation allows County to replenish funding for programs supporting vulnerable populations through FY 2021, including:
 - Eviction prevention, food security, utility assistance

Remaining appropriation could be used by County (and municipalities) to replace lost sales tax revenues that impacted FY 2021 budgets

She shared the next steps.

Next Steps

- Approve budget amendment that appropriates \$58.5 million in CRF (including an appropriation of \$13.11 million to WCPSS), which will cover estimated expenses through December 30

FALL 2020:

- Continue to engage stakeholders to implement funding plan
- Monitor federal and state legislative activity for additional funding opportunities, flexibility, and expanded uses
- Provide updates and additional amendments to the board

Vice-Chair Adamson thanked Ms. Lucas. She mentioned that a request had been received for assistance for childcare expenses. She asked if CARES Act funding was still not available for this use.

Ms. Lucas replied that staff are working to determine if the CARES Act funding is allowed for this purpose, she said that use for some assistance may be but to create county wide care would fall outside of the parameters allowed. Staff are also in discussions with Department of Health and Human Services on this.

Vice-Chair Adamson also asked about an artist relief fund and if staff could bring information about that to the next meeting.

Commissioner Hutchinson supports the artist relief funding. The YMCA has requested child care assistance as well since traditional schools are not open.

Commissioner Calabria echoed his support for the artist relief funding, whether for the arts community at large or individuals. He also said that childcare issues are heightened right now.

Chairman Ford added his support to the recommendation for assistance for artist relief.

Commissioner Holmes expressed her concern about choosing single professions and recommends supporting all proprietors in order to be more inclusive. She asked for more specific information on school support staff funding.

Chairman Ford asked if any of the commissioners were in favor of adding school nurses as support staff, which has to come from the county, WCPSS does not request it. A majority of commissioners were in favor.

Commissioner Hutchinson said that it is very difficult finding qualified

nursing staff willing to take on the job.

Chairman Ford stated he is in favor of making the request and posting to see if staff can get a good applicant pool.

Commissioner Evans said she is supportive of looking into the need for nurses and other support staff.

Commissioner West said there are needs everywhere and nurses are crucial.

Manager Ellis said that they will look at adding school nurses, but added that it will create a strain on Public Health departments to take staff away from them.

Commissioner Calabria agrees there is a need to explore having additional school nurses.

Commissioner West commented about input, output and outcomes. He said he has worked to gather as much information as possible to make informed decisions. He wants specific data on which businesses received funds and how much.

Mr. Chris Dillon, Assistant County Manager, said he sent a detailed list by zip code which included some demographic data about who received funds and who did not, and why. Agencies are working to find out what caused hesitation from some businesses about providing information in order to apply for the loans. He said he would get more details to the commissioners.

Commissioner West said from a cross section of businesses he has spoken with, there were concerns about how difficult the process was.

Manager Ellis agreed with Commissioner West and said that they need to look at the process and understand the problems and find ways to assist some of the businesses that are reticent to engage with the application process.

Vice-Chair Adamson mentioned the funds given to United Arts Council and that grants from last year will be the same again this year. They also bring arts to the school systems, now virtually. She asked for someone from WCPSS to be at the August 17th meeting to address how funds will be used.

Chairman Ford thanked Ms. Lucas for her presentation.

Chairman Ford called for a recess at 5:17 p.m.

Meeting went into Recess

The meeting reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

5. Fall Election Preparations and Staffing

Attachments: [Election Q&A Handout.pdf](#)

Mr. Gary Sims, Elections Director, was present to provide an update on the fall election process.

Commissioner Holmes welcomed Mr. Sims. She said Mr. Sims had submitted a request to increase the staff of election day workers. She said that was not addressed at budget time, so she has requested him to present it today.

Mr. Sims said Ms. Angela Hawkins originally suggested the increase. Ms. Hawkins is a current Elections Board member. Mr. Sims said the election day workers put in an average of 14 hours on election day.

Mr. Sims said there was a large last minute drop of staff on the primary election day. He said the current rate of pay for election day workers is \$8.00 per hour and the request is to increase the pay to closer \$11.00 per hour.

He said county elections received a large amount of CARES Act funding, but those funds must be spent on early voting and mail-in voting.

Commissioner Holmes said this board is committed to providing the Board of Elections with the resources necessary to run an election. She said this request got lost in the most recent budget process due to the pandemic. She said Vice-Chair Adamson was passionate about the needs for the board of elections and brought it to Commissioner Holmes attention.

Vice-Chair Adamson said everyone on this board is committed to making this election run smoothly. She said there is a large number of mail-in ballots so far this election. She asked Mr. Sims if he is adequately staffed for absentee ballot staff.

Mr. Sims said they are adequately staffed and the typical wage is \$15.00 per hour. He said his entire office staff worked this past weekend.

Vice-Chair Adamson asked how citizens can get information on working election day. She said she has also had citizens say 14 hours is too long of

a day and asked if that could be split into shifts.

Mr. Sims said election day staff are not permitted to split shifts due to a "chain of custody" concern. He said information regarding working election day is on their website.

Commissioner West said he has heard concerns regarding mail-in ballots. He asked how citizens are educated on the mail-in voting process.

Mr. Sims said a member of the State Election Board is presenting to a group tonight. He said misinformation and disinformation is a big problem. He said mail-in ballots are not required to be notarized this year. He said the only requirement is a witness signature on the form.

Mr. Sims said he has made arrangements with General Services to have election mail sent directly to the mail processing center.

Commissioner West asked for clarification on the post mark. Mr. Sims said the ballot must be post marked on election day or before.

Commissioner Calabria asked what happens if a ballot is not post marked. Mr. Sims said the State Board of Elections requires ballots to be post marked.

Commissioner Calabria asked for clarification on how an individual can hand deliver an absentee ballot.

Mr. Sims said ballots that are hand delivered must be logged in to verify that it was dropped off by the appropriate person.

Commissioner Holmes said the increased pay for election day workers will be considered at the next regular meeting, which is August 17th.

Vice-Chair Adamson asked how citizens should react to the information received in the mail recently that contained an absentee ballot.

Mr. Sims said what was received was not an absentee ballot, it was simply an application for an absentee ballot. He said this is normal activity and it is legal.

Commissioner Evans thanked Mr. Sims for his presentation today. She said she fully supports the increased pay for election day workers.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked Mr. Sims for his dedication to the election process.

Commissioner West asked what happens if a citizen goes to the wrong precinct on election day. Mr. Sims said voters will not be turned away, but they will be offered a provisional ballot.

Chairman Ford thanked Mr. Sims for his professionalism and dedication to the election process.

Commissioner Holmes said this board holds Mr. Sims in high regard. She looks forward to the increased pay being considered at the next meeting.

6. Wake Transit Update

Attachments: [BOC August 2020 Transit Work Session.pdf](#)

This item was moved to the next Work Session

Adjourn

Vice-Chair Adamson provided an update on the census process.

Chair Ford adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Cerett, Executive Assistant
Wake County Board of Commissioners