



Wake County

301 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Monday, October 19, 2020

2:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

Regular Meeting - Meeting Held Remotely

Meeting Called to Order: Chairman Greg Ford

Chairman Ford called the meeting to order.

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

Staff Present: David Ellis, County Manager; Scott Warren, County Attorney; Kim McDonald, Physician Director; Sam Pennica, Director, Raleigh/Wake City-County Bureau of Investigations; Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Ben Canada, Assistant to the County Manager; and Emily Lucas, Chief Financial Officer

Others Present: Sheriff Gerald Baker; Betty Parker, Senior Director, Real Estate Division, Wake County Public Schools.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Commissioner Matt Calabria

Items of Business

1. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Holmes moved, seconded by Commissioner Calabria, to approve the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2020 and the Work Session of September 14, 2020.

Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Adamson, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2020 and the Work Session of September 14, 2020. The motion passed

unanimously.

3. Retiree Recognition

Attachments: [Retiree Recognition Item Summary 10-19-20.docx](#)
 [Karen Jarmon Bio 10-19-20 Retiree.docx](#)
 [Seth Webb Bio 10-19-20 Retiree.docx](#)

Wake County Manager, David Ellis, recognized two employees who will be retiring on November 1, 2020.

Karen Jarmon, Human Services

- 26 years of service
- Began her career in 1994 as a Nutritionist with Wake County's WIC program
- Promoted several times to WIC Nutritionist Supervisor, Breastfeeding Support Program Supervisor and WIC BFPC Program Manager
- Awarded North Carolina WIC Staff Member of the Year in 2011

Lieutenant Seth Webb, Wake County Sheriff's Office

- 29 years of service
- Began his career in 1991 as a Detention Officer
- Originally from Jamaica Queens, New York but moved to North Carolina as a teenager
- Described by co-workers as "a hard worker with outstanding leadership and interpersonal skills"

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to approve the Consent agenda.

4. Accept and Appropriate One-Time CARES Supplemental Funds Allocated by Session Law 2020-97 to Board of Elections for the 2020 Election and COVID Response

Attachments: [Agenda - Board of Elections CARES Supplemental Allocation.doc](#)
 [CARES Supplemental Notice - Wake.pdf](#)
 [Budget Memo - FY 2021 Grants and Donations Fund.pdf](#)

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate an additional allocation of \$280,000 of revenue and expenditures into the Grants and Donation Fund from the State of North Carolina for Election Day COVID costs and supplemental pay for precinct officials. The motion passed

unanimously.

5. Accept and Appropriate Additional Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Fund Allocation under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and Amend the 2020-2021 Housing Action Plan

Attachments: [2020.10.21 DRAFT AAP Amendment Approval CDBG-CV.docx](#)
[CDBG- CV3 Award Letter \(003\).pdf](#)
[draft Public Notice.doc](#)
[Budget Memo - FY 2021 Housing and Community Revitalization
Special Revenue Fund \(2200\).pdf](#)

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

- 1. Accept and appropriate the additional allocation of \$1,619,695 in Federal CDBG-CV grant funds to the Housing and Community Revitalization Special Revenue Fund to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19)**
- 2. Amend the 2020-2021 Wake County Annual Action Plan**
- 3. Authorize the Chair to sign documents necessary to submit to HUD, appropriate funds, and to carry out activities described in the Amendment.**

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Accept and Appropriate One-Time Funds from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to Human Services Public Health Division for New Influenza Activities and Outreach

Attachments: [10.19.20 BOC CA 715 Immunization Action Plan.docx](#)
[10.19.20 CA 715 Immunization Action Plan.pdf](#)
[Budget Memo - FY 2021 Human Services.pdf](#)

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$110,386 of revenue and expenditures into the General Fund from the North Carolina Department of Human Services to enhance and/or develop new influenza activities and outreach. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Accept and Appropriate Funding from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety to Provide Intensive Intervention Services

Attachments: [10.19.20 BOC NCDPS GRIT.docx](#)
 [10.19.20 Intensive Intervention Services Award Haven House.pdf](#)
 [JCPC Letter of Support 2020.docx](#)
 [Budget Memo - FY 2021 Grants and Donations Fund.pdf](#)

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners accept and appropriate \$151,320 of revenue and expenditures into the Grants and Donations Fund from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety to provide intensive intervention services. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Resolution for the Abandonment of Roads from the State Maintained Highway System that lie within Extraterritorial Jurisdiction

Attachments: [Item Summary.docx](#)
 [Resolution.docx](#)

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners approve all future resolutions passed by a municipality related to the abandonment of road sections from the State maintained highway system that lie within that municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Approve a Lease Agreement for a 6,156 Square Foot Building Located at 5800-105 Duraleigh Road, Raleigh, NC for the Duraleigh Road Community Library

Attachments: [Duraleigh Library Lease Agenda.docx](#)
 [WakeCounty-DuraleighLibrary- Lease 2020-9-21.pdf](#)
 [Duraleigh 2020 Layout.pdf](#)

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Manager to execute an 84-month lease for 5800-105 Duraleigh Road, Raleigh, NC, along with any other necessary documentation, on behalf of Wake County, subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the county attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Assumption of Multifamily Affordable Housing Loan for 907 Method Road, Raleigh

Attachments: [Family Promise 907 Method Road Loan Assumption DRAFT V.3.doc](#)
 [Site Map.pdf](#)

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

1. Approve the execution of the assumption agreement with the current loan balance to allow Cornerstone Fund Two LLC to assume the loan for the property at 907 Method Road, Raleigh, NC from Family Promise of Wake County, Inc., subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney; and

2. Authorizes the Chair to execute required documents subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the county attorney. The motion passed unanimously.

- 11.** Change the Representation Category of One Wake County Fire Commission Board Appointed Seat

Attachments: [Fire Commission Appointed Seat Agenda Item.docx](#)
[Wake County FF Association Articles of Disolution.pdf](#)

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners replace a Wake County Fire Commission seat representation category currently held by the Wake County Firefighters Association seat to the Wake County Fire Chief's Association. The motion passed unanimously.

- 12.** Proclamations for October 19, 2020

Attachments: [Proclamations for October 19 2020.docx](#)
[Arts and Humanities Proclamation 10-19-20.docx](#)
[Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation 10-19-20.docx](#)
[Guatemala Day Proclamation 10-19-20.docx](#)

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Board of Commissioners adopt proclamations requested by Commissioners. The motion passed unanimously.

- 13.** General Public Comments

Attachments: [10-19-20 General Public Comments.pdf](#)

Ms. Gilyard shared the public comment received from Mr. Jeff Essic.

Mr. Essic wanted to personally recognize the hard work of the Wake County Soil and Water Conservation District staff for their many accomplishments this past fiscal year despite unprecedented challenges.
(Attached to minutes)

Regular Agenda

14. Land Acquisition of an Assemblage Containing a Total of 41.150 Acres Located on Rex Road in Southwestern Wake County (Holly Springs) (First Reading)

Attachments: [Rex Road ES Agenda Item - First Reading.docx](#)
[Land Acquisition First Reading Presentation 10-19-20.pdf](#)
[Combined Contracts.pdf](#)
[Combined Precis.pdf](#)
[Appraisal Hobby-Cody.pdf](#)
[Survey -CODY HOBBY-RECOMB1.pdf](#)

Ms. Betty Parker, Senior Director, Real Estate Division, shared Exx-2 Target

She shared a chart showing elementary school utilization for the Holly Springs, NC area. She shared Holly Springs Area Interactive Development Map and a slide with the proposed site GIS Aerial & Feasibility Study.

She shared Assemblage Contract Terms and Information

- **Purpose:** Exx-2 Elementary School site (Also designated as ESx-4 on CIP)
- **Sellers:** Gregory Hobby and spouse, Julie K. Hobby (Land was acquired in 2017), and Karen Weatherspoon Cody and spouse, Christopher Cody (Land was acquired in 1999, but has been in the Weatherspoon family since 1942).
- **Land To Be Purchased:** A ±41.15 acre assemblage of two parcels of land located on the northern side of Rex Road west of its intersection with Cass Holt Road.
- **Zoning:** R-30 in Holly Springs ETJ. Annexation/rezoning will be needed.
- **Negotiated Purchase Price:** \$2,362,181.94 Dollars (±41.15 acres @ \$58,319 per acre, less deduction for unusable area lying in easements/rights-of-way per contract).
- **Funding Source:** Site acquisition is funded from the Land Acquisition line item of the ongoing CIP.
- **Operational Cost Impacts:** No significant maintenance costs are anticipated prior to project start on the site (FY 2023).
- **Potential Surplus Property:** If any, will be explored with county staff per the established affordable housing rubric.

She shared Western Wake Land Acquisition Comparison

Chairman Ford thanked Ms. Parker for the first reading of the land acquisition.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked Ms. Parker for the affordable housing comments. He shared that it is in his continued interest for bikers and pedestrians. He mentioned the One Wake meeting last week and he shared comments about the Water Partnership and the study of green water issues.

Ms. Parker said they have begun to work with the developer and discussing surplus properties.

Commissioner Evans thanked Ms. Parker for her diligence and forward thinking. She made comments about the growth in Holly Springs and the crowding of schools.

Commissioner West shared comments on the One Wake meeting and the expectations and requirements. He shared that sites have been identified and he ask that there would be dialogue with One Wake in the future.

First reading, no vote.

14. Memorandum of Understanding between Wake County, Wake County Sheriff's Office, and Raleigh-Wake City/County Bureau of Identification (CCBI)

Attachments: [Sheriff CCBI MOU Agenda Item Summary for BOC 10.19.2020.docx](#)
[CCBI to Sheriff MOU & Agreement-signed by 3.pdf](#)
[CCBI item budget memo CCBi General Fund 10-19-20.pdf](#)
[CCBI item budget memo WCSO general fund 10-19-20.pdf](#)

Mr. Sam Pennica, Director, Raleigh/Wake City-County Bureau of Identification, (CCBI) shared transfer of specific fingerprinting services from CCBI

Ben Canada, Assistant to County Manager gave a summary of the CCBI item.

Transfer of Specific Fingerprinting Services from CCBI to Wake County Sheriff's Office

- Currently, within the Public Safety Building, CCBI employees fingerprint all sex offender registrants and concealed handgun permit applicants for the Wake County Sheriff's Office.
- NC General Statutes concerning concealed carry permits state fingerprints must be "administered by the Sheriff."
- NC General Statutes concerning Sex Offender Registration require the Sheriff be responsible for collecting the initial fingerprints.

- The Sheriff's Office is facing unprecedented numbers of concealed carry applications.
- CCBI has agreed to transfer two Identification Specialists along with all equipment and technology needed to obtain fingerprints to the Wake County Sheriff's Office budget.
- The service agreement allows for the Sheriff's Office to have full control of their statutory mandate, allowing for a more efficient service delivery.

Manager Ellis asked the board to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Wake County, Wake County Sheriff's Office, and Raleigh-Wake City/County Bureau of Identification (CCBI)

Sheriff Gerald Baker shared that the Sheriff's department has been processing an unusually high volume of applicants and that the 14 day wait is not enough. He shared that the citizen's 2nd amendment rights have not been violated. He shared that 1800 permits were issued in one week. He shared that extra hours have been put forth to meet the needs of the citizens.

Sheriff Baker shared that the back up for getting pistol permits is the result of the number of applicants. He shared that the wait for receiving a permit could be up to one year.

Chairman Ford thanked Sheriff Baker and the Sheriffs department staff for their continued efforts in keeping the citizens of Wake County safe.

Commissioner Calabria shared his support to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and thanked the Sheriff and staff for the efforts being made.

Commissioner Holmes thanked Sheriff Baker for the policies that have been put in place. She shared her concern about the shooting that recently occurred in front of the Public Safety building. She suggested that bullet proof windows be installed. She asked about safety measures to protect staff.

Sheriff Baker shared that two deputies were injured during the shooting but are doing well. He shared that he has spoken with Kelli Braunbach, General Services Director, on protective measures for the Public Safety building. He shared that it is the mission of the sheriff's department to keep citizens and staff safe.

Commissioner Holmes suggested that a task force be put in place.

Manager Ellis shared that he has met with Ms. Braunbach about safety measures for the Public Safety building and updates are forthcoming.

Commissioner West shared environmental concerns, He asked what drives crime.

Sheriff Baker shared that he believes that mental health is the main driver of most of the crime, but there are many factors involved.

Commissioner West requested that the issue of mental health be placed on a future agenda.

Chairman Ford asked Sheriff Baker about the MOU between Finance and Human Resources. Sheriff Baker shared that there were some concerns on both sides and that he is ready to sign the MOU. He shared that the MOU will be in the manager's office by the close of business this week.

Commissioner Calabria moved, seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson, that the Board of Commissioners authorize the County Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Wake County, the Wake County Sheriff's Office, and the Raleigh-Wake City/County Bureau of Identification (CCBI) for the transfer of two Identification Specialists and associated technology from CCBI to the Wake County Sheriff's Office in order to provide increased fingerprinting services to the public at the Public Safety Center. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Launch of WakeSupports Childcare Subsidy Program

Attachments: [WakeSupports item summary 10.19.20.docx](#)
 [CARES WakeSupports Update 10122020.pdf](#)

Commissioner Holmes shared that the board has done so much with COVID 19 and WakeSupports. She shared that WakeSupports will assist families in need. She shared that she is proud that \$5 million will be used for the program.

Ms. Emily Lucas, Chief Financial Officer, shared background in context to the county's authority to use relief funds.

County received approximately \$194 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds for:

- Necessary expenditures due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19;
- Expenditures not accounted for in the budget most recently

approved as of the date of enactment; and

- Were incurred during the period beginning March 1 and ends on December 30, 2020.

Guidance has been broadly interpreted to include:

- Expenses to “directly respond to the emergency” AND
- “Second-order effects” including “economic support to those suffering from employment or business disruption...”

NC Constitution governs services provided by local governments; cannot fund a service that is inconsistent with statutes, even if allowed at federal level

She shared federal and state guidance language.

Federal CARES Act Guidance

If determined to be a necessary expenditure, funds may be used to provide emergency financial assistance to individuals and families.

Individuals must demonstrate a financial need due to COVID-19.

Funds may be provided to cover the costs of distance learning or in-person learning (meeting CDC guidelines).

Statutory Authority for Counties

NCGS 153A-376 authorizes counties:

- To engage in community development programs and activities, including childcare and education.
- To assist persons of low and moderate income with certain necessary services.
- To accept, appropriate, and expend federal and state funds for said activities.

She shared WakeSupports Childcare Subsidy Program.

Utilize up to \$5 million of the county’s CRF to provide childcare subsidies to qualifying moderate-to-low income households

High-level criteria:

- Applicant must be a Wake County resident
- Will utilize income thresholds used for other County CARES programs
- For children in grades K-6 enrolled in virtual learning programs/childcare
- Retroactive to **August 17** and available until December 30 (or until funding is depleted)
- Households receiving state subsidy will automatically be eligible to

have parent fees covered beginning October 1 (all ages)

She shared WakeSupports Program Administration.

Human Services

- HS will administer the program:
- Hire temporary staffing to handle anticipated surge in application and administration
- Pay subsidy directly to the childcare provider
- Utilize online application process
- Providers help identify potentially eligible households and assist with application/reimbursement process

Eligible Childcare Facilities

- Licensed by NCDHHS - Division of Child Development and Early Education
- A Community-Based Organization authorized to provide care for school-age children at a Remote Learning Facility registered with NCDHHS pursuant to SL2020-97
- A Community-Based Organization authorized to operate a Remote Learning Facility for school-age children pursuant to a contract with the Wake County Public School System in accordance with 10A NCAC 09 .3102

She shared information on the State Subsidy Program.

On October 1, NCDHHS announced it will provide subsidies for the months of October and November for school-aged childcare

Voucher rates:

- Licensed provider - \$870/month
- Licensed family childcare home - \$645/month
- Community based organization - \$516/month

Eligibility: Program will utilize same income levels used for existing childcare voucher programs

Administration: Parents will apply directly through NCDHHS

Start Date: NCDHHS to launch application program October 23

She shared Updates to WakeSupports.

Rates

Wake County will use same rates as NCDHHS (previously \$100/week):

- Licensed provider - \$870/month
- Licensed family childcare home - \$645/month
- Community based organization - \$516/month

Process

- Parent application, vendor agreements, and payment processes being finalized
- Communications plan being finalized
- Working with CBOs and providers to finalize reimbursement process

Eligibility/Payments

- Wake will focus on reimbursements for August, September and coverage for December
- Wake using higher income limits than NCDHHS - *Wake will subsidize October and November for households not eligible for state program*

She shared WakeSupports Program Timing.

Soft Launch - October 15

- Begin making parent payments for households already receiving partial state subsidies
- Begin retroactive reimbursement process with some CBOs
 - Allows County to test communication materials
 - Opportunity to identify gaps in application submittal, review and approval process

Media Launch

- Follows launch of state program
- Focus direct messaging to:
 - Childcare providers in Wake
 - Parent-focused media and vulnerable populations in County
- Explain how Wake's program wraps around/supplements state program
- Can direct parents to appropriate resources

She shared the Summary.

County received \$194 million in direct Coronavirus Relief Funds to support the County's response and recovery efforts.

County's first priority is to ensure sufficient funding supports our responsibility to contain and mitigate the public health emergency

WakeSupports:

- Children attending a variety of facilities regardless of schools

re-opening plans or schedules

- Provides broad financial support to offset costs of virtual learning and households impacted by COVID-19

Chairman Ford asked if there were any progress reports on the soft launch.

Ms. Lucas made comments about the application process. She shared that there are 277 childcare providers to date.

Vice-Chair Adamson shared that she is excited about the program and it would be nice for the parents to get support.

Commissioner Hutchinson shared that this speaks to the needs to the families in Wake County. He shared comments on organizations that will be able to provide relief and that he is in support of this program.

Chairman Ford shared that this is a reinvestment back into the Wake County community.

Information only, no action required.

Manager's Report

17. Update on Wake County's COVID-19 Response

Attachments: [Item Summary - COVID-19 Update 10-19-20.docx](#)

Good afternoon, Commissioners.

- I'm happy to be here today to give you a brief overview of the county's continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- As you are aware, on Sept. 30th, we transitioned our efforts from an emergency response operation to a sustained business function led by our Public Health team.
- This has allowed some staff to return to their normal work duties, but still provides a strong response to COVID-19 and helps keep our community safe.
- The work has not slowed down since this change, and staff have continued to work diligently to combat the virus that is still prevalent in our county.
- As of today, Wake County had a total of 19,656 known positive cases and 261 deaths.

- Our staff have been laser-focused on carrying out the latest recommendations to slow the spread of COVID-19.
- Our drive-thru testing efforts have increased significantly over the past few weeks.
- We've added more testing locations, thanks to partnerships within the community.
- In addition to the Sunnybrook Building parking deck location that can test more than 300 people daily, we've also established a permanent testing site in Wake Forest.
- We'll also launch a temporary testing site at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh later this week.
- To date, we have tested more than 30,000 people.
- And we're not done yet
- We will continue offering this service throughout the county for the foreseeable future or until a vaccine is available.
- Wake County and the state look at four key gateway metrics to gauge our efforts and trends.
- They are:
 1. The number of cases with COVID-19-like symptoms
 2. The number of COVID-19 cases confirmed daily by labs
 3. The percentage of tests that are positive
 4. And, the number of hospitalizations of COVID-19-positive patients.
- We use all these indicators to give us a more complete picture of the COVID-19 situation in our community.
- As we monitor them, we can adjust the restrictions in place, if we see shifts in the wrong direction, to control the spread of the virus.
- Currently, the trajectory of cases in Wake County with COVID-like symptoms and the trajectory of positive COVID-19 cases each day is *decreasing*.
- While the number of hospitalizations of COVID-19-positive patients in our county is not decreasing, they *are* remaining stable.
- These metrics and more can be found on the county's COVID-19 website at wakegov.com/covid19 under the data section.
- It's clear our vigilance and hard work have paid off, as our numbers have remained steady while others around us are seeing spikes in COVID cases.
- The state is reporting a 6.1% positive test rate.
- Wake County's positive test rate sits at 4%.
- There's a spike in case counts statewide, but here in our county, we aren't seeing a drastic increase.
- It's clear that some folks have let their guard down, since we transitioned to phase 3 of the Governor's reopening plans.
- But, we can't do that.
- While our numbers are better, we do not want to undo months of

progress and hard work by relaxing now.

- We must remain diligent. Especially as we head into the holidays.
- The holiday season is usually a time of coming together, sharing meals, and taking time to unwind with family and loved ones.
- But, COVID-19 does not take a holiday.
- Gathering with family and friends without taking precautions could result in spreading more germs than joy.
- We're asking folks to start looking now at their plans for the upcoming holiday season and how you can best protect yourself and your loved ones from the virus.
- Take precautions at any gatherings you attend, including ones with extended family and friends.
- On a county level, we will continue to push out messaging about the importance of following the three Ws, as we head into the holiday season.
- Remember to:
 - Wear a mask or face covering;
 - Wait six feet apart; and
 - Wash your hands often.
- For many of us, it's become second nature.
- We automatically put the mask on when we're out in public.
- We know to wash our hands frequently.
- And, we don't even think about it when we wait six feet back from the next person in line.
- But these rules can be forgotten when we're around our loved ones.
- It's an instinct to hug grandma or want to hold your new baby nephew.
- But, this year we have to resist these urges.
- We're not asking folks to avoid seeing their loved ones altogether, but we *are* asking that they do so safely and with some restrictions.
- Things like not sharing food or drinks, not hugging or kissing and - most importantly - if you're feeling ill stay home.
- Taking these important steps will not only protect your family and friends, but it will go a long way in stopping the spread of COVID-19 in our community overall.

Conclusion

- I know it's still a tough time for many Wake County residents.
- We're making steps towards some semblance of normalcy, but the impact that COVID-19 has had on our daily lives and the health of our community is easy to see.
- The only way we're going to get through this is by working together and taking the appropriate precautions.
- It's imperative that we continue to heed the advice of health experts and epidemiologists and rely on data and science to inform our

decisions.

- Slowing the spread of COVID-19 - and curtailing it completely - will enable us to get back to business.
- Thank you for your time today. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Chairman Ford thanked Manager Ellis for the update. He shared concerns from the community.

Dr. Kim McDonald, Physician Director, thanked the commissioners for their continued support.. She shared that she has reservations about going back to school and the holidays. She shared that it is important to share the message to the community.

Commissioner Evans thanked Manager Ellis, Dr. McDonald and staff for their continued efforts. She shared a personal story about her contact with staff when she had to take a COVID-19 test. She shared that the process was seamless.

Chairman Ford shared his comments about COVID-19 testing and his experience with staff working the sites.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked Dr. McDonald and her team. He shared that there is about 1/3 mortalities and he thanked the team for their job with staying on top of the issue. He asked about the coordination with the county and the state.

Dr. McDonald shared that there is frequent communication with the state and that Wake County follows the state's guidelines.

Other Business

Commissioner West shared that he and Vice-Chair Adamson participated in Social and Economic Vitality Day. He said that he is very pleased with the progress the group has made and enjoyed all of the events they provided over the weekend.

Vice-Chair Adamson made additional comments about the event she and Dr. West attended. She said that staff were extremely creative in transitioning Vitality Day into a virtual meeting with panels and even an opening virtual dance party!

Closed Session

Attorney Warren shared that there was no need for a Closed Session.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

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