



Wake County

301 South McDowell Street
Raleigh, NC

Meeting Minutes Board of Commissioners

Monday, October 18, 2021

2:00 PM

Wake County Justice Center

Regular Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: Chair Matt Calabria

Chair Calabria called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: 7 - Chair Matt Calabria, Vice-Chair Vickie Adamson, Commissioner Susan Evans, Commissioner Maria Cervania, Commissioner Sig Hutchinson, Commissioner James West, and Commissioner Shinica Thomas

Staff Present: Manager David Ellis; Scott Warren, Attorney; Duane Holder, Chief Community Health and Vitality Officer; Ashley Jacobs, Chief Information and Innovation Officer; Emily Lucas, Chief Financial Officer; Yvonne Gilyard, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Tanika Cooper, Senior Executive Assistant; Ben Canada, Assistant to the County Manager; and Dara Demi, Communications Director.

Others Present: Tim Maloney, Planning, Development and Inspections Director; and Allison Cooper, Deputy County Attorney.

Invocation: Commissioner Shinica Thomas

Commissioner Thomas shared the Invocation. She shared that the chair where Rolesville Mayor Frank Eagles always sat during the Board meetings was adorned with a bow in his memory. The chair was also adorned with a sash in memory of Knightdale, North Carolina Officer Ryan Hayworth who was killed in the line of duty on Sunday.

Items of Business

1. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner

Cervania, to approve the agenda.

Aye: 7 - Chair Calabria, Vice-Chair Adamson, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner West, and Commissioner Thomas

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2021

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 8, 2021.

Aye: 7 - Chair Calabria, Vice-Chair Adamson, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner West, and Commissioner Thomas

3. Retiree Recognition

Attachments: [Retiree Recognition Item Summary 10-18-21.docx](#)

Manager David Ellis shared the retirement recognition of Mr. Tony Glenn.

The following employee will retire on November 1, 2021:

Tony Glenn, Health and Human Services

- 25+ years of service
- Began his career working with emotionally disturbed adolescents
- Returned to NC State to get his Master's Degree and became a Licensed Mental Health Counselor
- Since 1996, Tony has been an Adult Protective Services Social Worker helping some of the most vulnerable residents in our community
- In his retirement, he plans to continue helping those people through various human services endeavors ... but he plans to take a well-deserved break before starting his next venture

4. Recognition of Recent Awards

Attachments: [BOC Awards Recognition_10.18.21_Agenda Summary.docx](#)

Manager Ellis shared the recognition of recent awards.

Wake County Named Triangle's Healthiest Employer

Wake County was recently named the 2021 Healthiest Large Workplace in the Triangle by the Healthiest Employers awards program which honors the best and brightest in workplace wellness.

Wake County was recognized because of our emphasis on culture, employee health, and our holistic approach to well-being. Through

innovative wellness resources such as telehealth and a focus on supporting Team Wake's work-life balance, the County was able to help employees decrease chronic conditions during a time when many of us experienced increased stress and anxiety.

Powered by health intelligence software Springbuk, the Healthiest Employers program honors employers who are deeply committed to employee health and offer exceptional corporate wellness programming. The program evaluates more than 6,000 employers representing 60 million lives each year and is considered the nation's leading workplace wellness award.

Wake County Human Resources Benefits and Wellness Team

Angela Crawford

KaTina Harrison

Kristi Jacobson

Trinija Martin

Taylor Miron

Robin Pleasants

Ashley Warren

Nurse-Family Partnership Recognizes Stephannie Cooper-Senegal, RN, MSN, FNP, CCM as Tenacious Caregiver

Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP), a national program serving first-time moms and their children affected by economic inequality, has presented the prestigious 2021 Tenacious Caregiver Award for Nurse Supervisor to Stephannie Cooper Senegal, Wake County's NFP Nursing Supervisor.

The Tenacious Caregiver Award for Nurse Supervisor is given to an exceptional NFP nurse supervisor whose team is at or above funded capacity and has high nurse retention. This nurse supervisor maintains fidelity to the NFP model, while encouraging the team to achieve and maintain its caseload.

Senegal was one of four distinguished NFP providers from across the country recognized at Re: Connect 2021, NFP's annual education summit. She earned the national recognition for demonstrating what it means to be a strong leader and for supporting her team of nurses in consistently achieving positive outcomes for Wake County families, even during the pandemic.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Aye: 7 - Chair Calabria, Vice-Chair Adamson, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner West, and Commissioner Thomas

5. Approval of a Ground Lease with the Wake County Board of Education for a Wake County EMS Station on the Timber Drive Elementary School Site in Garner, NC

Attachments: [Agenda Item - Garner Main EMS Ground Lease.docx](#)
[Vicinity Map.pdf](#)
[Preliminary Plat.pdf](#)
[Garner Main EMS Station Ground Lease Draft.pdf](#)

6. Affordable Housing Development Conversion Request from DHIC for Highland Village, LLC

Attachments: [DHIC Highland Village Conversion v.1.docx](#)
[Consent Wake County HighlandVillage 20190920 signed.pdf](#)
[Highland Village Map.pdf](#)

7. Affordable Housing Development Interest Transfer Request from DHIC for Carlton Place Development, LLC

Attachments: [DHIC Carlton Place Interest Transfer v.1.docx](#)
[Consent Wake County Carlton Place 20190920 signed.pdf](#)
[Carlton Place Map.pdf](#)

8. Approval of Funding Agreement with the Town of Cary for Capital Maintenance Funding for Cary Sports Venues

Attachments: [Item Summary for Cary Funding Agreement Sports CapEx.docx](#)
[Cary Funding Agreement for Sports Facilities Capital Maintenance for approval.docx](#)

9. Accept and Appropriate Federal Supplemental Chafee (LINKS) Funding from the NC Department of Health and Human Services for Health and Human Services Child Welfare

Attachments: [Agenda Item.docx](#)
[Time-Limited Flexibility for use of Supplemental Chafee \(LINKS\) Funding.pdf](#)
[Budget Memo - FY 2022 Grants and Donations Fund.pdf](#)

10. Proclamation for October 18, 2021

Attachments: [Proclamations for Oct 18 2021.docx](#)
[National Arts and Humanities Month proc 2021.docx](#)

11. Resolution Urging the State to Fulfill Its Constitutional Duty to Provide Every Child Access to a

Sound Basic Education

Attachments: [Agenda Item Resolution Education 10.18.221.docx](#)
[Resolution Sound Basic Education 10-18-2021.docx](#)

General Public Comments

Abby Dunkin - shared comments on the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community and thanked the Board for passing the Non-Discrimination proclamation.

Chad Stall - shared comments on a sound education for all school age children. He shared comments on permissible use of restraint. He shared that all school children should be treated with dignity and respect and asked Wake County to provide proper guidance.

Bruce Forster - shared comments on ending the fear of the Coronavirus. He shared comments on the mask not being effective and keeps children in fear. He asked the Board to end the mask mandate.

Amanda Horleben - shared comments on lack of transparency in the Wake County Public School System (WCPSS). She shared comments on the mask mandate and stated that the rules change often. She requested the Wake County (WC) Board of Commissioners (BOC) to intervene.

Ashley Seshul - thanked Ms. Gilyard for her immediate assistance to her questions. She shared comments on the mask mandate. She shared comments on contact tracing and what the health departments responses are. She shared comments on the Toolkit regarding mask mandates. She shared that unvaccinated children have been discriminated against. She asked the BOC to speak with the Health Department.

Jim Walsh thanked the Board and manager for their help. He shared comments about his granddaughter who has asthma and complains about wearing the mask. He shared comments on the suicide rate. He shared comments on the children wearing masks and not being able to associate with their peers.

Dr. Holly Wilcher- she shared a picture of a brain development and shared comments on a child's developing brain based on poor environments. She shared comments on neurological development and brain development. She shared that children need repetition and experience. She shared current mandates and children not being able to see their peers faces. She shared comments on early development. She asked that mask be made optional in schools.

Jessica Lewis addressed the school's mandate policy and asked why

children are being quarantined who do not have the virus. She shared that the school system does not give the children assignments when they are quarantined. She shared comments on the school's Toolkit.

Dr. Tracy Taylor shared NC Constitutional right to a free and public education. She shared that she needs the Board's assistance with WCPSS and the testing and screening of healthy children. She shared statistics from other counties. She requested the Board to contact the Health Department and recommend changes to the quarantine policy with school system.

Clayton Dillard said he was seeking clarity of the policies that effect children in WCPSS. He shared that he would like questions answered by the Board. He shared the policies from health department and WCPSS do not make sense to him. He asked when data will be aligned with the health departments data.

Russell Brakeley Lichtenstein shared comments on liability with masking. He shared comments on the longevity of children wearing mask. He shared comments on the vaccine and the fatality rate. He shared that there is a lack of consistency of wearing mask. He shared that it should be based on choices.

Steve Rao - thanked Congressman David Price for his service and shared comments on the passing of Colin Powell. He shared comments on the Cricket tournaments in Morrisville and thanked the Commissioners that attended and showed their support. He invited the Board to the celebration of Diwali, an Indian festival of lights which shares good luck and good fortune. He shared that it is the light of hope.

Lana Witt - shared comments on the schools and their COVID testing policies and the vendors that were assigned to handle. She asked if schools will profit off of COVID and who will be liable for testing. She asked why schools are involved in medical testing, appeals process, lack of transparency. Why are healthy students experiencing quarantine orders when they don't have COVID.

Wendy Runyon, a mother shared concerns on behalf of her son. She shared that he has had 4 COVID tests and they are being required to quarantine and no communication from the schools. She shared that she has contacted the health department. She shared that her children are being effected mentally. She asked the Board to have conversations with the health department on the quarantine orders.

Bill Madden shared comments on the nondiscrimination ordinance which he is in favor of. He shared comments on how frustrating it is when people

are on incubators due to COVID. He shared positive comments on the support of the Board and the manager's office. He asked the Board to consider the elderly and housing and how hard it may be for them. He shared that he hopes that there are many resources for the first responders in the wake of officer Hayworth's death and the many other things they face in their daily duties.

Ms. Gilyard shared the comments that she had.

12. General Public Comments

Attachments: [Public Comments 10-18-21 \(002\).pdf](#)

Regular Agenda

13. Resolution to Enact an Ordinance Prohibiting Discrimination in Public Accommodations and Employment

Attachments: [Agenda Item NDO 10.4.21.docx](#)
 [NDOFinalDraft10-14-21.docx](#)

Ms. Allison Cooper, Deputy County Attorney, shared the resolution to enact an ordinance prohibiting discrimination in public accommodations and employment.

Chair Calabria shared additional comments about the variables of the resolutions. He shared that the new ordinance will be in effect February 1, 2022. He shared that it will mostly effect smaller agencies and companies. It does not apply to bathrooms, religious organizations. It applies in the ETJ of Wake County.

The ordinance establishes an investigatory and conciliatory process through which protected persons and classes who are aggrieved by a discriminatory practice occurring in Wake County (unincorporated municipal limits) may file a complaint. Protected classes covered under the ordinance include race, natural hair or hairstyles, ethnicity, creed, color, sex, pregnancy, marital or familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin or ancestry, marital or familial status, pregnancy, National Guard or veteran status, religious belief or non-belief, age, or disability.

The proposed ordinance has been reviewed and endorsed by Equality NC. The County Manager's office will be responsible for oversight and implementation of the conciliatory resolution process created under the ordinance. In consult with the County Attorney's office, processes and procedures will be put into place before the enactment date of February 1, 2022.

He shared that no one should be discriminated against in Wake County and that we are inclusive and fair. He shared that it brings agencies and organizations together. He thanked Vice-Chair Adamson for her support and efforts on this item.

Commissioner West shared comments about when he was on the Raleigh City Council and the changing needs and the update of the ordinances.

Vice-Chair Adamson shared that this is an exciting day in Wake County and shared comments from former Commissioner Greg Ford. He was the 1st openly gay person to serve on the Wake County Board of Commissioners. The letter read as follows:

Greetings from sun-scorched Central Florida, honorable Commissioners and friends!

I'd like to thank Vice Chair Adamson for generously inviting me to share a few thoughts about the agenda item now before you - something that is deeply personal and important to me and so many others.

As you know, today's proposed ordinance update has been a long time coming. I am proud to have helped carry the baton forward in my time of service, as have many others who have contributed to the proposed ordinance update that - at long last - you are considering today.

I want to share my gratitude especially for Chairman Matt Calabria, who has championed this cause since first being elected in 2014. Without Commissioner Calabria's ever thoughtful and persistent leadership over the years, I am certain that this item would not be before you today.

I'd also like to thank Vice Chair Adamson for her earnest leadership on this item in recent times as well - and also for County Manager Ellis and staff for their work in drafting - and implementing - the instrument, if approved here today.

Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Hutchinson and Commissioner West - you know I know firsthand of your passionate dedication to expanding opportunity, access and prosperity to Wake County's citizens, whenever possible, in virtually every aspect of your work.

Thank you for always walking the talk.

And to Commissioner Cervania and Commissioner Thomas - while I didn't have the the opportunity to work alongside you, I know that you will continue to do what is right for Wake County's citizens both now and into the future.

Keep up the great work.

I hope each and every one of you feels the good and heavy weight of history on your shoulders today. That may sound a bit dramatic, but let me assure you that the words and sentiments expressed in today's proposed ordinance are powerful.

They close doors of discrimination and bias and open doors of opportunity and equity.

Passing this agenda item today will have a very real and meaningful and personal impact on so many individuals in the years to come. I, for one, am deeply grateful. Thank you for your continued service and leadership.

Best wishes to you all.

-Greg

Commissioner Cervania shared comments on the impacts of the nondiscrimination resolution and how it will make a difference to generations to come.

Commissioner Hutchinson thanked the Chair and Vice-Chair for bringing the resolution to the Board. He shared his support for all of the leaders and the LGBT community for bringing this forward.

Commissioner Evans shared sentiments on the resolution approved today. She shared comments on the North Carolina Amendment 1 that shared that gay persons should not be married and all of the negative vibes that surfaced. She shared that this is a key day for Wake County and hopes that the municipalities will follow suit.

Commissioner Thomas shared comments on how exciting it was to stand with everyone today during the press conference. She shared that she hopes this is a step forward and hopes it opens another door for persons to feel like they belong.

Commissioner West shared reflections from the press conference and discrimination from years past. He shared that we should stand for humanity or we will go backwards.

Chair Calabria shared that this is a day that defines community. He shared that a third of the state will be covered under this ordinance.

Vice-Chair Adamson read the resolution.

Vice-Chair Adamson moved, seconded by Commissioner Cervania, That the Board of Commissioners enacts and ordinance prohibiting discrimination in public accommodations and employment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Calabria, Vice-Chair Adamson, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner West, and Commissioner Thomas

14. Appropriation of Federal Relief Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act

Attachments: [Agenda Item ARP Funds - October 2021.docx](#)
[ARPA Funding Presentation 10-18-21.pdf](#)
[October 11 ARPA BOC Work Session.pdf](#)
[ARPA Funding Spreadsheet Final.pdf](#)
[Budget Memo - FY 2022 American Rescue Plan Fund.pdf](#)

Ms. Emily Lucas, Chief Financial Officer, shared the purpose.

Purpose

The purpose of today's presentation is to provide an update the County's use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds as it relates to:

- Public Health Response
- County Department Funding Process & Recommendations
- Community Engagement & Community Funding Process

She shared the ARPA funding recap.

ARPA Funding Recap

- County to receive ~\$216 million
 - Distributed in two tranches, with 50 percent being delivered in May 2021, and remainder delivered one year later
- General Purposes for This Funding:
 - COVID-19 response and addressing its economic effects
 - Providing government services affected by a revenue reduction from the pandemic
 - Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure
- Deadline to Spend CRF Dollars: December 31, 2024
 - Can encumber by this deadline and have two additional years to spend

*The County was allocated approximately \$216 million in American Rescue Plan funds, of which the County received 50 percent in May and anticipates the second tranche in Spring 2022.

The overall purposes of this funding is to continue the County's response to

the COVID-19 public health emergency; develop programs and services that mitigate the economic impacts stemming from the pandemic; provide government services that address systemic needs to vulnerable and historically marginalized populations; and complete projects that repair or improve water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. It is important to note here that this guidance was written by the federal government; as a local government in North Carolina, any use of the funding must align both with federal eligibility and state statutory authority.

She shared the ARPA funding process recap.

ARPA Funding Process Recap

- May/June 2021: BOC appropriated \$52.7 million to cover:
 - \$42.1 million for Public Health and County support services
 - \$4.9 million to close out Wake Forward small business loans
 - \$1.1 million to Food Security efforts
 - \$.5 million for broadband study (postponed)
 - \$4.1 million for hospitality recovery and support
- Summer/early Fall 2021: Department project requests process
- Fall/Winter (2021-2022): Community engagement and community funding process

*In the Spring, the Board appropriated approximately \$52.7 million, most of which was to cover expenses anticipated to continue the County's public health and emergency response and recovery efforts. As outlined in the spring, County staff spent the summer and early fall assessing County needs - ways in which the County can use the ARPA funding to address systemic community issues and achieve Board goals. We will further detail that process and its results in the second part of this presentation.

Before I turn the presentation over to Nicole Mushonga and Jennifer Brown from Public Health, do you have any questions?

Dr. Mushonga shared slides on the strategy changes, and funding streams and response strategy.

She shared the county operations and needs assessment.

County Operations & Needs Assessment

County's priority with ARPA is County functions

Understand operational and capital needs and how APRA can be used to:

- Fund continued or concluding COVID-19 emergency response operations

- Address systemic community issues through improved service delivery
- Address how COVID-19 has changed the way the County operates
- Plan and prepare for future events that cause disruptions in normal service

Based on these principles shared with the Board in April, departments asked to submit projects and programs for ARPA funding consideration
Departments submitted 110 projects totaling \$236 million

*As mentioned during our Spring 2021 updates of APRA funding, the County's priority with ARPA funding after supporting emergency response needs is understanding and providing recommendations on how ARPA can be used to fund County functions by:

- Addressing systemic community issues through improved or new service delivery
- Changing how the County may deliver traditional services and functions in this changed environment
- Planning for future events that cause disruptions in normal services

Based on these ideas shared with the Board, departments were asked to submit projects and programs for ARPA consideration.

She shared the assessment.

Assessment

After the initial review for ARPA eligibility, team from CMO and Budget reviewed **55 projects** on the following criteria:

Alignment with Board Goals

Enhance Department Ability to Provide Services

Creates a Future/Ongoing County Expenditures

Support Capacity for Future County Disruptions

Have Evidence-Based Data/Need

Mitigate Community, Service or Economic Impacts from Pandemic

Support Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Leverages Other Funding Sources

Affect a HUD Designated Qualified Census Tract

Have Pre-Pandemic Data

Note: Eligibility based on ARPA/US Treasury guidance to date; some projects currently deemed ineligible could later be clarified as eligible by future guidance.

*After initial review of the 110 projects for eligibility, a team from the County Manager's Office and Budget & Management Services reviewed 55 projects using the criteria as shown on the screen.

Some of the criteria of note:

- How could the project address one or more Board goals
- Does the project create an ongoing expense that management and the Board would have to consider after the expiration of the ARPA funding
- Does the project impact a HUD-qualified census tract, areas classified based on lower socio-economic indicators
- Does the project have evidence-based data from which it can measure future outcomes or project success

She noted that she wanted to clarify that as of today, the US Treasury has not released final guidance on eligibility, nor have they updated their FAQs on eligibility since mid-July. Project eligibility is based on guidance available to date. Some projects currently deemed ineligible could later be deemed eligible by future guidance. To best protect the County's ARPA funds and remain in compliance with federal guidance, staff took a conservative interpretive approach with the guidance.

She shared the slides representing 28 Projects totaling \$42.6M recommended for funding; Community Health and Vitality representing \$27.5M; Public Safety, Economic Strength and Education slide representing \$10.65M; Great Government and Growth and Sustainability information representing \$4.45M.

She shared the Social Determinant of Health Network information.

Social Determinant of Health (SDOH) Network

Highlights

- Provides comprehensive, person-centered approach to address the social barriers that negatively impact health in targeted census tracts
- Conduct two-year pilot to align funding for services addressing social determinants of health with Medicaid model being piloted at the State level
- Positions participating community-based organizations to align with Medicaid funded services following the conclusion of the statewide pilot 2024/2025
- Builds capacity and interconnectedness of community-based organizations
- Population supported with this program includes uninsured, Medicaid, Medicare individuals in qualifying census tracts
- Launch workgroup in Summer 2022 to initiate program in FY2023

She shared the qualifying services.

Qualifying Services**Housing**

- Navigation
- Move-In Support & Utility Set-up
- Remediation
- Accessibility & Safety
- Security Deposit & 1st Month Rent

Food Services

- Healthy Food Box
- Healthy Meal
- Medically Tailored Meal
- Liquid Nutritional Supplement
- Packaged Prepared Fruits & Vegetables

Interpersonal Violence (IPV)

- IPV Case Management
- Violence Intervention
- Parenting Curriculum
- Home Visiting Services
- Parent/Child/Family Therapy

Other

- Holistic, High Intensity Case Management
- Transportation to appointments

She shared the SDOH network.

SDOH Network

- Duke Health serve as backbone organization
 - Operated a smaller but similar program during pandemic
 - Provide organizational support and technical assistance to community-based organizations
 - Qualify referrals and track outcomes
 - Authorize services
 - Provide invoice and payment to community-based organizations
 - Establish monitoring, evaluation tools and system metrics

She shared A Two-Fold Approach.

A Two-Fold Approach

Addressing the deficit in emergency shelter due to COVID-19 will require a two-fold approach:

1. **Increasing Emergency Shelter Capacity:** This funding will allow

current shelter and non-shelter homeless service providers to offer re-housing assistance by reimbursing costs associated with the use of hotel units as individual temporary shelters

and

- 2. Reducing a Client's Length of Stay in Homelessness:** This funding will support agencies to fill critical programmatic gaps, providing a more robust service array. This will ensure that clients have access to in-depth wrap-around services and light touch financial assistance to exit homeless more quickly. This Rapid-Exit Approach reduces the length of time a resident experiences homelessness, increasing bed-turnover rate so more individuals and families are served annually

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She shared the eligible services.

Eligible Services Include:

1. Comprehensive Case Management
2. Flexible Financial Assistance
3. Access to Benefits
4. Transportation
5. Health Care Connections
6. Housing Navigation
7. Permanent Home Furnishing

She shared the social provider eligibility.

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4. Transportation
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7. Permanent Home Furnishing

She shared community engagement.

Community Engagement

County Survey

- Will engage County residents to identify their funding priorities
- Survey will launch October 18
- Results will be shared with BOC to help inform upcoming funding decisions
- Work with WCED and existing faith-based networks to reach underserved communities

Multi-Jurisdictional

- Staff will participate in and collect survey data from municipal community engagement
- Feedback gathered at municipal level will be consolidated with survey data
- Some municipalities awaiting final guidance prior to initiating/continuing community engagement

She shared the community funding process.

Community Funding Process

- Application period will open October 25 - November 30
- Short application:
 - Project description, amount requested, and projected timing of use
 - Choose Board goal(s) in alignment with project alignment
 - Choose how project mitigates COVID-19 impacts or improves service
 - Choose how project aligns with priorities of ARPA funding
 - Preference toward one-time projects
 - Must be able to track and report demographic data and measure outcomes
- Staff will review applications and bring forward recommendations for Board consideration in January 2022

She shared the community funding that is available.

Community Funding Available

Staff recommends allocating \$20 million to this process:

- \$16 million for general community projects
- \$4 million equity fund - targeted to projects in HUD-designated Qualified Census Tracts or historically underserved areas

Depending on the number of applications received, during review and recommendation, staff may suggest the following:

- Maximum funding amounts
- Cost-share percentages
- Phased funding approach
- Awarding less than the \$20 million available

She shared a slide showing the Funding Summary

She shared the next steps.

Next Steps

- Today: Board appropriates funding
- October 2021:
 - County launches community engagement for ARPA funding
 - County launches community funding application portal
- November 2021 - January 2022:
 - County receives community feedback and community funding requests
 - Community funding requests are reviewed and presented to BOC for consideration
- Ongoing:
 - Continue to monitor US Treasury guidance and present future updates
 - Review County's major CIP programs for potential use of ARPA funding
 - Departments to provide specific project updates, as requested by BOC

She shared the recommended motion.

Recommended Motion

That the Board of Commissioners amends the fiscal year 2022 budget to appropriate \$62,600,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the costs associated with Wake County's COVID-19 response and economic relief.

Commissioner West shared comments on the presentation. He shared comments on system thinking and strategic goals. He shared support for the direction of the funds for American Rescue Plan Act. He shared

comments on the community funding based on criteria.

Ms. Lucas shared that \$4M is targeted at certain areas but does not exclude other areas of the community

West shared that he recommends assistance for agencies needing help to navigate the process.

Ms. Lucas shared that goals are two fold but taking the low barrier approach.

Commissioner Thomas thanked Ms. Lucas and the staff for their thoughtful work and bringing this together. She shared that this is as interesting as the budget and thankful that it aligns funds with the board's goals.

Commissioner Hutchinson shared comments on creating healthy communities for people to thrive. He shared comments on social determinants of health. He shared comments on the Social Determinants Network that he serves on. He shared that the framework of the grant and the program will become reality. He shared that it will be important to expand Medicaid.

Commissioner Evans shared comments on economic and health for social determinants. She thanked the federal government for hearing the needs of the community. She shared comments on the comprehensiveness of the staff and thanked Ms. Lucas for sharing a spreadsheet for them to view for today's meeting that helps with comprehension. She shared her support for this project.

Commissioner Cervania shared thanks to the federal government for seeing the needs of the community. She echoed the appreciation for the work staff has done to provide this information. She shared that she would like additional information on social determinants and the programs that will be funded.

Ms. Lucas shared that this will be presented in more detail in a future Work Session.

Vice-Chair Adamson shared comments on the expansion of shelters.

Chair Calabria shared thanked the team for their work.

Ms. Lucas shared that this was a team effort.

Commissioner Evans moved, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, that the Board of Commissioners amends the fiscal year 2022 budget

to appropriate \$62,600,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the costs associated with Wake County's COVID-19 response and recovery, County operations, and community funding.

Aye: 7 - Chair Calabria, Vice-Chair Adamson, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner West, and Commissioner Thomas

15. Public Hearing to Review Proposed Apportionment Plan on Census-Based Adjustments to the Residence Districts of the Wake County Board of Commissioners

Attachments: [Item Summary Elections 10.18.2021.docx](#)

[Map Presentation.pdf](#)

[Proposed Apportionment Plan.pdf](#)

Mr. Tim Maloney, Planning, Development and Inspections Director, shared the purpose.

Purpose

That the Board of Commissioners:

1. Holds a public hearing and reviews staff's recommendation on census-based apportionment adjustments to the residence districts of the Wake County Board of Commissioners; and,
2. Instructs staff to make the proposed apportionment plan available for public review and comment, and to include a second public hearing on the proposed apportionment plan during the November 1, 2021 regular meeting.

He shared the residence districts.

Residence Districts

There are seven residence districts for the Wake County Board of Commissioners. Each Commissioner resides in a separate district and is elected by the entire county and represents the entire County.

He shared the background.

Background

- Wake County recently received the 2020 census data with updated population figures.
- In accordance with state law, the Board may use this data to adjust the geographies of the Board's districts to achieve population balance among the districts.
- The districts were last adjusted in 2011 after the 2010 census.
- Staff is advising the districts be adjusted again given the current

population disparity.

He shared the criteria to guide the process.

Criteria to Guide Process

1. Districts will be adjusted so the population is approximately equal, with no greater than a 5 percent difference between the largest and the smallest districts.
2. Existing board members will remain in the districts where they were elected.
3. Districts will be a contiguous area, not disjointed.
4. District boundaries will follow existing Wake County Board of Election precincts as much as possible.
5. Districts will not discriminate based on any demographic data.
6. Districts will not be guided by political considerations.
7. Districts will be as compact as possible.
8. Districts may preserve communities of interest, such as neighborhoods, where residents have a common social or cultural connection.

He shared how districts are adjusted.

How Districts Are Adjusted

- Use existing district boundaries as the starting point for making changes to new district boundaries.
- Reassign the Census Bureau's Voter Tabulation Districts (VTD) from one district to another to rebalance the population.
- Make reasonable efforts to consider the eight criteria.
- Produce several iterations that lead to staff's recommendation.

He shared slides showing the current and proposed district population and proposed apportionment plan. He shared a map of the proposed apportionment plan.

He shared the public comment and information.

Public Comment / Information

Website to view the proposed plan and submit public comments is live [wakegov.com/ <http://wakegov.com/districtmapping>districtmapping](http://wakegov.com/districtmapping)
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- Information about redistricting
- Criteria for redistricting

- Maps showing current and proposed districts
- An interactive feature allowing people to look up their districts
- Timeline
- Available in multiple languages

He shared next steps.

Next Steps

Website and Public Comment open, October 15, 2021

Board of Commissioners public hearing to review proposed plan, October 18, 2021

Continue receiving public comment until, November 1, 2021

Board of Commissioners public hearing to consider adoption of proposed plan, November 1, 2021

November 17, 2021, Deadline for district adjustments

Commissioner West asked when will we know where the precincts and districts are.

Mr. Maloney said that information is available on the website.

Commissioner Evans asked for a digital map of streets.

Mr. Maloney shared that the interactive map online shows streets if zooming in and will work to make it more user friendly.

Commissioner Cervania shared comments on District 3 and wanted to know if additional information would be forthcoming based on size of districts.

Mr. Maloney shared comments on the districts and the boundaries and added that this information is on the website.

Chair Calabria opened the public hearing.

Angeline Echeverria shared comments on the language translation. She shared that the map tool will be easy for navigation and thinks that community education is needed. She suggested a video would be helpful. She shared that links to website went directly to the public comment form instead of the website. She asked how communities are being identified and included in the process. She shared comments on information located on the public release.

Chair Calabria closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Cervania shared comments on community outreach, multi-languages, and thanked staff for their efforts on this item.

Commissioner Evans thanked the staff for the work involved and that the maps are logical.

Commissioner West shared comments on next steps.

Chair Calabria shared that there are two considerations. One is restoration of electoral system and the other is the census based adjustment to the residential/non-electoral districts. He added that as discussed in previous meetings they will go back to four year staggered terms and replicate timing. He shared that this is on the November 1st agenda.

Commissioner Thomas shared clarification on District 5 losing some of its precincts.

Mr. Maloney shared that there are two precincts (16-10, 16-11) being moved from District 5 to District 7 with two being added.

Manager Ellis shared that he would provide additional information to Commissioner West.

Vice-Chair Adamson shared comments referencing her district. She asked for information of restoring staggered terms on the website.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved, seconded by Commissioner West, That the Board of Commissioners:

1. Holds a public hearing and reviews staff's recommendation on census-based apportionment adjustments to the residence districts of the Wake County Board of Commissioners; and,

2. Instructs staff to make the proposed apportionment plan available for public review and comment, and to include a second public hearing on the proposed apportionment plan during the November 1, 2021 regular meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chair Calabria, Vice-Chair Adamson, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner West, and Commissioner Thomas

Other Business

Vice-Chair Adamson shared that this is pit bull season and they are up for adoption.

Commissioner Hutchinson congratulated Wake County for receiving the healthiest employer award. He shared to the listeners that Wake County is a great place to work.

Commissioner West shared that he has been asked to chair the Ag policy committee for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC).

16. Informational Items for the Board of Commissioners

Attachments: [Item Summary - Informational Items 10-18-21.docx](#)
 [August 2021 Financials.pdf](#)
 [CIP Transfers Report For Quarter Ending September 2021.pdf](#)

Closed Session

Mr. Scott Warren, Attorney, shared that was a need for a Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 a(4).

No action was taken.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 pm.

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Hutchinson, to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 7 - Chair Calabria, Vice-Chair Adamson, Commissioner Cervania, Commissioner Evans, Commissioner Hutchinson, Commissioner West, and Commissioner Thomas

Respectfully submitted,

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Deputy Clerk to the Board