

**OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**August 3, 2015**

The Members of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, Granville Expo and Convention Center, 4185 US Highway 15 South, Oxford.

***Present were:***

***Chairman:*** Tony W. Cozart

***Commissioners:*** R. David Currin, Jr. Zelodis Jay  
Ed Mims David T. Smith  
Edgar Smoak

Timothy Karan was absent.

***County Manager:*** Michael S. Felts

***County Attorney:*** James C. Wrenn, Jr.  
***Assistant County Attorney:*** Gerald T. Koinis

***News Reporters:*** Elizabeth Coleman – *Butner-Creedmoor News*  
Linda Nicholson – *Oxford Public Ledger*  
David Irvine – *The Daily Dispatch*

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman Tony W. Cozart called the meeting to order. A reception was held prior to the meeting honoring the South Granville High School Softball and Baseball Teams and the Summer Civic Leadership participants. Chairman Cozart then recognized Commissioner Edgar Smoak for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**BOARD APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

(A) Approved the Summary of Contingency and Use of Fund Balance report which showed the following balances:

General Contingency Balance	\$ 170,000
Environmental Disaster Contingency	\$ 10,000
General Fund Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 1,884,639

(B) Approved the Minutes of the June 15, 2015 and July 6, 2015 Meetings and July 14, 2015 Special Meeting as recorded.

(C) Approved the Tax Releases as Recommended by the Tax Administrator:

TAX RELEASES AUGUST 3, 2015

ACCOUNT	OWNERS NAME	AMOUNT	REASON FOR RELEASE
82484-301	Betty S Bullock-Turner	758.46	Qualified for Elderly Exemption
5850-101	Norwood Plumbing Inc	2,113.09	Listed Business Personal Prop in Error
56479-301	Linda C Tilley	413.10	Elderly Exemption Removed in Error
1527-301	Dolphine H Adcock	9.96	Correct Exemption Amount
43336-302	Michael & Cheryl Brelinsky	276.20	Correct Exemption Amount
14600-201	PS Splicing LLC	183.19	Correct Value of Bus Personal Property
68034-201	Granville Family Medicine	1,095.60	Airplane Listed in Error Sold 2013
41988-303	Patricia Henderson London FY14	318.43	Correct Land Use Valuation Allocation
41988-114	Patricia Henderson London FY14	(318.43)	Correct Land Use Valuation Allocation
41988-303	Patricia Henderson London FY15	318.43	Correct Land Use Valuation Allocation
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876-102	Delage Laden Operational Serv	14.79	Listed Business Personal Prop in Error
45854-201	Roy Jackson	178.23	Qualified for Elderly Exemption
73416-201	Andrea Lee DeYoung	30.76	Boat Listed in Error Sold 2013
2921-301	William M Black ET AL	1,531.03	Court Ordered Division of Property for 2015
69677-101	Mailfinance Inc	4.87	Correct Listing Year of Business Per Prop
4033-201	Steven Harold Brown	81.00	Mobile Home Sold in 2014 Release LF Fee
7747-301	Lueartis & Catherine T Downey	288.50	Qualified for Elderly Exemption

56106-301	Leuartis Downey ET AL	(288.50)	Applied Exemption to Wrong Property
51902-101	Lighthouse Creations	12.98	Out of Business New Owner for 2015
50804-201	Jeremiah Jackola	10.57	Boat Listed in Error Sold 2014
42530-301	Jeremy A Crabtree	132.74	Boat Listed in Error Sold 2014
77429-301	Stephen & Sharon Trubilla	190.77	Duplicate Lot Listed Twice in Error
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77429-301	Stephen & Sharon Trubilla	190.77	Duplicate Lot Listed Twice in Error
13424-201	James Thomas Hodges	16.58	Boat Listed in Error Sold 2012
33333-302	David Lee Griffin	427.84	Duplicate DW MH Listed Twice in Error
	GRAND TOTAL	\$7,863.30	

**AFTER PRESENTATION, BOARD PRESENTED PLAQUES AND CHECKS TO THE SIX SUMMER CIVIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

Chairman Cozart stated that six rising sophomores had successfully completed Granville County's sixteenth Summer Civic Leadership Program.

At this point, the interns presented a PowerPoint presentation about their rotation through the County departments.

Chairman Cozart presented plaques and checks to the following Summer Civic Leadership participants:

Chloe Bowman  
 Brianne Coleman  
 Naeem Darby  
 Ashley Elliott  
 Laniya Rogers  
 Marisol Galvan Romo

**SOUTH GRANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL TEAMS RECOGNITION**

Chairman Cozart stated that the South Granville High School Softball and Baseball Teams won the 2015 State 2A Championships. South Granville is the fourth school in North Carolina history to win both a softball and baseball state title in the same season. At this point, Debra A. Weary, Clerk to the Board, read the names of the South Granville High School Softball Team.

**Softball Team Roster**

Miranda Barker  
Madison Boyd  
Erin Boone  
Abbi Colclough  
Brienne Coleman  
Mackenzie Coley  
Olivia Daniel  
A’Niya Jackson  
Hunter Mundy  
Karlee Michalina  
Cydney Scott  
Savannah Tilley  
Megan White  
Jackie Day, Head Coach  
Taylor Barker, Assistant Coach  
Scott Brogden, Assistant Coach  
Michelle Noel, Assistant Coach

Chairman Cozart then presented the following proclamation and congratulated the team, coaching staff, parents and supporters:

**PROCLAMATION HONORING THE SOUTH GRANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM  
“THE VIKINGS”**

**WHEREAS**, the South Granville High School Softball Team "The Vikings" won the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 2A Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, the team had a phenomenal softball season resulting in an outstanding overall record of 24 and 2, and an eighth championship win; and

**WHEREAS**, students, players, coaches, parents and supporters have all come together to make a true championship team; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedication, hard work, long hours of practice, mutual support and commitment of the team and coaches exemplify the pride and heart of the South Granville High School softball program; and

**WHEREAS**, the student athletes of the Vikings have exhibited a work ethic and level of confidence that transcends the softball field;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the work, talent and dedication of the Head Coach and Assistant Coaches be honored for their commitment to the development of our youth through a remarkable softball program.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the Granville County Board of Commissioners extends its sincere congratulations to the 2015 North Carolina High School Athletic Association 2A Softball Champions.

At this point, Donnie Boyd, Chairman of the Board of Education, recognized the team also.

Mrs. Weary then read the names of the South Granville High School Baseball Team.

**Baseball Team Roster**

Tyler Adcock  
Austin Bailey  
Ethan Bowen  
Tucker Britt  
Justin Brown  
Justin Bullock  
Casey Flowers  
Fisher Ford  
Jordan Harris  
Ty Higginbotham  
Jake Johnson  
Hayden Laws  
Holden Laws  
Dylan May  
Zachary Moore  
Zach Pope  
Leland Swanson  
Clay Walters  
Cameron Willis  
Curt Watkins, Head Coach  
Gene Hollowell, Assistant Coach  
Kevin Ladd, Assistant Coach  
Kevin Moran, Assistant Coach  
Hunter Thompson, Assistant Coach

Chairman Cozart then presented the following proclamation and congratulated the team, coaching staff, parents and supporters:

**PROCLAMATION HONORING THE SOUTH GRANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM  
"THE VIKINGS"**

**WHEREAS**, the South Granville High School Baseball Team "The Vikings" won the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 2A Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, the team had a phenomenal baseball season resulting in an outstanding overall record of 25 and 4; and

**WHEREAS**, students, players, coaches, parents and supporters have all come together to make a true championship team; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedication, hard work, long hours of practice, mutual support and commitment of the team and coaches exemplify the pride and heart of the South Granville High School baseball program; and

**WHEREAS**, the student athletes of the Vikings have exhibited a work ethic and level of confidence that transcends the baseball field;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the work, talent and dedication of the Head Coach and Assistant Coaches be honored for their commitment to the development of our youth through a remarkable baseball program.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the Granville County Board of Commissioners extends its sincere congratulations to the 2015 North Carolina High School Athletic Association 2A Baseball Champions.

At this point, Chairman Boyd made a presentation on behalf of the Board of Education and Dr. Dorwin Howard, Superintendent of Granville County Public Schools, made comments.

**BOARD RECOGNIZED NANCY WILSON**

Chairman Cozart recognized Commissioner Smith and he recognized Nancy Wilson for her 25½ years of service with Granville County Cooperative Extension and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition from the Board that read as follows:

Certificate of Recognition  
Presented To  
Nancy Wilson  
In Recognition of Outstanding Service  
To  
Granville County Cooperative Extension Service

From  
October 23, 1989 – July 8, 2015

Paul Westfall, Director of Cooperative Extension, made brief comments and thanked Mrs. Wilson for her years of service.

**INTRODUCTION OF ANGELA ALLEN – TOURISM DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

Chairman Cozart stated that Granville County is pleased to introduce Mrs. Angela Allen, Tourism Development Director. Mrs. Allen is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill with a degree in Communications. She brings over five years of experience in marketing and event planning. Her focus is to promote Granville County as a tourist destination and showcase the county's rich history, agriculture, events, and to create future tourism growth. Her office is located at the Granville County Chamber of Commerce office, 124 Hillsboro Street, in Oxford.

Mrs. Allen reported that in 2013 tourists spent \$44M in Granville County and \$2.52M State taxes and \$1.20M in local taxes. She then talked about the following upcoming events in Granville County:

- Oxford NC Hot Sauce Contest – September 12<sup>th</sup> Downtown Oxford
- Creedmoor Music Festival – September 19<sup>th</sup> Downtown Creedmoor
- 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Pottery & Glass Festival - October 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Masonic Homecoming Festival – October 10<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Allen said for more information about events, attractions, lodging, dining and shopping visit [www.visitgranvillenc.com](http://www.visitgranvillenc.com) or on Facebook at *Visit Granville County NC* or on Twitter at *@visitgranville*. She also mentioned the new billboard on Interstate 85 and stated that she looks forward to working with the Board and the community.

Commissioner Currin mentioned Granville Haunt Farm that will be opening this fall. Mrs. Allen said that she has put the event on the website.

The Board welcomed Mrs. Allen to her new position and wished her well.

**INTRODUCTION OF JON BRADSHER – GRANVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM DIRECTOR**

Chairman Cozart stated that Granville County is pleased to announce that Mr. Jon Bradsher has been hired as the Library System Director. Mr. Bradsher is a graduate of The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina and attained his Master's degree from UNC-Greensboro. He recently worked at the Greensboro Public Library as the Assistant Director and has 18+ years of professional library experience. Mr. Bradsher was an Intelligence Officer with the United States Navy Reserve and over the course of 10 years of service, he was deployed three times to the Middle East as well as several locations in Europe and Asia. During his time with the military, he had the opportunity to work with a number of different organizations and teams and his last duty station was as a Mission Intelligence Liaison embedded with deployed SEAL teams.

Commissioner Jay, Liaison to the Library Board, welcomed Mr. Bradsher and said he has already made a difference.

Mr. Bradsher made brief comments and the Board welcomed him and wished him well.

**AFTER HOLDING PUBLIC HEARING, BOARD APPROVED GRANVILLE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TEXT AMENDMENT REGARDING CHANGING ZONING MAP AMENDMENT, WATERSHED MAP AMENDMENT AND TEXT AMENDMENT PETITION DEADLINES**

Chairman Cozart stated that a public hearing would be held to hear public comments on a Granville County Land Development Code Text Amendment petition. This is an amendment to the Land Development Code (LDC) that would change the deadline for submitting text, zoning map and watershed map amendment (rezoning) petitions from 10 working days prior to Planning Board review to 15 working days prior to Planning Board



review for general use zoning district amendments, watershed map amendments and text amendments and from 10 working days prior to planning board review to 30 working days prior to planning board review for conditional zoning district amendment (rezoning) petitions.

Chairman Cozart declared the public hearing open and recognized Barry Baker, Planning Director, for a brief overview.

**Barry Baker, Planning Director, 122 Williamsboro Street, Oxford, NC**, stated that all local and state notices as required by local and state law had been accomplished for the public hearing. He explained that this is an amendment that would change rezoning applications from 10 working days to 15 working days and also conditional zoning district applications from 10 working days to 30 working days. He noted that 30 working days is consistent with the special use process and would give staff more time to review the plans that are submitted. The following items were included in the agenda packet: (1) Copy of proposed text amendment petition and language; (2) Copy of Planning Board recommended ordinance amendment (recommended amendment with Table 21.010A on one page as requested by Development Review Committee); (3) Planning Board Written Consistency Statement regarding the proposed amendment; and, (4) Unapproved minute excerpts for agenda item from the July 16, 2015 Planning Board meeting. He noted that the Planning Board (7-0) recommended approval of the land development code text amendment with the noted change to the amendment concerning Table 21.010A.

With no one wishing to speak, Chairman Cozart declared the public hearing closed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the plan consistency statement and

the amendment to the Granville County Land Development Code as recommended by the Planning Board as follows:

**AMENDMENT CHANGING ZONING MAP AMENDMENT, WATERSHED MAP AMENDMENT AND TEXT AMENDMENT PETITION DEADLINES**

*Whereas*, the Granville County Board of Commissioners found it necessary to adopt the Granville County Land Development Code on July 12, 1999, to provide for the orderly, planned, and efficient growth of Granville County; and,

*Whereas*, the need to amend and/or change this same code from time to time exist to provide for its efficient administration and enforcement or to address changing conditions of the growth and development of the County; and,

*Whereas*, the Granville County Planning Board held a public hearing on the proposed amendment on July 16, 2015 and after a study of evidence presented, made a favorable recommendation on the adoption of the proposed amendment; and,

*Whereas*, a notice of public hearing has been given as provided in North Carolina General Statute 153A-323 and the Granville County Land Development Code for a Text Amendment and a public hearing was held by the Board of Commissioners on August 3, 2015, at which, evidence was presented at the public hearing.

*Whereas*, the Granville County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following Plan Consistency Statement:

**GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’ PLAN CONSISTENCY STATEMENT:**

The Granville County Comprehensive Land Use Plan (the Plan) is silent in regard to the proposed text amendment. The text amendment would add a reasonable timeframe by which rezoning petitions are adequately reviewed in the public interest.

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:***

**SECTION 1.** Amend Section 32-1032 of the Granville County Land Development Code (LDC) by amending the following language (~~Strike-through~~ denotes deleted language and **bold** denotes added language):

TABLE 21.010A.  
ZONING PROCEDURES AND ADMINISTRATION

	Special Land Use	Conditional Uses, Zoning	Amendments to Zoning	<b>Amendments to Zoning</b>	Major Watershed	Minor Watershed	Vested Right	Permits; Limited Use, Zoning, Sign,
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	Variances, Appeal		Ordinance, Zoning Map, or Watershed Map		Map (Conditional Zoning District)		d Variances		d Variance				Occupancy/ Compliance Permits			
Types	Days	Agency	Days	Agency	Days	Agency	Days	Agency	Days	Agency	Days	Agency	Days	Agency		
Application Completeness Review	1•	Land Development Administrator	1•	Land Development Administrator	1•	Land Development Administrator	1•	Land Development Administrator	1•	Land Development Administrator	1•	Land Development Administrator	1			
Fee		Charged per Planning Fee Schedule		Charged per Planning Fee Schedule		Charged per Planning Fee Schedule		Charged per Planning Fee Schedule		Charged per Planning Fee Schedule		Charged per Planning Fee Schedule		Charged per Planning Fee Schedule		
Application Review	<u>30</u>	Land Development Administrator	15•	Land Development Administrator	<del>10</del> 15•	Land Development Administrator	30	Land Development Administrator	15	Land Development Administrator	15	Land Development Administrator	** *	Land Development Administrator	3	Land Development Administrator
Notice	•10 — 25*				10 --- 25*		10 -- - 25*		10 — 25							
Public Hearing						Planning Board		Planning Board								
Recommendation				Land Development Administrator	45•	Planning Board	45	Planning Board		Board of Adjustment		Land Development Administrator	** *	Land Development Administrator		

Notice	•10—25*		•10—25*		•10—25*		•10—25*				•10—25*					
Quasi-Judicial Hearing	•	Board of Commissioners	•	Board of Adjustment	•					Board of Adjustment	•	Board of Adjustment				
Public Hearing						Board of Commissioners		<b>Board of Commissioners</b>								
Decision	**	Board of Commissioners	**	Board of Adjustment	45	Board of Commissioners	45	<b>Board of Commissioners</b>	45	Environmental Management Commission	•	Board of Adjustment	**	Final Reviewing Authority	5	• Land Development Administrator
Appeal to Courts																

Notes:	•	Indicates a mandatory submission.
		Where text is present, the procedure is not optional. A lack of language indicates inapplicable provisions.
	*	Elapsed time. All other time in working days.
	**	Within a reasonable time.
	***	Same timeframe as land development approval being requested.

**SECTION 2.** Amend Section 32-1081 of the Granville County Land Development Code (LDC) by amending the following language (**bold** denotes added language and ~~strike-through~~ denotes deleted language):

- (b) *Submission of petitions to amend this chapter or the map.* Petitions to amend this chapter **or map** shall be presented to the secretary of the planning board for review and recommendation by the board at least ~~ten~~ **fifteen** working days prior to being considered by the planning board. **Petitions to amend the map to a conditional zoning district shall be presented to the secretary of the planning board for review**

**and recommendation by the board at least thirty (30) working days prior to being considered by the planning board.** The petition shall state the nature of the proposed amendment, a legal description of the property involved, and the name of the property owner. Each petition, unless initiated by the board of commissioners, board of adjustment or the planning board, shall be accompanied by a fee to defray cost of advertising and other administrative costs involved.

**SECTION 3.** Should any provision of this Ordinance amendment be decided by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall have no effect to the validity of the Granville County, North Carolina Land Development Code as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon the date and time of adoption.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Granville, North Carolina, this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2015.

**BOARD APPROVED ON-SITE SHREDDING AND RECYCLING SERVICES**

Chairman Cozart stated that Granville County Board of Commissioners recently approved a contract amendment to allow Shred Ace, Inc. to operate under our existing contract with All Safe Records Management Solutions to shred and recycle waste papers throughout the County departments while County Staff re-bid the contract. Environmental Services Director, Jason Falls has re-bid this contract and we have received two bids.

- Proshred \$390 every 4 weeks/\$360 monthly
- Shred Ace \$365 monthly

He noted that the Environmental Services Director recommends awarding the contract to Shred Ace, Inc.

Commissioner Currin asked why the vendor that costs more was selected.

Chairman Cozart clarified that there will not be an interruption of services as the same containers will be used that are in place. Mr. Felts referred to documentation in the agenda from Jason Falls, Environmental Services Director, regarding the recommendation.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, and unanimously carried, the Board approved awarding a three-year on-site shredding and recycling services contract to Shred Ace, Inc., at a cost of \$365 monthly, and directed the County Attorney to prepare a contract in accordance with Granville County's standard vendor requirements.

**BOARD APPROVED MOBILE AND PORTABLE RADIOS FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

During the FY 2014-2015 budget work sessions, the Board approved a service expansion request by the Sheriff's office to begin the three-year replacement of out dated mobile and portable radios. Chairman Cozart explained that as discussed during those work sessions, the first year of the replacement program (2014) was funded by the Sheriff's forfeiture funds and the remaining years 2015 and 2016 were to be included in the Sheriff's annual budgets. A copy of Quote# QU0000327160 for 14 mobile and 14 portable radios representing Phase 2 of the 3-phase replacement program was included in the agenda packet. This order reflects State contract (725G 2-Way Radio Communications Equipment) pricing and funding is available in the Sheriff's FY 2015-2016 budget.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved authorizing Motorola as the sole source vendor for the purchase of 14 mobile and 14 portable replacement radios, for an amount not to exceed \$95,000 from the Sheriff's Office 2015-2016 budget. This represents Phase 2 of the 3-phase replacement program.

**BOARD APPROVED CONTRABAND DETECTION SYSTEM FOR DETENTION CENTER**

Chairman Cozart stated that the illicit use of cell phones in prisons/detention centers is recognized as a serious problem. The need to detect cell phones and other contraband is a necessary function of the detention center in order to provide safety and security within the facility.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, and unanimously carried, the Board approved authorizing Metrasens as the sole source vendor for the purchase of Cellsense equipment (contraband detection system), for an amount not to exceed \$10,995 from the Detention Center's 2015-2016 budget.

**GRANVILLE COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

The appointment to the Granville County Veterans Affairs Committee was held. Commissioner Mims noted that an application has been received for the position and also that one organization has a conflict with the meeting night and has been unable to send someone to the meetings. He said he would like to talk with the County Manager about how to address the vacancies.

**BOARD REAPPOINTED MICHAEL CIRIELLO (DISTRICT 1), RUTH HICKS (DISTRICT 2) AND ROY THOMAS CASH (DISTRICT 4) TO THE GRANVILLE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Michael Ciriello (District 1) to the Granville County Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Ruth Hicks (District 2) to the Granville County Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Roy Thomas Cash (District 4) to the Granville County Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

**UPDATE ON JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL**

Chairman Cozart informed the Board that Rev. Archer Wilkins, Associate Pastor at Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Creedmoor, has volunteered to serve as the member of the faith community for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Commissioner Mims noted that they are working to fill the three other vacancies that are also open.

**NCACC VIDEO UPDATE**

County Manager Felts noted that the link to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) video update would be sent to the Board.

**BOARD APPROVED TIME WARNER/CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS TRANSACTION**

County Manager Felts stated that Time Warner Cable Inc. (“Time Warner Cable”) has entered into an agreement to become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Charter Communications (“New Charter”). Our Cable Television Ordinance requires that we consent to any transfer of the cable franchise. He noted that a similar transaction was approved a year ago with Comcast, but that merger fell through.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the transfer of the franchise to the merged company subject to the existing franchise conditions and remaining term.

**BOARD APPROVED LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR NEW HISTOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AT VGCC**

County Manager Felts stated that Cecilia Wheeler with Vance-Granville Community



College (VGCC) South Campus has requested a letter of support to include with their application for approval from the system office to offer a Histotechnology Program that will be based at South Campus. A copy of the curriculum standard for the program was included in the agenda and provides background information about the proposed program.

Upon a motion by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a letter of support for the new Histotechnology Program at Vance-Granville Community College.

**BOARD APPROVED TRANSFER OF SURPLUS VEHICLES TO GRANVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

County Manager Felts stated that North Carolina General Statutes require the Board of Commissioners to formally declare items surplus prior to the sale. Per Granville County's surplus procedures, all vehicles must be approved for sale or transfer by the Granville County Board of Commissioners prior to their sale or transfer. The Granville County Public School System has contacted Granville County and inquired about the possibility of transferring up to three (3) vehicles to them for their use. After reviewing the six surplus cars the County currently has on hand, they identified two (2) vehicles that would meet their needs.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ed Mims, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board directed the County Manager or his designee to transfer the following vehicles to the Granville County Public School System:

Description	Last four (4) of Vin #
2007 Dodge Charger	7849
2003 Ford Crown Vic	9550

**UPDATE ON E-911 SYSTEM AND BACKUP PSAPS**

County Manager Felts provided a brief update of the E-911 upgrade and back-up. He noted that they have been working on the upgrade for Oxford and what will be required for a backup PSAP to be in compliance with the North Carolina 911 Board recommendations. He said they will be reviewing possible locations and monitoring legislation and will bring back costs associated with the project, a funding plan and a recommendation for location to the September meeting.

**RECOGNITION OF DR. DAVID HOWARD, TRIANGLE PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR HIS VOLUNTEER WORK**

County Manager Felts stated that as staff has been working on long range planning and one improvement identified is to work with volunteers. He recognized Dr. David Howard, Triangle Project Management, who was present and thanked him for his volunteer work on the completed publication of the Granville County, North Carolina Information and Resource Booklet.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

County Manager Felts stated that he had items for closed session.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

County Attorney Wrenn stated that he had attorney-client privilege and property acquisition matters for closed session.

**BOARD PRESENTATIONS**

Commissioner Smith reported that the Nifty 90's Celebration was held July 14, 2015 and they had 34 attendees that ranged from 90 to 101. He said they had a video presentation of each attendee from childhood to the present. He said they credited their longevity to their belief in God, working hard and living by the Golden Rule. He also mentioned the State Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) worked with 701 individuals for 694 hours. He also

said that the Senior Center served 8,854 in Oxford, 5,050 in Creedmoor and 3,994 congregate meals. He said that home delivery meals in Granville County totaled over 18,000 meals. He encouraged senior citizens to take advantage of the services in Granville County.

**BOARD APPROVED REQUEST FOR MEETING BETWEEN SCHOOL LIAISONS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISONS**

Commissioner Currin said that several months ago a list of questions was sent to the Granville County Board of Education for a response. He noted that a response was received and he believed that a formal response should be sent back to them. He said he would make a motion as one of the School Liaisons and noted that this has not been discussed with Chairman Cozart, the other School Liaison. He said he believed the answers did not give an indication of a plan of action and he did not believe that the Board of Education took the Board's concerns seriously, which is their prerogative since they are elected and can do as they see fit.

Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr. made a motion in response to the answers received to questions sent to the Board of Education primarily regarding financial security going forward, that the Granville County Board of Commissioners will make no obligation to the Granville County Public School System to provide any additional funding to bail them out of any situation they find themselves in due to their planning and recognition of the financial dire straits that they will be in next year and the subsequent year.

Commissioner Smoak mentioned that perhaps a meeting with the School Liaisons should be considered since they may believe the questions have been answered. He noted that he did not believe the Board of Education understood the expectations of the Board of Commissioners.

Discussion ensued about what to do.

Commissioner Edgar Smoak made a substitute motion that the Board of Commissioners support a meeting of the Granville County Board of Commissioners School Liaisons with the Board of Education Liaisons to better communicate to the Administration and Board of Education what the Board of Commissioners were asking in the questions.

Commissioner Currin asked if a memo could be sent with this request because it has “no teeth.” He said this motion does not support his motion so a memo could be sent stating that answers were not received to the questions. He said that he did not see the purpose of such a meeting if the Board of Commissioners was not going to take a stand.

Commissioner Smoak said that the meeting could be held as an avenue to get the answers to the questions. He noted if answers are not received and they get in dire circumstances he would not feel good about helping out.

The motion by Commissioner Currin died for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Smith asked when was the last time the School Liaisons met with the Board of Education Liaisons. It was noted that there has not been a meeting in quite some time.

Commissioner David T. Smith seconded the substitute motion.

Discussion continued about the substitute motion. Commissioner Smoak noted that if satisfactory answers are not received from the meeting, then he would agree with the original motion Commissioner Currin made.

Chairman Cozart mentioned that there has been an evolution with the school system budget and at the current pace, there will be a request to the Board of Commissioners to keep the school system from going over the cliff. He noted that there are several things that will affect the County’s budget that will have to be dealt with such as E-911 upgrades and back-up

system, Detention Center issues and the decrease in lottery funds that are used for debt service. He said property reevaluations will be coming up in 2018 and all of these matters will have to be addressed with an already tight budget.

Commissioner Currin noted that at the last School Liaison meeting, it was made clear to the School Liaisons (Commissioners Cozart and Currin) that they had no intention of doing any cuts of any positions in the school system. He said there is no way for the school system to get to where they need to be without some modification to their payroll since the payroll has increased and enrollment continues to decrease.

Commissioner Mims asked if the meeting could be held and a response received by the September 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Commissioner Jay agreed that they need to let the school system know that the wall is there and it is coming soon. Commissioner Smith suggested that the meeting be held in the next two weeks.

When Chairman Cozart called for the vote on the motion for the Board of Commissioners to support a meeting of the Granville County Board of Commissioners School Liaisons with the Board of Education Liaisons to better communicate to the Administration and Board of Education what the Board of Commissioners were asking in the questions, it passed unanimously.

The Board requested that the County Manager schedule the meeting in the next two weeks.

### **BOARD PRESENTATIONS CONTINUE**

Commissioner Mims said that he and his wife Creedmoor Commissioner Del Mims participated in the Community Health Assessment. He noted that they were out and about 5½ to 6 hours and completed only one survey. He noted that it was a challenge to get people to

take the time to participate in the survey and mentioned the difficulties of getting 210 surveys in Granville County as well as 210 in Vance County.

He also reported that on July 20<sup>th</sup> he attended a City of Creedmoor Commissioners meeting. He said he made public comments because citizens of the Paddington subdivision where he lives voiced concerns about a crosswalk that Creedmoor is planning on installing as part of their Greenway project. He referred to a map illustrating the construction of a monolithic concrete island and explained that citizens are concerned with this being in the middle of Highway 56. He noted he had contacted the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) regarding the matter. He voiced his concerns and noted that he believed this is an accident waiting to happen as this will be placed near a blind curve and people speed along this corridor. He also reported that the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Public Education Steering Committee is asking counties to respond regarding their position on granting charter schools the ability to request funding. The County Manager reported that he received this request and responded on behalf of a NCACC quick response tax and finance team he serves on. Mr. Felts said that his response was that by granting charter schools the ability to request capital funds, it would place a negative impact on county government. He said that the Board could also send comments and Commissioner Currin said that the Board definitely needs to respond as the legislature created this mess and is passing this on to counties to fund. Chairman Cozart and Commissioner Mims voiced their concerns of adding more responsibility to counties. Commissioner Mims said that he would get back to the committee with the concerns.

Commissioner Mims also reported that he attended a Mental Health Task Force last month and talked about mental health first aid noting the problem in our jails. He also said

that he met with the President of the National Association of Veterans Service Officers and noted that in Granville County in FY 2014, there were 4,962 veterans that contributed approximately \$29 million dollars into our economy of which approximately \$14M was compensation and pension and the other \$14M was going into medical care.

Commissioner Smoak said that he wanted to inform Angela Allen, Tourism Development Director, that the Lord Granville Agricultural Association is holding their annual show the first weekend in October in Butner. He said this event draws several thousand people and noted that they are adding a helicopter ride and aerial tour of southern Granville County this year.

Commissioner Jay thanked Sheriff Brindell Wilkins, Jr. for his response in a recent interview regarding a Granville County citizen that was working in New Jersey during recent storms to restore power and was charged with having a weapon. The citizen reported to the arresting officer that he had the weapon and had the permits to have it in North Carolina and had come to New Jersey to help out. He also asked if the Franklin-Vance-Warren Head Start Program is still active in Oxford. Chairman Cozart said the program is still active but has had some complaints and their board is dealing with those at this time.

Chairman Cozart said he received a call from Mayor Jackie Sergent, City of Oxford, regarding Interstate 85 exits 202, 204 and 206 and keeping them maintained. She told him that Oxford is committed to keeping exit 204 (Oxford exit) maintained and asked if the County is interested in helping with exits 202 and 206. He noted that the state has committed to cutting the grass two times a year. He said he anticipated more information or a proposal from her next month.

Chairman Cozart thanked Harry Mills, Economic Development Director, for working with industries to identify more opportunities for 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Program graduates. He also reported that he will be working with the County Manager on grant funding for pre-K services. He reported that children from low income homes that do not get a preschool opportunity have much less chance of success in school because 80% of brain development occurs by age 3.

**BOARD APPROVED FUNDING FOR SMART START PROGRAM**

Chairman Cozart stated that Smart Start is in Granville, Franklin and Vance Counties and faces challenges with having matching funds that are a prerequisite to most state funding. He reported that Vance County is giving \$2,500 to help with funding efforts. He asked the Board to consider \$1,000 for matching funds, noting that home daycare facilities benefit from these funds to prepare children for kindergarten. He noted that 125 children did not get pre-K services as West Oxford Elementary School only had one pre-K class and one pre-K exceptional children class.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, and unanimously carried, the Board approved funding in the amount of \$1,000 for Smart Start efforts in Granville County.

**BOARD PRESENTATIONS CONTINUE**

Chairman Cozart asked the Board to relay any concerns regarding the school system to Commissioner Currin or him before the Liaison meeting so they can convey them.

**DURING ANY OTHER MATTERS, BOARD APPROVED LETTER TO NCDOT CONCERNING MAINTENANCE OF INTERSTATE 85 EXITS**

Commissioner Smoak reminded the Board that Interstate 85 exits 186, 189 and 191 should also be considered if county money is being considered for maintenance of these exits.



Commissioner Currin stated it is a good idea but he would vote against it because he did not want the state to think the county wants to take on something that is their responsibility.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved sending a letter to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) regarding maintenance of exits 186, 189, 191, 202, 204 and 206 in Granville County.

**COUNTY MANAGER FELTS ANNOUNCED SAVINGS FROM REFINANCING BONDS**

County Manager Felts reported that the Board approved for Granville County to refund and refinance the 2006 GO (General Obligation) bonds. The closing was completed on July 29, 2015 and he reported a total savings of \$278,696.14 due to this action.

Commissioner Smoak thanked the County Manager and the Finance Department for their diligent work to make this happen.

**BOARD WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, and unanimously carried, the Board went into closed session as allowed by G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), (5) and (6) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged and to establish; to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; and to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective

public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board returned to regular session.

**BOARD APPROVED NEGOTIATIONS ON BUILDING ON HIGHWAY 75 AND OXFORD LOOP ROAD**

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved authorizing the County Attorney and County Manager to continue negotiations on the Flat Top Building located on Old NC Highway 75 and the Oxford Loop Road

Commissioner Currin noted that there is equipment that was leased from Hydro Service and Supplies Inc. in the building that will need to be removed.

**BOARD APPROVED LEASE WITH CORONAL GROUP FOR A SOLAR GENERATING FACILITY AT THE GRANVILLE COUNTY LANDFILL**

The County Attorney stated that the next matter was to approve a lease with Coronal Solar, a successor in interest to HelioSage LLC., for 35 acres at the landfill. He said the matter had been through the public upset bid process and he recommended the lease for the amount previously reviewed and attached in the option. He noted the lease could be approved subject to modification of the landfill permit.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a 30 year lease for 35 acres at the Granville County Landfill with the Coronal Group for a solar energy generating facility,

pending modification of the landfill permit by DENR. The lease has the option of two additional terms of five years each.

<b>Lease Years</b>	<b>Amount per Acre</b>
1-10	\$1,500.00
11-15	\$1,600.00
16-20	\$1,700.00
21-25	\$1,800.00
26-30	\$1,900.00
31-35	\$2,000.00
36-40	\$2,100.00

Commissioner Smoak asked the County Manager to check to see if there are opportunities for leasing land at the Butner landfill site for a solar farm.

**BOARD ADJOURNED**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Clerk to the Board