

OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
February 2, 2015

The Members of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 2, 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
Timothy Karan Ed Mims
David T. Smith Edgar Smoak

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*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman Tony W. Cozart called the meeting to order, and recognized Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr. for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Cozart recognized members of Boy Scouts of America Troop 629 Occonechee Council that were attending the meeting to obtain merit badges toward their Eagle Scout.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, 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	\$ 16,000
Environmental Disaster Contingency	\$ 10,000
General Fund Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 3,568,216

(B) Approved Budget Amendment #8 as recommended by the Finance Director:

Budget Amendment #8

Be it ordained, the FY 2014-2015 Annual Budget Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Expenditures: Increase / (Decrease)

General Government

Tax Administration

Public Safety

\$ 70,000

Emergency Services	\$	145,059	
Animal Control	\$	34,962	
Community Services			
County Library System	\$	1,300	
Human Services			
Social Services	\$	707	
Senior Services – Nutrition/In-Home Aid			
Oxford Senior Center	\$	3,232	
Senior Center - North	\$	2,038	
Area Projects and Other Appropriations			
Non-Departmental	\$	1,212,820	
Contributions to Other Funds			
Contingencies	\$	(70,000)	
Total Expenditures			\$1,400,118
Revenues: Increase / (Decrease)			
Restricted & Intergovernmental	\$	539,836	
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$	860,282	
Total Revenues			\$ 1,400,118

E911 COMMUNICATIONS FUND

Expenditures: Increase / (Decrease)			
ETSF Training	\$	2,500	
Total Expenditures			\$ 2,500
Revenues: Increase / (Decrease)			
Use of ETFS Fund Balance	\$	2,500	
Total Revenues			\$ 2,500

(For Reference Only)**Total**General Fund/Non-Departmental

Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)			
10-3327-353	NC Rural Center Grant	\$ 350,000	\$ 366,000
Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)			
10-8540-801	Economic Incentive Expenditure	\$ 350,000	\$ 368,800

Description: To recognize receipt of grant proceeds from NC Rural Grant -Building Reuse Program

General Fund/Non-Departmental

Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)			
10-3990-991	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 835,278	\$3,543,212
Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)			
10-8540-801	Economic Incentive Expenditure	\$ 835,278	\$1,204,078

Description: Carry over year end economic incentive expenditures approved in previous fiscal years and unexpended as of June 30, 2014.

General Fund/Senior Center

Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)			
10-3833-844	Senior Center So. Donations	\$ 2,038	\$ 2,138
10-3833-845	Senior Center Oxford Donations	\$ 3,232	\$ 3,332
Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)			
10-5860-233	Donations	\$ 2,038	\$ 2,138
10-5870-233	Donations	\$ 3,232	\$ 3,332

Description: To reflect the receipt of Senior Center donations

General Fund/Emergency Services

Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)			
10-3433-231	Em Mgmt – HLS Grant	\$ 145,059	\$ 145,059
Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)			
10-4330-601	HLSG 2010-SS-TO-0075	\$ 145,059	\$ 145,059

Description: To recognize receipt of FY 14 Home Land Security Grant and budget the associated expenditures.

General Fund/Non-Departmental

Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)			
10-3492-360	One NC Fund Grant	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500

Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)
 10-8540-801 Economic Incentive Expenditures \$ 37,500 \$1,241,578

Description: To recognize receipt of One NC Fund Grant

General Fund/Tax Administration

Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)
 10-9910-991 General Contingency \$ (70,000) \$ 16,000
 10-4145-198 VTS Collection Fees \$ 70,000 \$ 120,000

Description: To fund anticipated expenditures for the Vehicle Tax System collection fees for the balance of FY 2015.

General Fund/Social Services

Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)
 10-3538-332 Public Assistance \$ 707 \$ 453,651
Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)
 10-5300-623 Energy Neighbor \$ 707 \$ 7,387

Description: To reflect increases in public assistance contribution from Progress Energy (DSS Budget Amendment #9).

General Fund/Library

Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)
 10-3990-981 Contribution from Library Fund \$ 1,300 \$ 1,300
Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)
 10-6110-199 Programs \$ 1,300 \$ 7,300

Description: To reflect transfer to the General Fund the balance of the Thornton Memorial Fund's Friends of the Library funds remaining at year end FY 2014. (The transfer of funds from the Library Fund was accomplished by a budget amendment within the Fund's Library department.)

General Fund/Animal Management

Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)
 10-3990-991 Appropriated Fund Balance \$ 25,004 \$ 3,568,216
Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)
 10-4380-121 Salaries \$ 8,000 \$ 200,391
 10-4380-122 Overtime \$ 9,250 \$ 9,250
 10-4380-126 Part-time \$ (2,000) \$ 18,000
 10-4380-181 FICA \$ 1,167 \$ 17,415
 10-4380-199 Professional Services \$ 9,350 \$ 9,850
 10-4380-251 Gas, Oil, & Tires \$ 6,400 \$ 19,400
 10-4380-358 Inoculations \$ 2,095 \$ 3,445
 10-4380-395 Registration & Training \$ 700 \$ 2,400
 10-8540-111 Position Reclassification \$ (9,958) \$ 35,042

Description: To amend the budget for current funding estimates based on employee turnover, the associated operating expenditures, and to budget for changes in on-call pay approved by the Board of the Commissioner during their regular meeting held on February 2, 2014.

E-911 Fund/ETSF Training

Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)
 27-3991-992 Use of ETSF Fund Balance \$ 2,500 \$ 35,021
Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)
 27-4305-395 Registration and Materials \$ 2,500 \$ 3,500

Description: To budget funds for recertification training expenditures.

(C) Approved the Minutes of the January 20, 2015 Meeting as recorded.

(D) Approved the following Tax Releases as recommended by the Tax Administrator:

**Tax Releases
 February 2, 2015**

ACCT	NAME	AMOUNT	REASON
78516-301	Filio Cazanara	617.61	Dup DW MH Listed Twice
TOTAL		\$ 617.61	

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION UPDATE

Chairman Cozart recognized Paul Westfall, Director of Cooperative Extension, for an update.

Mr. Westfall spoke from the following PowerPoint presentation:

Granville County Cooperative Extension Service Update

February 2, 2015



Restructuring

- Worked for the last 2 years on "right-sizing" the organization across the state
 - Driven by loss of federal and state funding.
 - County commitment has remained strong
- Restructuring plan announced last August

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Restructuring

- University has announced a "base" staffing plan that will be implemented in all counties and the EBCL.
- Seeking a 50-50 match on base positions; 1/3 match on two-county positions.

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Restructuring

- Base model:
 - 1 Agriculture Agent
 - 1 4-H Agent
 - 1 Administrative assistant
 - ½ FCS Agent – to be shared with another county

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Restructuring

- Notes on the base model:
 - One of the base positions will serve as County Extension Director
 - If FCS, then only works in one county.
 - Additional Agriculture Agents matched based on needs: Ag Add-on
 - Counties can collaborate to pool resources & develop clusters/shared positions

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Impacts

- Where do we fit?
 - Close to the 50:50 match
 - Currently have:
 - 1 Livestock Agent/CED
 - .5 Horticulture Agent
 - .5 Crops Agent
 - 4-H Agent
 - 1.5 Administrative support

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Impacts

- Currently do not have an FCS Agent.
- Already share two agents with Person County
- Currently serving as Interim CED in Person County
- Grant funded positions not affected

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Impacts

- North Carolina among the last state Extension systems to go through this process
 - Tremendous county and community support

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Impacts

- State resources will support three main areas:
 - Agriculture
 - Foods
 - 4-H



Significant Results

- Voluntary Agriculture District
 - Working group has drafted an ordinance
 - Will review again before submitting
 - Goal is to have to the Board of Commissioners in early March
 - Review by County Attorney
 - Follow the process for consideration/adoption



Results

- Good Agricultural Practices
 - Hosted certification meeting
 - Must have GAP certification to get a contract
- Respirator Fit-Test
- BSE Clinic



Results

- Safe Farm Program
- Money Monkey Financial Management
 - Delivered through trained volunteers
- Master Gardeners Trained
- Alternative Crops Trials



Results

- Teen Court
 - Celebrated 5 years – handled 160 cases
- UnRappin' the Gift/He-Matters
 - Wrote a book!
- 4-H – Camps, Workshops, STEM, Embryology, Clubs, School Programs



Results

- 4-H Participants believe 4-H has helped them:
 - Communicate more effectively
 - Become better at solving problems
 - Become more of a team player in groups
 - Become more involved in their communities.



Summary

- Interesting notes:
 - Economic impact from Agriculture/Food:
 - Cash receipts to farms over \$38 million
 - Value Added impact over \$450
 - Economic Impact from Forestry:
 - Cash receipts delivered to mills over \$9 million
 - Value Added impact over \$33 million



Summary

- Cooperative Extension Service is restructuring – keeping county presence
- Working to ensure that Granville County residents continue to be served
- Emphasis on local issues in Agriculture, Foods, and 4-H



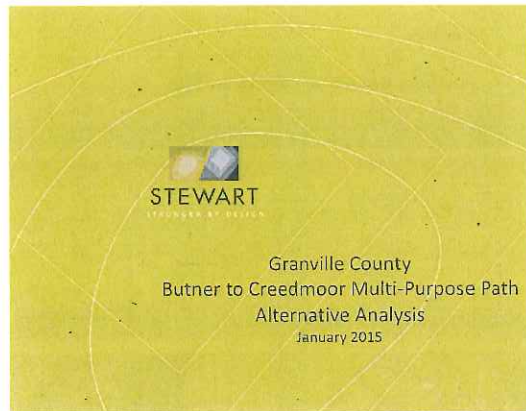
- Celebrated 100 years of Cooperative Extension Service
- Starting the next century of serving Granville County and North Carolina!



PRESENTATION ON BUTNER TO CREEDMOOR GREENWAY

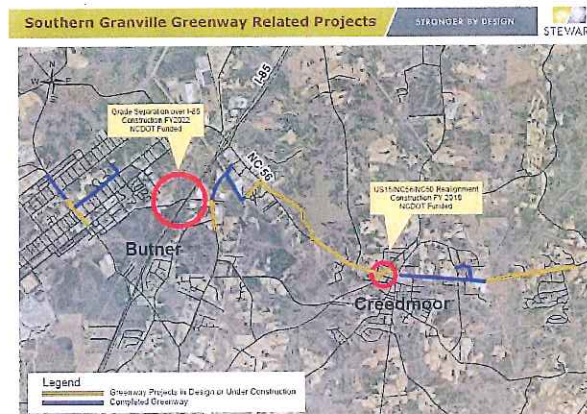
Chairman Cozart stated that Justin Jorgensen, Transportation Planner, would give a presentation on the Butner to Creedmoor Greenway.

Mr. Jorgensen spoke from the following PowerPoint presentation:



Why Greenways? STRONGER BY DESIGN STEWART

Jobs Creation	<p><i>Fred Smith Company has been honored to provide construction services associated with the expansion of North Carolina's trail systems, which has stimulated our economy by more than \$23,000,000 and provided work for hundreds of employees and subcontractors.</i></p> <p><small>-Fred Smith, Founder The Fred Smith Company</small></p>
Reduce Healthcare Costs	<p><i>Every \$1 spent building biking trails and walking paths can save about \$9 in medical expenses. Through GO WCI, BCBSNC hopes to improve health and reduce obesity-related medical costs in North Carolina.</i></p> <p><small>-Brad Nelson, BCBSNC president and CEO</small></p>
Increase Property Values	<p><i>Greenways have been shown to increase the value of adjacent properties by as much as 5 to 20 percent.</i></p> <p><small>-Middleburg County Greenway Plan 2009</small></p>
Recruit & Keep Businesses	<p><i>Building our network of trails is an essential investment that enables the Research Triangle Park to remain globally competitive by allowing us to attract the type of workers that companies want with amenities professional workers demand.</i></p> <p><small>-Lu Socha, Vice President Research Triangle Park</small></p>



Funding and Schedule

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• Construction Funding

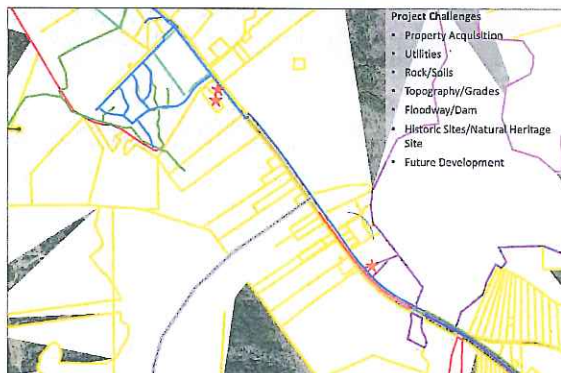
Total Available Funds (Federal \$1,056,000/Local \$264,000)	\$1,320,000
Design	\$189,755
Construction Administration (Est 10% of Construction Cost)	\$102,785
Total Funding Available for Construction	\$1,027,450

• Schedule

- Design Completion – September 2015

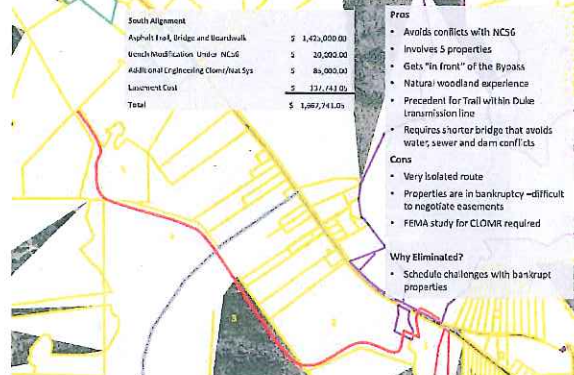
Project Challenges

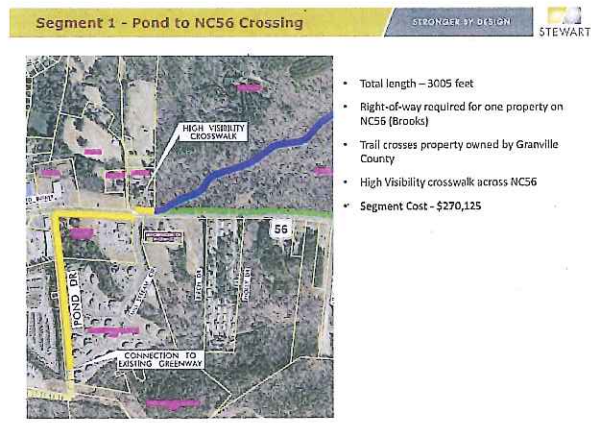
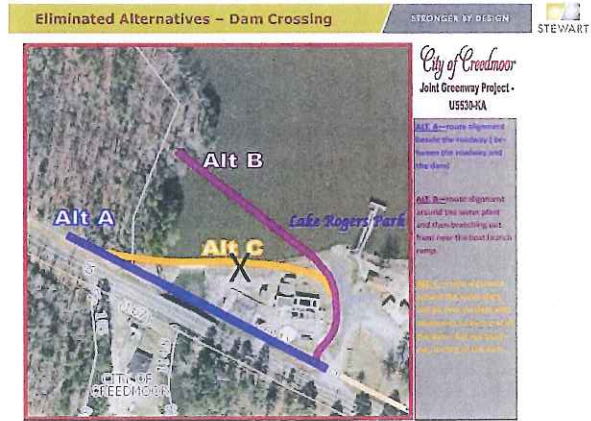
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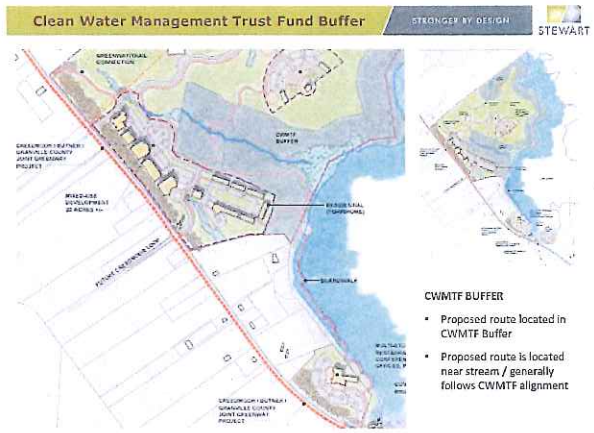


Eliminated Alternatives - Southern Alignment

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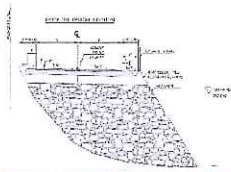
Cross Section of Rock Fill Slope

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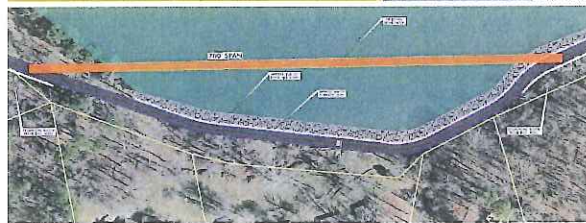
Rock Fill to Create Greenway along shoreline

- Within City Creedmoor property limits
- NCDENR will permit
- Allows access to lake from properties
- Reduced maintenance cost over boardwalk



Boardwalk Alternative

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Boardwalk Across Lake Frontage

- Within City Creedmoor property limits
- May restrict lake access of property owners
- Foundations will be influenced by presence of rock
- Estimated additional cost for boardwalk = \$260,000



Boardwalk Foundations

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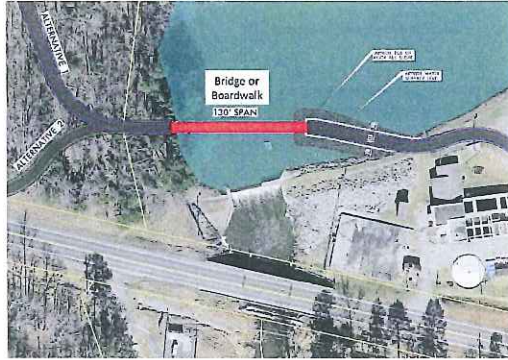


- Driven Wooden Piles
 - Pros
 - Cheap
 - Relatively Easy To Handle
 - Cons
 - Can't be used with shallow rock
 - Chemical treatments leach into water
- Driven Steel Piles
 - Pros
 - Provides greater strength
 - No chemical preservatives.
 - Cons
 - Can't be used with shallow rock.
 - More expensive than wood
 - Heavier / Harder to handle.
- Socketed & Grouted Steel Pipe Pile
 - Pros
 - Solved for installation in rock
 - Provides greater strength
 - No chemical preservatives.
 - Cons
 - More expensive than wood
 - Heavier / Harder to handle.



Segment 3A&B - Lake Rogers Crossing

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Bridges

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Segment 3C - Spillway Bridge

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Alternative Cost Comparisons STRONGER BY DESIGN STEWART

Segment	Begin/End	Alternative	Cost
1	Pond Dr to NC56	Via Granville Property	\$270,125
2A	NC56 to Lake	CWMTF Buffer Route	\$808,720
2B		Along NC56	\$935,625
3A		Bridge	\$441,325
3B	Lake Crossing	Boardwalk	\$217,575
3C		Bridge NC56	\$500,120

Route Option	Segments	Total Route Cost	20% Contingency	Total w/ Contingency
CWMTF Route with Causeway Bridge	1+2A+3A	\$1,520,170	\$304,034	\$1,824,204
CWMTF Route with Boardwalk	1+2A+3B	\$1,296,420	\$259,284	\$1,555,704
CWMTF Route with NC56 Bridge	1+2A+3C	\$1,578,965	\$315,793	\$1,894,758
NC56 with Causeway Bridge	1+2B+3A	\$1,647,075	\$329,415	\$1,976,490
NC56 with Boardwalk	1+2B+3B	\$1,423,325	\$284,665	\$1,707,990
NC56 with NC56 Bridge	1+2B+3C	\$1,705,870	\$341,174	\$2,047,044

Notes:
 *Includes ROW cost where applicable (based on tax values of approx. \$200/AC).
 Boardwalk crossing assumes half of pile will be rock.
 If no rock is encountered cost would be reduced by \$50K to \$100K, depending on foundation type.

Budget Shortfall STRONGER BY DESIGN STEWART

Total Available Funds (Federal \$1,056,000/Local \$264,000)	\$1,320,000
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Total Funding Available for Construction	\$1,027,450

Route Option	Total Route Cost	20% Contingency	Total w/ Contingency	Budget Shortfall
CWMTF Route with Causeway Bridge	\$1,520,170	\$304,034	\$1,824,204	\$796,754
CWMTF Route with Boardwalk	\$1,296,420	\$259,284	\$1,555,704	\$528,254
CWMTF Route with NC56 Bridge	\$1,578,965	\$315,793	\$1,894,758	\$867,308
NC56 with Causeway Bridge	\$1,647,075	\$329,415	\$1,976,490	\$949,040
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NC56 with NC56 Bridge	\$1,705,870	\$341,174	\$2,047,044	\$1,019,594

Evaluation STRONGER BY DESIGN STEWART

Begin/End	Segment	Alternative	Cost	Evaluation Comments
Pond Dr to NC56	1	Via Granville Property	\$270,125	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logical connection should be made to do for store Safety features, possible Rapid Flash Beacon should be considered Addition of 5 foot sidewalk on non-greenway side would make the connection safer
NC56 Crossing to Lake Rogers	2A	CWMTF Buffer Route	\$808,720	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is the preferred route for both aesthetic, budget and ease of ROW acquisition reasons The route along NC56 poses significant ROW challenges, requires extensive grading and investment to go from the current ditch section to curb and gutter with closed drainage.
		Along NC56	\$935,625	
		Bridge w/ Causeway	\$441,325	
Lake Crossing	3B	Boardwalk w/ Causeway	\$217,575	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about the causeway overtopping In addition to overtopping concerns this option would create maintenance issues to keep the boardwalk foundations free of debris
	3C	Bridge over Spillway	\$500,120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This option includes the demolition of two storage tanks Bridge will span the dam spillway and overflow spillway Bridge will be set above the 100 year storm elevation
Selected Alternative (1+2A+3C) Total			\$1,578,965	
20% Contingency			\$315,793	
Total with Contingency			\$1,894,758	
Construction Budget			\$1,027,450	
Budget Shortfall			\$867,308	

Chairman Cozart asked Commissioners Karan, Mims and Smoak to work with the County Manager to make a recommendation to the Board in March on this project.

DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS, ONE SPOKE ABOUT PAPERLESS AGENDAS AND ONE ABOUT BOY SCOUTS

Mike Turner, 3126 Horseshoe Road, Creedmoor, NC, made the following comments to the Board and presented copies to the Board and the Clerk regarding paperless agendas:

Last month I appeared before the board to ask you to consider conducting a utility audit on all county properties that would result in operational cost savings for Granville County. With the Boards 2015-2016 Budget Retreat scheduled for next week, I am here this evening to ask the Board to consider another operational efficiency. And that is to consider the feasibility of conducting a cost comparison between the current hardcopy paper agenda, against a new digitized paperless agenda.

Here are a few facts related to the current paper agenda. In calendar year 2014, the Granville County Board of Commissioners conducted a total of 23 Board meetings.

Those meetings included: 18-Regular Call meetings, a 2-day Budget Retreat, a 2-day Budget Work Session and 1-Special Call Meeting. During that period of time the Clerk to the Board worked an unknown number of hours preparing meeting agendas involving more than 31,000 sheets of copy paper and 285 individual ribbon binders per year for distribution to 15 meeting participants.

During some preliminary research, I discovered that today many Cities, Counties, School Boards and Community College Boards have been using paperless agendas for more than 10 years. I am suggesting that using today's technology, there is a better and more efficient way to do business in the 21st Century. A way that eliminates the need for those 31,000 sheets of paper, printing expenses associated with those 31,000 sheets of paper, the cost of and assembly of 285 ribbon agenda binders, not to mention the staff time involved in the preparation and delivery of agenda materials.

Today's paperless computer technology involves the purchase of Ipads or similar portable handheld devices for meeting participants. You may also select between purchasing the software for installation on the county owned server, or the use of a web-based application for an unlimited number of system users.

Once operational, system users will open the application and can download the upcoming meeting agenda, once uploaded by the Clerk to the Board. Users will have the capability of making notes on their Ipads for questions or comments when the agenda items come up for discussion in Board meetings. This technology would also give Board members access to the county's web site for search capabilities to previous agendas, minutes, county email, internet access, and access to individual contacts and calendars.

The payback cost of converting from paper to paperless agenda is said by some existing users to be approximately six-months.

Technology has really changed the way we do business, and this conversion is based on being efficient. This recommended conversion will save staff time, budget resources, provide more transparency to the general public with accessibility to public records, and eliminate unnecessary paper waste.

I close my comments this evening by encouraging the County to work smarter and not harder by taking advantage of today's digital technology in the upcoming 2015-2016 Annual Operating Budget.

Jacob Isley, 4039 Highway 15 South, Oxford, NC, stated that he was with Boy Scout Troop 629 sponsored by the Masonic Home. He thanked Chairman Cozart for helping the scouts with their citizenship in the community and communications merit badges. Chairman Cozart met with the scouts prior to the meeting.

**BOARD APPROVED HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PURCHASE -
ENCLOSED TRAILERS**

Chairman Cozart stated that Granville County, as regional host for Domestic Preparedness Region 4 (DPR4), was awarded a no-match 2014 Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of personnel and logistical transportation support systems. Enclosed Trailers are one component of the transportation support system. Upon completion of the purchases for the systems, Granville County will retain at least one unit and other units will be transferred to other counties in the region. Each county receiving the equipment must agree to deploy it upon request to other areas within the region and state. The following three quotes were obtained as follows:

Vendor	Price (each)
Sandling Golf Cars, Inc.	\$8,850.00
North Carolina Trailer Sales	\$8,996.95
HGR'S Truck and Trailer	\$9,035.00

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of three (3) 8.5' x 16' enclosed trailers from Sandling Golf Cars, Inc. for a price of \$8,850.00 each for a total purchase of \$26,550.00 from the no-match 2014 Homeland Security Grant.

**BOARD APPROVED HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PURCHASE -
GENERATORS**

Granville County, as regional host for Domestic Preparedness Region 4 (DPR4), was awarded a no-match 2014 Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of personnel and logistical transportation support systems. Generators are one component of the transportation support system. Upon completion of the purchases for the systems, Granville County will retain at least one unit and other units will be transferred to other counties in the region. Each county receiving the equipment must agree to deploy it upon request to other areas within the region and state. The following three quotes were obtained as follows:

Vendor	Price (each)
ProPac	\$2,303.36
Honda Power Equipment	\$2,599.95
Grainger	\$2,832.00

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of four (4) Honda portable generators – model EU3000IH1A from ProPac for a price of \$2,303.36 each for a total

purchase of \$9,213.44 plus shipping and sales tax from the no-match 2014 Homeland Security Grant.

BOARD APPOINTED ABIGAIL CROWNSHAW (DISTRICT 3 APPOINTED BY DISTRICT 6) TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Abigail Crownshaw (District 3 appointed by District 6) to the Animal Control Advisory Committee.

BOARD APPROVED GRANVILLE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER PROJECT

County Manager Felts stated that on January 6th at 3:00 p.m. sealed bid proposals were received for the interior renovations and site work modifications at 107 Lanier Street. The renovations are necessary for locating the Department of Senior Services within the facility and are in accordance with the Baxter Armistead Architecture plans and specifications. The recorded bid results, a letter from Baxter Armistead Architecture, dated January 7, 2015 recommending award to HG Reynolds Company, Inc., and the bid proposal submitted by the recommended contractor were included in the agenda packet. He noted that the Development Services Director, after review of the bid submittal, as well as a detailed discussion of the work requirements with General Contractor, recommended awarding a fixed-price contract to H.G. Reynolds Co., Inc. for a price not to exceed \$1,296,200.00 (Base Bid plus \$5,000 for potential manhole plus \$1,200 for potential water tap). If the Board elects to approve alternates for the floor covering upgrades the total recommended price would be \$1,313,800.00. He noted that the upgrades would allow for longer term maintenance.

Commissioner David T. Smith made a motion to approve the County Manager's recommendation along with the Senior Center Advisory Board's recommendation of upgrades to the tile of \$13,000 and the carpet \$4,600 for the Granville County Senior Center Project. He noted these upgrades will be in the entry way, the dining area and classroom areas and bring the total price to \$1,313,800. Commissioner Zelodis Jay seconded the motion.

Commissioner Smoak asked how this would affect the Community Development Block Grant associated with this project.

County Manager Felts stated that the Community Development Block Grant associated with this project will affect the Spring Street building and not the Lanier Street building at all. He clarified that the Department of Social Services renovation on West Spring Street and the Senior Center project on Lanier Street are under one project ordinance. He explained that the

elevator in the Spring Street building was funded from the Community Development Block Grant so the project ordinance to reflect the actual costs of the Senior Center and Department of Social Services construction projects needs to be amended.

When Chairman Cozart called for the vote on the motion it was unanimous to award a fixed-price contract to H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc. for a price not to exceed \$1,313,800 for the Granville County Senior Center Project at 107 Lanier Street that includes carpet and tile upgrades; and to approve directing the County Finance Director to prepare the necessary budget amendment to the Community Development Block Grant Program – Economic Recovery Grant Project Ordinance to ensure adequate funding.

DURING COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT, BOARD APPROVED CHANGES TO THE SOLAR ENERGY SITE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HELIOSAGE

County Attorney Wrenn stated that the Solar Energy Site Lease Agreement with HelioSage for the location of a solar farm at the landfill was approved a couple of years ago and needed to be revised. He noted that HelioSage has an option to lease the property at the landfill, but they have not yet exercised the option. He said there are some minor language changes to the agreement. The main substantive changes to the agreement are: to increase the potential term of the lease from 25 years to 40 years and the rent escalation will continue at the same rate as the previous years, change that the venue “*may be in Granville County in the event of any legal action*” to “*shall be in Granville County in the event of any legal action,*” and to lease 35 acres instead of 50 acres.

Commissioner Karan asked if there are any restrictions on how long you can do these types of leases.

County Attorney Wrenn stated that there are restrictions and this lease will be treated as a sale and will have to be advertised for upset bids just like any County-owned property.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the County Attorney's recommendations including minor language changes to the Solar Energy Site Lease Agreement with HelioSage as well as changes to increase the potential term of the lease from 25 years to 40 years, change that the venue “*may be in Granville County in the event of any legal action*” to “*shall be in Granville County in the event of any legal action,*” and to lease 35 acres instead of 50 acres.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Mims mentioned a recent rabies case and gave a "shout out" to Matt Katz, Animal Management Director, for working cooperatively with the Granville Vance District Health Department and showing professionalism. He noted that the Veterans' Affairs Meet and Greet on January 24th was successful. He noted that they pinned World War II and Korean War Veterans at the event. He mentioned that Veterans' memorabilia is in one of the display cases at the Expo Center and they will be rotating displays. He also mentioned that he would be attending a Health and Human Services meeting on Thursday in Raleigh and that the House and Senate Leaders are expected to attend to discuss the State budget and the state of Mental Health in North Carolina.

Commissioner Karan stated that the NC 56 Corridor Study has cleared a hurdle by holding the first public information session last Monday. They will present findings on the data to the Boards involved in the near future.

Commissioner Smoak stated that the Veterans' Affairs Committee is trying to compile a list of all the Granville County Veterans of World War II. He said he is surprised that there is not a complete list of World War II Veterans and encouraged citizens to help complete the list by contacting the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Commissioner Smith thanked the Board on behalf of the Senior Services Advisory Committee for the approval of the Granville County Senior Center Project. He mentioned the Silver Tsunami event held at VGCC in the fall and the fact that baby boomers are coming of age at the rate of 10,000 per day. He said that this will help to keep our seniors more active.

Chairman Cozart reported that agenda preparation for the retreat is progressing. He mentioned that he attended the Veterans' Meet and Greet and observed the impact that Veterans such as Mr. Dunn and Mr. Mosely made to the community after they returned home from serving in the military.

BOARD WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner David T. Smith, and unanimously carried, the Board went into closed session as allowed by G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) 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.

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

BOARD ADJOURNED

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

Respectfully submitted,
Debra A. Weary, NCCCC, CMC
Clerk to the Board

APPROVED BY:


Tony W. Cozart, Chairman