

OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
November 21, 2016

The Members of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, Granville Expo and Convention Center, 4185 US Highway 15 South, Oxford.

Present were:

Chairman: Zelodis Jay

Commissioners: Tony W. Cozart R. David Currin, Jr.
 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: Chris Harris – *Butner-Creedmoor News*
 David Murray – *Oxford Public Ledger*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman Zelodis Jay called the meeting to order, and recognized Commissioner David T. Smith for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr., 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:

Environmental Disaster Contingency	\$ 10,000
General Contingency Balance	\$ 155,500
General Fund Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 1,297,848
- (B) Approved Minutes of the October 17, 2016 Regular Meeting as recorded.
- (C) Approved the following Tax Releases as recommended by the Tax Administrator:

TAX RELEASES
November 21, 2016

ACCOUNT	OWNERS NAME	AMOUNT	REASON FOR RELEASE
14525-302	Travis M & Peggy W Loftis FY2016	129.36	Billed Twice for 2 Acres of Land
14525-302	Travis M & Peggy W Loftis FY2015	122.01	Billed Twice for 2 Acres of Land
14525-302	Travis M & Peggy W Loftis FY2014	122.01	Billed Twice for 2 Acres of Land
14525-302	Travis M & Peggy W Loftis FY2013	122.01	Billed Twice for 2 Acres of Land
14525-302	Travis M & Peggy W Loftis FY2012	116.87	Billed Twice for 2 Acres of Land

14525-302	Travis M & Peggy W Loftis FY2011	116.87	Billed Twice for 2 Acres of Land
14525-302	Travis M & Peggy W Loftis FY2010	116.87	Billed Twice for 2 Acres of Land
14525-302	Travis M & Peggy W Loftis FY2009	121.28	Billed Twice for 2 Acres of Land
14525-302	Travis M & Peggy W Loftis FY2008	110.99	Billed Twice for 2 Acres of Land
14525-302	Travis M & Peggy W Loftis FY2007	110.99	Billed Twice for 2 Acres of Land
18720-302	Ernest W Reed Jr.	44.00	Vehicle Listed Twice
18720-302	Ernest W Reed Jr.	44.00	Vehicle Listed Twice
85498-301	Thomas P & Cynthia W Hill	46.81	Boat Located and Billed in Vance Co
	GRAND TOTAL	\$1,324.07	

BOARD RECOGNIZED JUDY STOVALL

Chairman Jay recognized Judy Stovall for her years of service with Granville County and presented her with a plaque from the Board that read as follows:

Judy Stovall
 Granville County Tax Administrator
 March 18, 2004 – November 30, 2016
 In Recognition of Outstanding Service
 to
 The Citizens of Granville County
 Presented by
 The Granville County Board of Commissioners
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Commissioners Currin, Smith and Cozart made comments.

BOARD RECOGNIZED COMMISSIONER R. DAVID CURRIN, JR.

Chairman Jay recognized Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr. for his years of service and presented him with a plaque that read as follows:

R. David "Dave" Currin, Jr.
 Granville County Commissioner
 1996-2016

Chairman
 1998-1999
 2005-2006
 2010-2011

In Recognition of Outstanding Service
 to
 the Citizens of Granville County
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Commissioner Currin made comments and Commissioners expressed words of appreciation.

BOARD RECOGNIZED COMMISSIONER ED MIMS

Chairman Jay recognized Commissioner Ed Mims for his years of service and presented him with a plaque that read as follows:

Eddie R. Mims, Jr.
Granville County Commissioner
2012-2016

In Recognition of Outstanding Service
to
the Citizens of Granville County
Presented by
The Granville County Board of Commissioners
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Commissioner Mims made comments and Commissioners made comments.

BOARD RECEIVED UPDATE REPORT ON ABC BOARD ACTIVITIES

Chairman Jay recognized Rob Williford, Chairman of the Granville County ABC Board, to update the Board on ABC Board activities.

Mr. Williford reported that total sales for last fiscal year were \$3.9 million and increased by 5.1% and the profit as a percent of sales was 11.1%. The total distribution of income to Granville County was between \$350,000 to \$375,000. He reported that the Granville County ABC Board was #2 out of 20 two-store operations in North Carolina and 19th out of 165 ABC Boards in North Carolina in profit percent to sales. He also reported that the property for the store in southern Granville County had been purchased and that the ABC Board is working with Baxter-Armistead Architecture on plans for the store which should be opening September 2017. He thanked the Board for their support.

BOARD DENIED THE 2016 CERTAINTEED BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX APPEAL

County Manager Felts stated that a letter dated October 20, 2016 from Ryan, LLC, a tax representative for CertainTeed Corporation, appealing the taxable valuation of plant equipment for the 2016 Fiscal Tax Year was included in the agenda. Ryan is a leading global tax services firm with the largest indirect and property tax practices in North America. Ryan has been appointed by CertainTeed Corporation (D.B.A. Saint-Gobain Corporation) for the purpose of filing real estate and personal property statements, and/or assessment appeals, and other related tax matters. The decision from the Granville County Tax Administrator was included with their letter and supporting information. Phil Evans with EVANS & Associates - Property Tax Consultants, evaluated the appeal on behalf of Granville County. Judy Stovall,

Granville County Tax Administrator, recommended the Granville County Board of Commissioners uphold the County's present valuation and tax bill for 2016. He noted that Granville County's Industry Auditor, Phil Evans of EVANS & Associates, was available to provide an overview and answer questions.

Mr. Evans stated that the information regarding the appeal had been reviewed. He said the appeal was based on economic obsolescence and explained that is when something that is external to the property impacts the valuation of the property. He said this had been presented to the Board in the 2014 and 2015 tax years with essentially the same argument. He said the efficiency of the plant had been reviewed and compared to those in the industry with the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code. He said that CertainTeed is basically achieving the industry average. He said that the corporate offices have commented on the rebound that is occurring in the construction industry and that he believed that the downturn in the industry was cyclical and not economic obsolescence.

Greg Wood with Ryan said he was present on behalf of CertainTeed and handed out documents. He said they had gone with the risk calculation before and noted that the state has training schedules that account for some type of depreciation on the equipment and Granville County is applying that. He said the external depreciation he is referring to is caused by market demands. He explained that CertainTeed is in a very competitive business and that from 2005 until now they have not recovered from where they were at that time. He noted that production levels have constantly gone downhill. He noted that the end utility calculations are the only way to measure the external obsolescence of the company which is a calculation that is accepted by the industry. He said that in 2015 CertainTeed is at 48.35% of what they hope to achieve and the problem is competition. He said that 2016 is the worse year so far and things are still going downhill. He said the Granville County assessed value is \$40,128,741 and he was requesting a reduction to \$36,086,000 which takes into account the adjustment for the external calculation. He referred to another shingle company that announced they were going to build a state of the art facility in 2014 costing \$149M in Missouri. He said one year later they backed away from the project even though they were receiving incentives because the market was so bad. He mentioned that from 2013-2014 the net profit went down 24% and 2014-2015 it went down 29% at the Oxford plant. He said the calculation is a fair calculation with the amount of obsolescence that is occurring with CertainTeed.

When asked, Mr. Wood said that the chart did not show anything for lines 3, 4, 5, and 6 because they have been closed. He said the net profit is still decreasing even when equipment has been reformulated. He noted that the economy has not recovered and is coming back slowly and that the reduction is \$35,576 in property taxes.

At this point, Board members asked questions.

Mr. Evans noted that 75% of CertainTeed's business is replacement roofs and not housing starts. He explained that they looked at the total number of single-family roofs in the United States and those are increasing. He said that the cost approach is the best method to use and that is what Granville County uses. He explained economic obsolescence and argued that their chart shows that every line wants to operate at peak efficiency throughout the year. He said the plant continues to expand capacity which is not something you see when there is economic obsolescence unless they expect the market to return. He noted that he believed that obsolescence is not the correct application.

Mrs. Stovall noted that CertainTeed does not dedicate any production output to new housing starts. She said that 85% of their production plan is replacement roof industry dedicated to the east coast. She said the other 15% is lifetime shingles. She noted that housing starts up or down do not affect their business plan. She explained a chart that came from Ryan and said that the investment is in the future and is not obsolete.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board denied the 2016 CertainTeed business personal property tax appeal as recommended by the Tax Administrator.

AFTER HOLDING PUBLIC HEARING, BOARD APPROVED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE AND RESOLUTION FOR ALTEC INDUSTRIES PROJECT

Chairman Jay stated that a public hearing would be held to obtain the views of the public on aiding and encouraging the location or expansion of industrial facilities in Granville County specifically as follows: the expansion of a manufacturing company in Granville County to expand its existing facility. He then declared the public hearing open and recognized Harry Mills, Director of Economic Development, to provide an overview of the project.

Mr. Mills stated that Project Wolf, also known as Altec, is an existing manufacturing company in Granville County seeking to expand and potentially employ 50 additional people. The company has applied for a State Building Reuse Grant that they have received that requires

a 5% match from Granville County. The company will invest approximately \$4,290,000 and the maximum cost of the County-funded improvements will not exceed \$25,000. North Carolina General Statute 158-7.1 requires a public hearing prior to any final action of the Board and also requires a public notice requirement which has been met.

Chairman Jay asked for anyone wishing to speak to come to the podium.

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner David T. Smith, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 5% grant match economic incentive for Altec Industries at a maximum cost of County-funded improvements in the amount of \$25,000 and adopted the following resolution:

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT
North Carolina Department of Commerce Building Reuse Program**

WHEREAS, in June 2004, the North Carolina General Assembly passed House Bill 1352, authorizing funds to stimulate economic development and job creation in distressed areas through constructing critical water and wastewater facilities, addressing technology needs, renovation of vacant buildings, and implementation of research and demonstration projects; and,

WHEREAS, in July 2007, the General Assembly passed House Bill 1473 to expand the Economic Infrastructure Fund and to provide funding to facilitate economic transitions in rural communities; and,

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Department of Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division's Building Reuse Program was created to spur economic activity and job creation by assisting in the productive use of buildings in rural areas; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Granville is engaged in activities to assist in the productive use of buildings, specifically the renovation of the building for Altec Industries located at 1550 Aerial Ave, Creedmoor, NC that will increase the number of jobs in the area; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Granville requested grant assistance from the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division's Building Reuse Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRANVILLE:

That the County of Granville will provide 5% match of the \$500,000 grant award for the project.

That the County of Granville will provide for efficient administration, implementation, and operation/maintenance of the grant.

That the County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the North Carolina Department of Commerce may request in connection with the grant application and project; to make assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application and grant.

That the County of Granville has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 21st of November, 2016.

AFTER HOLDING PUBLIC HEARING, BOARD APPROVED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE AND RESOLUTION FOR STAY ONLINE PROJECT

Chairman Jay stated that a public hearing would be held to obtain the views of the public on aiding and encouraging the location or expansion of industrial facilities in Granville County specifically as follows: the expansion of a manufacturing company in Granville County to expand and open up a new office. He then declared the public hearing open and recognized Harry Mills, Director of Economic Development, to provide an overview of the project.

Mr. Mills stated that Project H and H also known as Stay Online, is an existing manufacturing company in Granville County seeking to expand and potentially employ 50 additional people. The company has applied for a State Building Reuse Grant that requires a 5% match from Granville County if awarded. The company will invest approximately \$1,020,000 and the maximum cost of the County-funded improvements will not exceed \$25,000. North Carolina General Statute 158-7.1 requires a public hearing prior to any final action of the Board and also requires a public notice requirement which has been met.

Chairman Jay asked for anyone wishing to speak to come to the podium.

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

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the 5% grant match economic incentive for Stay Online at a maximum cost of County-funded improvements in the amount of \$25,000 and adopted the following resolution:

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT
North Carolina Department of Commerce Building Reuse Program**

WHEREAS, in June 2004, the North Carolina General Assembly passed House Bill 1352, authorizing funds to stimulate economic development and job creation in distressed areas through constructing critical water and wastewater facilities, addressing technology needs, renovation of vacant buildings, and implementation of research and demonstration projects; and,

WHEREAS, in July 2007, the General Assembly passed House Bill 1473 to expand the Economic Infrastructure Fund and to provide funding to facilitate economic transitions in rural communities; and,

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Department of Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division's Building Reuse Program was created to spur economic

activity and job creation by assisting in the productive use of buildings in rural areas; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Granville is engaged in activities to assist in the productive use of buildings, specifically the renovation of the building for Stay Online Corporation located at 1506 Ivac Way, Creedmoor, NC that will increase the number of jobs in the area; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Granville requested grant assistance from the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division's Building Reuse Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRANVILLE:

That the County of Granville will provide 5% match of the grant award for the project.

That the County of Granville will provide for efficient administration, implementation, and operation/maintenance of the grant.

That the County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the North Carolina Department of Commerce may request in connection with the grant application and project; to make assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application and grant.

That the County of Granville has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 21st of November, 2016.

BOARD APPROVED CHANGES REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SALARIES

County Manager Felts stated that the Granville County Department of Social Services is faced with several daunting challenges in regards to the recruitment, hiring, and retention of Public Assistance (PA), *aka* Income Maintenance staff. Over the past three fiscal years, 16 of the 29 (55%) of the resignations, excluding retirements, were due to our employees being offered more money for working the same job in another County. One of our closest competitors, based on similar population size, offers minimum grade salaries at least \$4,000 higher than Granville County's. It has become difficult to compete equitably with other counties for experienced staff or to retain employees when the salaries are so disproportional.

He noted that Lou Bechtel, Granville County Social Services Director, was present to answer questions and that a memo was included in the agenda that outlines the problems facing the Social Services Department, provides a summary of the department's recommendation to address the issue, and additional supporting information. He explained that at their October 25th meeting, the Social Services Board members approved the recommendation described in the memo and approved forwarding it to the County Commissioners for their consideration

and approval. The total net cost to Granville County's budget for the current fiscal year based on a 6 month implementation time frame and the offsetting State and/or Federal funding increase is \$15,707.

Lou Bechtel explained the challenges of training and then retaining staff that leave to go somewhere else to make more money. He noted that 58% of employees in the Public Assistance area left this year for neighboring counties to make more money and that most leave during the first year to year and a half. He said a study had been done of the neighboring counties and concluded that efforts needed to be made to retain employees and be competitive as skills are now transferable to other counties.

Commissioner Cozart, the County-appointed member of the Social Services Board, said he had received numerous calls regarding the matter and that he supported the recommendation. After further clarification, Commissioner Cozart made a motion.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Social Services Director, Human Resources Director and County Manager's recommendation of reclassifying two (2) Processing Assistant III positions to Income Maintenance Techs and to increase all of the 46 Public Assistance employee annual salaries by \$1,950 effective January 16, 2017.

BOARD APPROVED LITTER REMOVAL SERVICES

County Manager Felts stated that a quote from DMW, Inc. for litter removal services along 269.4+ shoulder miles within Granville County was included in the agenda packet. DMW is a North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) approved contractor and currently operates under NCDOT contract number D5POC025. He noted that Granville County is eligible to "piggyback" on this contract.

He explained that Jason Falls, Environmental Services Director, and Michael Felts, County Manager, met with the Solid Waste Advisory Board on November 4th to discuss this proposal for litter removal services along the roadways listed in the quote. The Solid Waste Advisory Board recommended adding Highway 56 to the listed roadways. Mr. Falls also received approval from the Environmental Affairs Committee at their most recent meeting. He noted that based on expected Solid Waste fee revenues, sufficient funding exists within the current budget to fund this proposed contract. When asked, he clarified that the part-time employee who supervises crews will continue to pick up trash on other roads. Concerns with

Highway 50 were mentioned to be added to the pick-up list on an upcoming pick-up. Mr. Falls said that the contract will begin in January. Ben Thorpe Road was also mentioned as a problem road.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Environmental Services Director's recommendation to award a contract to DMW Contracting, Inc. at the rate of \$147.50 per shoulder mile for the listed roadways of 269.4 shoulder miles plus Highway 56 shoulder miles.

BOARD APPROVED C & D LANDFILL CLOSURE ENGINEERING SERVICES

County Manager Felts stated that Unit 1 C & D Landfill needs to be closed since it has recently reached capacity and will be closed per the approved Closure and Post-Closure Care Plan dated June 2008, and revised in September 2014. The quote received describes the various tasks and activities Joyce Engineering proposes to perform for the Landfill closure.

Jason Falls, Environmental Services Director, and Michael Felts, County Manager met with the Solid Waste Advisory Board on November 4th to discuss the proposal for engineering services. The proposal prices to types of closure caps Task 3 (Soil Cap Option) or Task 4 GCL (Geosynthetic Clay Liner Cap Option). The recommended option is to use the GCL Cap option resulting in estimated engineering fees of \$139,000. In addition to the engineering fees the GCL Cap liner is expected to cost approximately \$369,000. Cost associated with closing Unit 1 C & D Landfill can be funded by existing funds in the C & D Landfill Closure account and an inter-fund loan from the General Fund to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

Upon a motion by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, and unanimously carried, the Board unanimously approved attachment A: Scope of Professional Services to the County's current engineering contract with Joyce Engineering, Inc. at a price of \$139,000 (Task 01, 02, 04, & 05) and authorized the County Manger, County Attorney, and Environmental Service Director to take necessary actions to close the Unit 1 C & D Landfill.

BOARD APPROVED GENERAL SERVICES UNIFORM AND RUG SERVICE CONTRACT

County Manager Felts stated that Granville County last bid out the General Services uniform and rug service contract in May 2009. Over the past several months this year, Gary Bowen, General Services Manager, requested bids from various bidders. Two companies responded to the request for quotes - Unifirst Corporation (our current provider) and Aramark.

Quoted prices were based on the current quantities and types of rugs, mop heads, and uniforms currently being provided and both quotes were comparable. Our current contract averages \$262.03 per week. Weekly quoted prices based on quotes and follow-up discussions by Gary Bowen are Aramark at \$254.90 and Unifirst at \$255.07. Mr. Bowen noted that on follow-up discussions, Aramark was much more responsive than our current provider. Based on follow-up discussions with Aramark, some reductions in the number of rugs and mop supplies can be made without impacting overall service thereby reducing the average weekly costs.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Board approved awarding a 36-month service contract for uniforms and rugs to Aramark, with up to two (2) one-year automatic extensions at a price not to exceed \$254.90 per week, and authorized the County Manager to execute a contract for services.

GRANVILLE GREENWAYS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Smith asked that a recommendation from the Planning Board be requested to fill the Planning Board position on the Granville Greenways Technical Committee. The consensus of the Board was to make the request for the recommendation.

BOARD APPOINTED JAMES W. GOOCH (DISTRICT 7) TO THE SOUTH GRANVILLE MEMORIAL GARDENS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr., and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Jean Ellis (District 7) to the South Granville Memorial Gardens Board of Trustees as an alternate.

BREAK

At this point, Chairman Jay declared a break.

BOARD APPROVED GRANVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM EMS FUNDING

County Manager Felts stated that during the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget meetings, the Granville County Board of Commissioners directed County staff to work with Granville Health System (GHS) staff to review the financial results of GHS operation of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and to bring back to the Board of Commissioners a multi-year funding approach for the EMS Subsidy to GHS. A copy of the existing MOU outlining the transfer and operation of EMS services from Granville County to Granville Health System approved in June 2010, a summary of GHS's EMS Financial Analysis, a summary of EMS Transport Analysis for the past 6 years, and a proposed amendment of section 3.2 of the MOU between

Granville County and GHS was included in the agenda packet.

Staff reviewed the financial analysis of EMS operations from 2010 through 2016 (to-date), discussed possible net increases to EMS fee collections, and reviewed the EMS transport analysis for possible service cost savings. The financial analysis shows an ongoing shortfall of approximately \$1.1M with the existing subsidy funding amount based on current service levels. After reviewing and discussing the need for additional EMS subsidy funding, County staff is proposing the following gradual EMS Subsidy funding increase over a five-year period followed by an annual percentage increase. This increase to \$800k positions the hospital with a manageable number and shares responsibility between the County and the hospital. He reviewed the annual subsidies. He said that this funding plan would allow the Hospital to budget and plan for operational and capital needs over time and would allow the County to project and plan for budget needs over a multi-year period. He noted that this information has been discussed with Lee Isley and the funding model is acceptable to his staff.

Commissioner Smoak asked for clarification of funding levels and asked what could be done to stop the shortfall every year. Commissioner Currin noted that services cannot be denied. Discussion ensued about how EMS is not a self-supporting service, the challenges of collecting for unpaid services, using Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) efficiently and the measures that have been implemented to reduce costs so far.

County Manager Felts explained that the subsidy is an agreement to share the shortfall with Granville Health System, but will not eliminate the shortfall but hopefully manage it. Discussion continued.

Commissioner Smoak suggested that this matter be looked at during the retreat with experts and management from the Hospital. Commissioner Currin said that cost cutting measures have been implemented and continuously looked at and he did not feel there was anything left to do even if the Affordable Health Care Act was repealed. Discussion continued about the EMS financial analysis chart in the agenda and then County Manager Felts explained funding plan.

Commissioner Currin said he would like to make a motion to accept the joint recommendation from Granville Health System and the County Manager. Commissioner Ed Mims seconded the motion. When Chairman Jay called for a vote on the matter, it passed unanimously to authorize the County Manager and County Attorney to work with Granville

Health System staff to amend the existing MOU Section 3.2 based on the funding schedule as presented below:

3.2 Amount of Annual Subsidy. Subject to annual appropriation as described above, the County Board of Commissioners shall provide the following annual subsidies to GHS:

- 3.2.6 Fiscal Year 2017-2018--\$550,000.00*
- 3.2.7 Fiscal Year 2018-2019--\$650,000.00*
- 3.2.8 Fiscal Year 2019-2020--\$700,000.00*
- 3.2.9 Fiscal Year 2020-2021--\$750,000.00*
- 3.2.10 Fiscal Year 2021-2022--\$800,000.00*

For each County fiscal year after Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the annual subsidy shall increase by three percent (3%) so that the subsidy for County fiscal year 2022-2023 shall be \$824,000.00, the subsidy for County fiscal year 2023-2024 shall be \$848,720.00, and so on.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

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

BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Mims thanked Amedisys for sponsoring the Veterans Day breakfast on November 10th. He asked the Board to continue their support for the Veterans Affairs Committee and Dr. Doug Vaughan, Veterans Services Officer. He noted that there will be tough decisions in the future and wished them the best. He urged the Board to support Commissioners-elect Owens and Hinman. He wished everyone a safe, healthy and Happy Thanksgiving on behalf of him and his wife.

Commissioner Karan mentioned that there will be pressing issues with the volunteer fire departments in the near future. He said some have gone to a paid/co-share plan for volunteers and that requirements for volunteers have become greater and there are fewer volunteers. He asked that some of the Fire Chiefs and Emergency Management Director Doug Logan assist the Board as the dialogue about fire protection services continues. He wished everyone a healthy and Happy Thanksgiving.

Chairman Jay talked about the decline in volunteers with the fire departments and the "gray areas" in the County. He requested that a study committee be formed with the County Manager, the Emergency Management Director, and firemen from all areas of Granville County. The consensus of the Board was for the County Manager to put together a draft committee including two commissioners and to bring the recommendation back to the Board.

Commissioner Smoak said that it had been an honor and pleasure to serve with Commissioners Currin and Mims and thanked them for their service. He wished everyone a Happy Turkey Day and mentioned the upcoming Christmas parades and lighting of the greens. He also said that the Veterans event in Butner was great.

Commissioner Smith said that the Veterans Service Officer did a great job at the Veterans Day breakfast. He wished Commissioners Currin and Mims the best and thanked them for their dedication and sacrifices to make Granville County a better place.

Commissioner Currin thanked everyone for the time spent together and wished them all the best. He talked about how things have changed in Granville County during the 20 years he served. He welcomed Sue Hinman that was elected in District 3 and told a story about why he ran for commissioner. He said that he could leave his position with a clear conscious. He said it had been a great trip and there were hard days ahead. He said “God bless each and every one of you” and wished them Godspeed.

Commissioner Cozart echoed comments regarding Commissioners Mims and Currin. He said their passion had made the County better. He said that on Monday, November 28th at 5:30 p.m., a team would read the Martin Luther King, Jr. essays. He noted that winners would be chosen to be recognized at the MLK breakfast. He asked for volunteers to help read the essays.

Chairman Jay thanked Commissioners Mims and Currin for their service. He thanked Commissioner Currin for his prayers for him on the streets of Houston when he was dealing with issues and for helping him. He also mentioned that he received a letter from the Department of Transportation regarding the replacement of bridge #1139 on Enon Road over Tar River Road. He congratulated Joe Toler Oak Hill School for winning first and second place in the *2016 Let's Explore Africa Quiz Bowl*. He wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

BOARD WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, 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; to establish, or 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.

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

BOARD APPROVED CONTRACTS AND DUE DILIGENCE FOR POTENTIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SITES

Upon a motion by Commissioner Edgar Smoak, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved contracts for the Montague and Currin properties as potential law enforcement sites and authorized the County Attorney to do due diligence.

BOARD ADJOURNED

Upon a motion by Commissioner R. David Currin, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Ed Mims, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned.

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