

OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
June 6, 2022

The Members of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina met in a regular meeting on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, Granville Expo and Convention Center, 4185 US Highway 15 South, Oxford.

Present were:

Chair: Tony W. Cozart

Commissioners: Jimmy Gooch Timothy Karan
Sue Hinman Russ May
Zelodis Jay David T. Smith

County Manager: Michael S. Felts
Assistant County Manager: Korena Weichel
County Attorney: James C. Wrenn, Jr.

News Reporters: Amanda Dixon – *Butner-Creedmoor News*
David Murray – *Oxford Public Ledger*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m., Chair Tony W. Cozart called the meeting to order. He then recognized Commissioner Timothy Karan for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, 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 that showed the following balances:

General Contingency Balance	\$	14,000
School Bond D/S Contingency	\$	100,000
Environmental Disaster Contingency	\$	10,000
General Fund Appropriated Fund Balance	\$	5,957,648

- (B) Approved Budget Amendment #6 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 as follows:

Budget Amendment #6
6/6/2022

Be it ordained, the FY 2021-2022 Annual Budget Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)

General Government		
Administration		3,620
IT		2,332
Finance		16,497
Human Resources		1,100
Internal Auditor		660
General Services		1,085
Public Safety		
Sheriff's Department		20,000

			911 Operations	870,000		
			Addressing / GIS	913		
		Community Services				
			County Library System	22,270		
			Planning	2,148		
			Inspections	3,968		
		Human Services				
			Social Services	446,474		
			HCCBG & Transportation	30,140		
			Oxford Senior Center	2,343		
			Senior Center - North	400		
			Senior Center - South	400		
		Education				
			Granville County School System	500,000		
		Contributions to Other Funds				
			Tourism Development Authority	600		
			Contingencies	(14,000)		
			<i>Total Expenditures</i>		1,884,389	
		Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)				
			Restricted and Intergovernmental	412,524		
			Appropriated Fund Balance	1,471,865		
			<i>Total Revenues</i>		1,884,389	
		LANDFILL FUND				
		Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)				
			Landfill Operations	331,040		
			<i>Total Expenditures</i>		331,040	
		Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)				
			Appropriated Fund Balance	27,400		
			<i>Total Revenues</i>		27,400	
		E-911 FUND				
		Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)				
			Phone System and Furniture	(6,000)		
			Hardware	6,000		
			<i>Total Expenditures</i>		0	
		Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)				
			Appropriated Fund Balance	0		
			<i>Total Revenues</i>		0	
		General Fund/DSS				
		Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)				
	10-	5300	604	LIEAP	\$370,000	\$370,000
		Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)				
	10-	3538	332	Public Assistance	\$370,000	\$680,015
		<i>Description: Recognize receipt of ARPA funds for Low Income Energy Assistance Program (DSS BA #3).</i>				
		General Fund/DSS				
		Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)				
	10-	5300	622	Crisis Intervention Program	(\$12,766)	\$187,234
	10-	5300	635	Family Reunification	(\$270)	\$14,493
	10-	5300	624	Wake Electric Round-Up Program	(\$3,069)	\$2,931
	10-	5300	609	APS Essential Services	\$7,579	\$7,579
		Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)				
	10-	3538	332	Public Assistance	(\$8,526)	\$671,489
		<i>Description: Restatement of Public Assistance funding (DSS BA #4).</i>				
		General Fund/Senior Services				
		Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)				
	10-	3833	910	Community Aging Fund	\$3,135	\$3,235
	10-	3990	991	Appropriated Fund Balance	(\$3,135)	\$4,482,648
		<i>Description: Carry over Community Aging Fund balance from prior year.</i>				
		General Fund/Finance				
		Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)				
	10-	4130	233	Bank Fees	\$13,000	\$19,000

10-	4130	360	Dues	\$500	\$2,500
10-	4130	395	Registration	\$500	\$4,850
10-	9910	991	Contingency Summary	(\$14,000)	\$0

Description: Fund higher than anticipated bank fees, dues and registration in the Finance department.

General Fund/HC CBG

Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)

10-	5859	220	Food	\$30,140	\$100,140
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Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)

10-	3586	320	Home & Comm. Care Block Grant	\$30,140	\$490,140
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Description: Recognize additional HC CBG funding, per Kathy May.

General Fund/Library

Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)

10-	6110	510	Capital Outlay	\$17,775	\$38,375
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Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)

10-	3611	360	LSTA Adapting Technology Grant	\$17,775	\$17,775
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Description: Receipt of LSTA Adapting Technology grant.

General Fund: Various departments

Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)

10-	4120	121	Salaries	\$3,051	\$423,654
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10-	4120	181	FICA	\$233	\$30,339
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10-	4120	182	Retirement	\$336	\$48,080
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10-	4122	121	Salaries	\$1,966	\$250,411
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10-	4122	181	FICA	\$150	\$19,065
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10-	4122	182	Retirement	\$216	\$38,009
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10-	4125	121	Salaries	\$927	\$116,276
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10-	4125	181	FICA	\$71	\$8,880
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10-	4125	182	Retirement	\$102	\$13,171
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10-	4130	121	Salaries	\$2,104	\$272,515
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10-	4130	181	FICA	\$161	\$20,636
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10-	4130	182	Retirement	\$231	\$31,003
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10-	4135	121	Salaries	\$556	\$72,890
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10-	4135	181	FICA	\$43	\$5,474
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10-	4135	182	Retirement	\$61	\$8,232
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10-	4260	121	Salaries	\$914	\$145,985
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10-	4260	181	FICA	\$70	\$16,507
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10-	4260	182	Retirement	\$101	\$29,010
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10-	4350	121	Salaries	\$3,344	\$534,075
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10-	4350	181	FICA	\$256	\$39,998
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10-	4350	182	Retirement	\$368	\$60,472
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10-	4396	121	Salaries	\$769	\$59,382
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10-	4396	181	FICA	\$59	\$73,966
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10-	4396	182	Retirement	\$85	\$6,691
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10-	4910	121	Salaries	\$1,810	\$289,030
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10-	4910	182	FICA	\$138	\$32,869
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10-	4910	183	Retirement	\$199	\$48,570
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10-	5860	121	Salaries	\$1,975	\$315,326
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10-	5860	181	FICA	\$151	\$24,911
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10-	5860	182	Retirement	\$217	\$36,953
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10-	5861	121	Salaries	\$300	\$42,888
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10-	5861	181	FICA	\$50	\$4,150
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10-	5861	182	Retirement	\$50	\$4,884
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10-	5870	121	Salaries	\$300	\$49,443
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10-	5870	181	FICA	\$50	\$3,670
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10-	5870	182	Retirement	\$50	\$5,421
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10-	6110	121	Salaries	\$3,788	\$3,788
10-	6110	181	FICA	\$290	\$356
10-	6110	182	Retirement	\$417	\$430
10-	6180	121	Salaries	\$500	\$57,336
10-	6180	181	FICA	\$50	\$4,247
10-	6180	182	Retirement	\$50	\$6,453
10-	8540	114	Health Insurance Increase	(\$26,559)	\$3,441

Description: Fund adjustments in departmental salary and benefits due to 2.75% COLA for balance of FY 2022, as approved by the Granville County BoCC on March 21, 2022.

General Fund/Schools

Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)					
10-	5911	581	Capital Outlay - Other	\$500,000	\$600,000
Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)					
10-	3990	991	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$500,000	\$4,982,648

Description: Fund additional Category 1 Capital Outlay allocation to GCPS, as approved by the Granville County BoCC on May 16, 2022.

General Fund/E-911

Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)					
10-	4390	510	Capital Outlay	\$870,000	\$870,000
Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)					
10-	3990	991	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$870,000	\$5,852,648

Description: Purchase of a simulcast paging system replacement from Motorola Solutions, as approved by the Granville County BoCC on February 25, 2022.

General Fund/DSS

Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)					
10-	5300	510	Capital Outlay	\$85,000	\$85,000
Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)					
10-	3990	991	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$85,000	\$5,937,648

Description: Fund purchase of furniture and equipment for the new DSS satellite office.

General Fund/Sheriff

Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)					
10-	4310	510	Capital Outlay	\$20,000	\$221,500
Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)					
10-	3990	991	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$20,000	\$5,957,648

Description: Purchase of 20 portable radios and 16 mobile radios to be compatible with Viper system as of July 1, 2025 as approved by the Granville County BoCC on April 18, 2022.

Landfill Fund

Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)					
60	4729	511	Butner Concrete Pad Construction	\$27,000	\$27,000
Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)					
60	3991	991	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$27,000	\$27,000

Description: Fund construction of a concrete pad at the Butner scale house, as approved by the Granville County BoCC February 7, 2022.

Landfill Fund

60-	4729	121	Salaries	\$300	\$269
60-	4729	181	FICA	\$50	\$21
60-	4729	182	Retirement	\$50	\$31
Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)					
60-	3991	991	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$400	\$27,400

Description: Fund adjustments in departmental salary and benefits due to 2.75% COLA for balance of FY 2022, as approved by the Granville County BoCC on March 21, 2022.

Landfill Fund

Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)

60-	4725	599	Construction and Permitting	\$303,640	\$311,140
Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)					
60-	3991	991	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$303,640	\$331,040

Description: Carry over funding from FY 2021 to Garrett and Moore to provide engineering and design service for new landfill cell construction.

E-911 Fund

Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)

27-	4500	510	Furniture and Capital Outlay	-\$6,000	\$4,000
27-	4502	355	UPS	\$6,000	\$6,800

Description: Fund additional expenditures for UPS system.

(C) Approved Tax Refunds, Releases and Write-Offs for April 2022 as follows:

Refunds	\$2,743.93
Releases	\$4,362.72
Write-offs (\$2 and less)	\$ 12.55

(D) Approved Minutes of the November 8, 2021 Joint Special Meeting; November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting; and November 19, 2021, November 30, 2021, December 2, 2021, and December 3, 2021 Special Meetings.

(E) Approved authorizing the County Manager and the Assistant County Manager to execute the Service Agreement with the UNC School of Government for a Lead North Carolina Fellow at a cost share of \$20,000.

VAYA HEALTH PRESENTATION

Chair Tony Cozart asked Elliott Clark, Regional Director of Community Relations for Vaya Health, to come forward for a presentation including a Vaya Overview, County Specific Data, and Information about the Children and Families Specialty Plan.

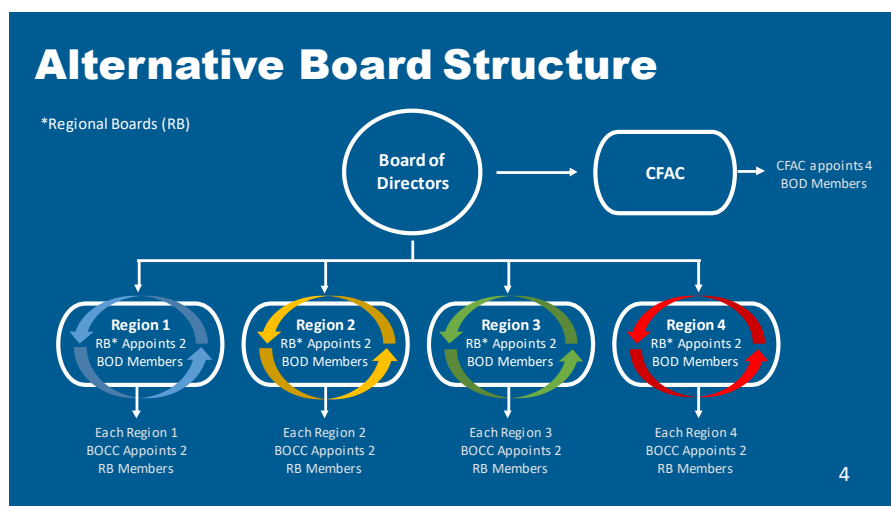
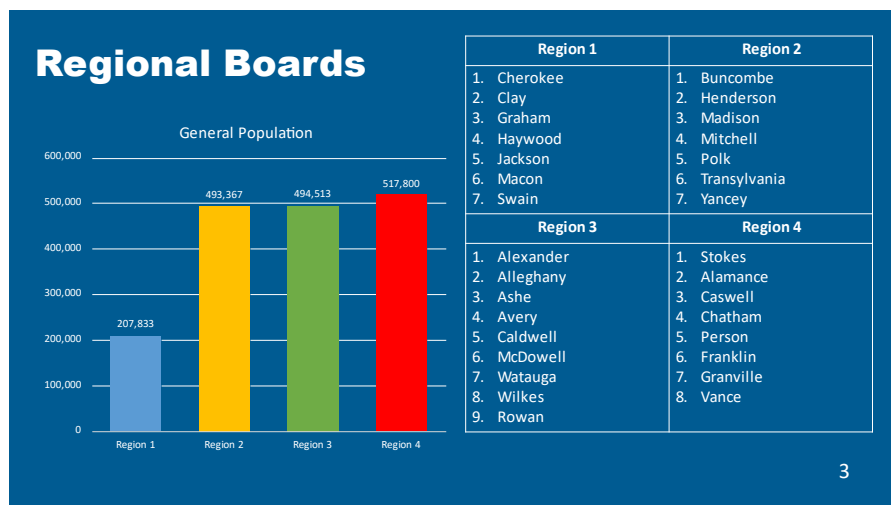
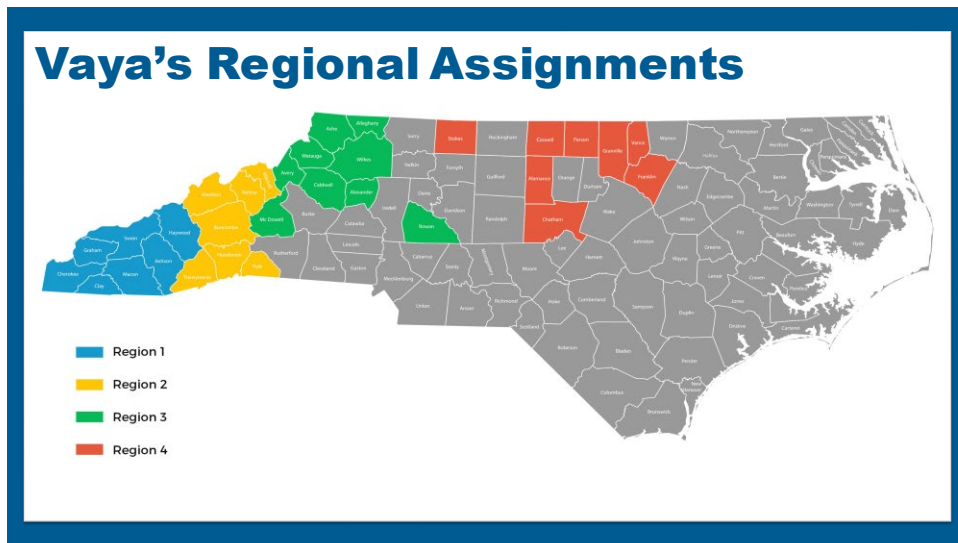
Mr. Elliott Clark thanked the Board for the opportunity to present. He stated that he is the Community Relations Director with Vaya Health and that they are the County's local management entity and manage care organization that cares for those with mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorder needs in the county. He reported that they have been live in Granville County since January as Vaya Health and have already been busy. He stated that he came before the Board to share some information to get Granville County reacquainted to Vaya and how they are structured and an overview of their Board structure. He stated that he will talk about some data that specifically reflects some of the services that are rolling out in Granville County, go over some of the information that they covered when Vaya was soliciting interest from Granville County around priorities that they were going to address and let the county know where we are in each of those priorities. He stated further that toward the end of the presentation, he will talk a little bit about how Medicaid is transforming and how a portion of that transformation is affecting our youth and families are affected in foster care, how the state is approaching those services, and how Vaya is viewing those services in the future for that population.

Mr. Elliott spoke from the following PowerPoint presentation:

VAYA HEALTH
 Granville County Board of Commissioners

May 16, 2022

Elliot Clark, Regional Community Relations Director
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 919-608-7894



Composition for Consolidated Board of Directors

- 2 representatives appointed by each Regional Board
- 4 representatives appointed by Consumer & Family Advisory Committee - One per region
- 1 representative appointed by the DHHS Secretary
- Up to 8 At-Large members appointed by current Vaya Board in consultation with Cardinal Board, CCABs, counties
- The Provider Advisory Council President serves as non-voting member
- Up to 3 non-voting advisory members

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Regional Board: Region 4 Membership

	County	Position	Name
1	Alamance	Commissioner	John Paisley
2	Alamance	Commissioner	Pamela Thompson
3	Caswell	Family Services Director	Aisha Gwynn
4	Caswell	Commissioner	Jeremiah Ferris
5	Chatham	Commissioner	Karen Howard
6	Chatham	DSS Director	Jennie Kristiansen
7	Franklin	County Manager	Kim Denton
8	Franklin	Commissioner	Cedric Jones, Vice Chair
9	Granville	PH Director	Lisa Harrison
10	Granville	Commissioner	Russ May
11	Person	HD Director	Janet Clayton
12	Person	Commissioner	Gordon Powell
13	Stokes	Commissioner	Sonya Cox
14	Stokes	DSS Director	Stacey Elmes
15	Vance	Commissioner	Dan Brummitt, Chair
16	Vance	DSS Director	Denita Devega

Vaya Board of Directors Membership

Seat	Region	County	Position	Name
1 RB1 – Chair	1	Macon	Commissioner	Ronnie Beale
2 RB1 – Vice Chair	1	Haywood	HHSA Director	Ira Dove
3 RB2 – Chair	2	Henderson	Commissioner	Bill Lapsley
4 RB2 – Vice Chair	2	Mitchell	Commissioner	Brandon Pittman
5 RB3 – Chair	3	Watauga	Commissioner	Billy Kennedy
6 RB3 – Vice Chair	3	Rowan	Commissioner	Judy Klusman
7 RB4 – Chair	4	Vance	Commissioner	Dan Brummitt
8 RB4 – Vice Chair	4	Franklin	Commissioner	Cedric Jones
9 CFAC Region 1	1	N/A	N/A	Mary Ann Widenhouse
10 CFAC Region 2	2	N/A	N/A	Nancy Baker
11 CFAC Region 3	3	N/A	N/A	Pat McGinnis
12 CFAC Region 4	4	N/A	N/A	Benita Purcell
13 At-Large 1	3	Alexander	County Manager	Rick French
14 At-Large 2		N/A	Insurance Expertise	Mike Norris
15 At-Large 3		N/A	Health Care Expertise	Tim Fitzsimons
16 At-Large 4	4	Alamance	Commissioner	John Paisley
17 At-Large 5	2	Buncombe	Assistant County Manager	Dakisha "DK" Wesley
18 At-Large 6	3	McDowell	County Manager	Ashley Wooten
19 PAC President		N/A	PAC President	Carson Ojamaa
20 DHHS Secretary Appointment	2	Transylvania	N/A	Page Lemel *DHHS Approval Pending*
21 Specialized Expertise		N/A	DSS Director	Patrick Betancourt

Vaya Health in Granville County

- Care Management Data and Overview
 - [Vaya Health Granville County Data](#)
- Promises Made, Promises kept update
 - Commitments to Person County and current progress.
 - [PMPK Document Reference](#)

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Child & Family Specialty Plan

NCDHHS Plan to Create Specialty Medicaid Waiver for Children in Foster Care and Children & Youth involved with DSS

- The CFSP will be a **single, statewide plan** available to children, youth and families served by the child welfare system regardless of their location in the state.
- This design creates a **central accountable entity** for providing integrated physical and behavioral health services, I/DD services and resources to address unmet health-related needs under a System of Care framework in **close coordination with County DSS and EBCI Family Safety Program.**
- Only a **Standard Plan or a Tailored Plan may bid** to operate the CFSP.
- Recent stakeholder engagement **informed needed changes to initial CFSP Plan design** and a **shift in the Plan launch timeline.**

**In 2022, DHHS intends to identify a new name for the CFSP to better represent the objective of the managed care plan and its target populations.*

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CFSP-Eligible Populations

Initial CFSP Design Eligible Populations

- Children and youth in foster care
- Children receiving adoption assistance
- Former foster youth (FFY) under age 26
- Minor children of individuals eligible for CFSP enrollment**

With the exception of Tribal members and other limited groups, these eligibility groups will be auto-enrolled at CFSP launch.*

Additional CFSP Eligible Populations[^]

- Medicaid- and NC Health Choice-enrolled:**
- Parents, guardians, and custodians of children/youth in foster care
 - Siblings of children/youth in foster care
 - Family members receiving CPS In-Home Services:
 - All adults included as caregivers in the CPS In-Home Services Agreement
 - All children included in the CPS In-Home Services Agreement

These eligibility groups may opt in to the CFSP.

*Unless they are in a group that is otherwise exempt or excluded from mandatory managed care enrollment. These eligibility groups will be automatically enrolled into the CFSP, with the following exceptions: Tribal members and other individuals eligible to receive Indian Health Services, including North Carolina's federally recognized tribe (the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) and state-recognized tribes, innovations or TBI waiver enrollees, beneficiaries residing in Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID), and those eligible for the Transitions to Community Living (TCL).

**Limited to minor children of children and youth in foster care, children receiving adoption assistance, and FFY.

[^]Pending legislative approval and needed information technology IT system changes. Individuals must be NC Health Choice and Medicaid-enrolled to be eligible for the CFSP. Eligible populations include parents who will retain Medicaid eligibility when a child is being served temporarily by the foster care system and the parent is making reasonable efforts to comply with a court-ordered plan of reunification, in accordance with Session Law 2021-180.

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Benefits

The CFSP will provide comprehensive benefits to meet the needs of children, youth and families involved in the child welfare system.

CFSP Benefits/Services:

- The CFSP will include nearly all the Medicaid State Plan benefits covered by Standard Plans and Tailored Plans including:
 - Physical health
 - Behavioral health
 - Long-term services and supports
 - Pharmacy benefits
- Examples of Medicaid State Plan benefits covered in the CFSP include (see Appendix for full list):
 - Inpatient/outpatient behavioral health services
 - Residential treatment services
 - Mobile crisis management
 - Early and periodic screening, diagnostic and treatment (EPSDT) services

Services Provided only by Tailored Plans*

- A small subset of behavioral health services will only be available through Tailored Plans:
 - Intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF-IID)
 - Innovations and TBI Waiver Services
 - State-funded Services
 - Respite services through TRACK at Murdoch
 - Transitions to Community Living

Including Tribal Integrated Classroom, Family Safety, Tribal Therapeutic Foster Care, and Tribal Peer Support services

*Tribal members will not need to enroll in a Tailored Plan to receive Tailored Plan-only services.

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State-Wide LME/MCO Concerns with CFSP

- Formerly called the Foster Care Waiver
- Policy Paper released February 18, 2022
- Proposed to be a single statewide plan, not regional plans
- Would potentially expand the proposed population served by this plan to include both kids in DSS custody, as well as those in pre-custody, and their families
- Vaya collaborated with other five LME/MCOs to submit two responses to the Policy Paper. General concerns include:
 - Plan is being rushed out without sufficient analysis of impact on system as a whole, including impact on provider network stability
 - Based on premise that a statewide plan is the only way to create a statewide network and standardization
 - Could potentially undo the work that Vaya and other LME/MCOs have done to create innovative, local solutions to meet DSS needs and divert youth away from institutionalization
 - Rural and smaller counties won't receive the same level of support in a statewide plan

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What can we do to make progress?

- Much improvement is needed to our system of care for children and families experiencing disruptions in the home.
- We need:
 - Close collaboration and commitment to DSS for process improvement and enhancements to service delivery.
 - Voice concerns over the current plan and timeframe to DHHS and Legislative Delegation.
 - Public Comment through May 23 2022. Comments may be emailed to Medicaid_Affairs@dhhs.nc.gov. Please indicate "NC Section 1115 Waiver" in the subject line of the email message.
 - Letters of Support
 - Regular reporting of quality metrics that indicate outcomes for the youth and families that we collectively serve.

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In closing, Mr. Elliott stated that they hope the Board will review and pay attention to the information presented, receive the report, and support it in any way they choose. He noted that in a lot of counties, there is an immediate kind of agreement around the need for delay, and in other counties there is a need to push forward and make sure that Vaya can solve this thing as fast as they can. He continued that Ms. Hampton, Granville County DSS Director, has been fantastic about opening up discussion with them about that and he offered kudos to her and her department for being very available to them. He stated further that he believes that they have a good partnership and relationship as far as how their care managers are supporting their office. He continued that this is something that is moving fast. The State is planning the

RFP (Request for Proposals) this month in June, awarding the RFP in November, and making a selection in November to go live the following December. So, what they would ask for is an opportunity to delay that process so that they might apply, as a tailored plan, and roll out this initiative that they are talking about that could solution all the things that they feel are the major issues as a tailored plan when they go live in December. He stated that the concern that Vaya and he have is the potential impact that could be negative on rural counties. He noted that most times when you look at a statewide plan, resources are channeled to where the volume is; that's not to say anything bad about any of the contenders that are vying for this type of plan, but in general, that's a major concern of theirs. He said they feel like the healthcare that needs to be provided to this population needs to be managed on a localized level and needs to be incentivized on a localized level. At this time, he asked for any questions that the Board members may have had.

Chair Tony Cozart stated that the Board had been looking forward to this presentation and noted that the Board is excited about the mobile crisis management because in communities such as Granville County it could really make a big difference. He continued that he thinks it is wonderful to have the quarterly DSS meetings and then asked for questions and/or comments.

Commissioner May stated that he sits on the Vaya Board and that he wanted to make a few comments. He asked that Mr. Elliott affirm or not affirm those comments to make sure that the information he is providing to the Board is correct. He stated that the DHHS (Department of Health and Human Services) proposal would require more robust state staffing, and potentially more office space needed, and it would create a one-provider network that would discourage any competition as was unfortunately seen with Cardinal. He said they saw in rural counties that the services provided likely would not be at the same level that they are today even though they stated they would be. As we know rural counties often are low to moderate wealth and rural counties are often last to receive funds. He continued that Vaya personnel are embedded with DSS right now and therefore, he would like for the Board to support Vaya regarding delaying a launch time that would, by doing so, carefully evaluate the efficiency and cost and direct impact on low to moderate wealth rural counties and the impact of those services therein. He continued that he felt that Granville County has far too long, in

some regard, not reaped the benefit because of where we sit between Wake and Durham Counties. We often are last to the table, and he believes that this is a huge loss.

Commissioner May also read, “establishing additional separate state-wide plan for population currently receiving many of the same services through existing NC Medicaid Plans creates increased risk for service system fragmentation, staffing shortages, especially in rural areas that make up most of the county’s services.” He said he would hope that the county would, and the other commissioners would join him should they discuss a later date of delaying this. He then asked if the information he provided was correct.

Mr. Elliott stated that the information was correct but that he offered one point of clarification around the network. On approach, the single state-wide plan would be the managing organization, so what Vaya would expect to see is retention, hopefully in a network that is diversified but the fear is that you do not have a lot of localized focus on incentivizing that network; but that the aspect of this being a single state-wide plan does not refer to a single provider of care but a manager of care. That is the primary concern that Vaya feels like would limit rural counties like Granville County and not incentivize growth based on that localized approach.

Commissioner May said he would make a motion.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried, the Board approved supporting Vaya in the delay and approved sending a letter of support asking that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services delay issuance of the CFSP (Children and Families Specialty Plan) Request for Proposal as described in the February 18, 2022 Policy Paper, and instead consider a model that allows for regional plans aligned with the existing LME/MCO (Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization) regions, in support of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

AFTER HOLDING LEGISLATIVE HEARING, THE BOARD APPROVED LAND DEVELOPMENT TEXT CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING OPEN SPACE ACTIVE RECREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF RECREATION FEE AND PLAN CONSISTENCY STATEMENT

Chair Tony Cozart stated that there were two planning matters on the agenda and noted that the first one was a legislative hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on a land development code text amendment petition. He declared the public hearing open and asked Barry Baker, Planning Director, to provide a brief overview.

Mr. Baker stated that all public notices as required by local and state law have been accomplished for this hearing. He stated the background for the amendments as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC) THAT WOULD ESTABLISH THAT OPEN SPACE ACTIVE RECREATION IN MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS DO NOT INTERFERE WITH NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER AND DO NOT INCREASE TRAFFIC VOLUMES ON ROADWAYS, ESTABLISH THAT ALL MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS SHALL SET ASIDE 10% OF THE MAJOR SUBDIVISION FOR OPEN SPACE ACTIVE RECREATION, ESTABLISH THAT MAJOR SUBDIVISION DEVELOPERS SHALL PROVIDE FUNDS TO THE COUNTY WHEREBY THE COUNTY MAY ACQUIRE PUBLIC RECREATION AND PARK LAND OR AREAS TO SERVE THE DEVELOPMENT OR SUBDIVISION IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RECREATION FEE OF \$500 PER LOT MADE PAYABLE TO THE COUNTY AT THE TIME OF MAJOR FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT APPROVAL.

Mr. Baker stated that the Planning Board, at their May meeting, voted unanimously recommending approval of the Land Development Code Text Amendment with a slight revision that would include not only just recreational land, but recreational infrastructure for the use of the recreation fee and the proposed recreation fee of \$500 per lot made payable at final planning. As discussed at the retreat in February, this is modeled after Harnett County. He stated that Harnett County has been utilizing this recreation fee in this process since 2006. He asked the Board to take note of the written consistency statement that states, *“A strategy of the Granville County Comprehensive Land Use Plan is to review and update developmental fees to ensure that the new residential growth can contribute to the purchase and development of recreational facilities to serve new residence.”* He also noted that it is a further implementation of Granville County’s comprehensive land use plan and was adopted in late 2018 after an extensive public participation process that also included questions and answers that included developers. He continued that the Planning Board has provided a written consistency statement as required by the law. He then asked for any questions.

Chair Cozart asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Chair Cozart continued that the Board would like to recognize those who would like to speak relative to this amendment even though no one had signed up to speak, they were encouraged to do so at this time.

Jaycee Georgiev, 1174 Smith Creek Way, Creedmoor, NC, stated that she happened to have the 2018 Comprehensive Plan with her and that it is her understanding that there is a certain portion of land that must remain natural and of that natural land this would go towards parks and recreation. Therefore, her question is, of that natural area, her thought was that it

was to remain in its natural state versus adding parks to that natural area. She then asked if that is something that can be in addition to the natural area that is already supposed to remain.

Chair Cozart asked if Mr. Baker could respond to the 10% set aside.

Mr. Baker stated that currently in cluster subdivisions, the cluster subdivision sections states that 20% of a subdivision is to be set aside for open space. What this would do is that in a cluster subdivision, it would establish that 10% of that 20% be used for active recreation. He explained active recreation as picnic areas, tot lots, swing sets, and things of that nature. This also would establish new, in a conventional subdivision, that 10% be used for active recreation. That would be considered something new, but there still would be the provision and preservation of natural open space. Generally, that is done so that in a stormwater area, particularly to preserve wetlands, flood plains, and things of that nature. He continued that the Planning Board as well as County staff, and different departments will review major subdivisions for any proposed recreation area that would be on a steep slope or in a flood plain, or riparian a buffer, or wetland, or interfere with something that is protected by the higher levels of government, they would let the developer know and it would likely be revised. Again, he stated that in a cluster subdivision now, 20% of land is preserved for open space. What this would do in a cluster subdivision would establish that 10% of that or half is for active recreation and in a conventional subdivision, where there is no open space requirement now, 10% of that subdivision would be set aside for active recreation. Any active recreation would have to, if it is in a stormwater area, would have to be preserved and maintained per stormwater rules. He stated further that all major subdivisions in the stormwater area require stormwater plans and so they work to make sure that the natural land is preserved that needs to be preserved.

Chair Cozart asked if that brought Ms. Georgiev clarity and she stated it did. He then asked if there were questions from the Board.

Commissioner Tim Karan stated that he appreciated the Planning Board taking this up at the Parks, Greenways and Recreation Advisory Committee's request. He continued that this has been something that has been kicked around for three or four years now since the comprehensive plan was drawn. This is an item that was left off to the side and he was glad it was coming to fruition. He stated further that his only concern is that, for the conventional subdivisions, you are almost forcing them to become cluster subdivisions because they do not currently have a 10% set aside. One hundred percent of the land goes to internal workings and

then the remainder goes to individual lot owners as opposed to a cluster subdivision which is open space which means joint ownership, public access. He continued that he thinks that the requirement that they are putting in is going to be pushing all your subdivisions into a cluster situation which is actually the direction that the comprehensive land use plan wants them to go anyway, especially because there are not many areas in our county that do not have an area that has some form of protection quality to it whether it be natural resources or heritage-type resources so you are hard-pressed not to find a little swamp or a cemetery on any piece of property here in Granville County.

Commissioner May asked Mr. Baker to explain what immediate area is regarding recreation for the public.

Mr. Baker stated that an immediate area is a state law and is the vicinity of a major subdivision. He explained that when Harnett County assesses the recreation fee and it is paid in a particular township, then those fees are used in a particular township. He explained that if a recreation fee is paid in the Brassfield Township, it would not go to pay for a recreation, tot lots, or active recreation in Oak Hill, but it does allow for something like the Granville Athletic Park—a regional park as Harnett County has done. He stated that most of the subdivision growth has occurred in the four southernmost townships and if there is a regional facility in the south, it would probably be prudent to put it in one of those four townships.

Chair Cozart asked if there were any other questions and/or public comments. There were none. He declared the public hearing closed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Russ May, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the plan consistency statement and land development text amendment as follows:

AMENDMENT REGARDING RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS

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 legislative hearing on the proposed amendment on May 19, 2022, and after a study of evidence presented, made a favorable recommendation on the adoption of the proposed amendment; and,

Whereas, a notice of legislative hearing has been given as provided in North Carolina General Statute 160D-601&602 and the Granville County Land Development

Code for a Text Amendment and a legislative hearing was held by the Board of Commissioners on June 6, 2022, at which, evidence was presented at the legislative hearing.

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

GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PLAN CONSISTENCY STATEMENT:

A strategy of the Granville County Comprehensive Land Use Plan is to “review and update developmental fees to ensure that new residential growth can contribute to the purchase and development of recreational facilities to serve new residents.” As such, the proposed text amendments are consistent with the newly adopted Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

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

SECTION 1. Amend Section 32-215 of the Granville County Land Development Code (LDC) by amending the following language (**bold** text denotes new language):

Sec. 32-215. Outdoor recreation.

- (a) Outdoor recreation uses in the AR-80, AR-40, R-25 and MHPD districts are only allowed if the use will not interfere with the existing neighborhood character. Uses which will increase traffic volumes on roadways beyond the carrying capacity will not be allowed. **Open space active recreation uses required by major subdivision regulations shall be deemed to not interfere with neighborhood character and presumed not to increase traffic volumes on roadways beyond the carrying capacity.**
- (b) Public and private country clubs, golf courses (excluding miniature golf courses, and par-three golf courses), and swimming clubs shall provide all buildings and swimming pools with a minimum setback of 50 feet from all exterior property lines.

SECTION 2. Amend Section 32-602 of the Granville County Land Development Code (LDC) by amending the following language (**bold** text denotes new language):

Sec. 32-602. Major subdivisions.

(a) A major subdivision is a subdivision of land that is not a minor subdivision meeting the standards in [section 32-603](#) or an exception as defined in [section 32-582](#). Major subdivisions shall be developed in conformance with division 3 of this article. **A minimum of 10% of a major subdivision shall be reserved for active recreation. Land within the subdivision site not contained in lots, streets, or utility easements, shall be in one or more parcels dedicated or reserved as permanent open space for active recreational uses. Open space dedication or reservation and maintenance shall be the same as found in Section 32-602 (b) (6) & (7).**

(b) A cluster subdivision is an allowable major subdivision design in rural areas of the county.

(5) *Open space.*

- a. *Required open space.* Land within the subdivision site not contained in lots, streets, or utility easements, shall be in one or more parcels dedicated or reserved as permanent open space. The total area of parcels dedicated or reserved as permanent open space shall make up at least 20 percent of the subdivision **with a minimum of 10% used for active recreation**).
- b. *Open space use, location, and design.*

- 1. Open space shall be dedicated or reserved for one or more of the following uses:

Conservation of any identifiable natural hazard areas, such as floodways or wetlands;

Conservation and protection of identified significant natural areas, such as rare plant communities, important wildlife habitat, or other environmentally sensitive areas where development might threaten water quality of ecosystems;

Conservation and protection of any identifiable important historic resources;

Provision of active and/or passive outdoor recreation opportunities, either for the general public or for the subdivision residents:

Retention of productive farmland or forestland for continued agricultural and/or forestry use; or

Establish a conservation reservation on the remainder of the tract.

2. Highest priority for the location, design, and use of open space **(not including the required minimum 10% used for active recreation)** shall be given to conserving, and avoiding development in, any natural hazard areas on the site.
3. Open space shall contain such buildings, structures, accessways, and parking facilities as are necessary to its principal uses.
4. The location, size, character, and shape of the required open space shall be appropriate to its intended use; active recreation shall be located and designed so its users can easily access it.

SECTION 3. Add New Section 32-682 to the Granville County Land Development Code (LDC) by adding the following language (**bold** text denotes new language):

Sec. 32-682 Recreation and Park Development

All residential subdivisions and developments, except minor subdivisions, shall provide funds to the County whereby the County may acquire public recreation and park land or areas and recreational infrastructure to serve the development or subdivision in the immediate area.

- A. **The amount of such fee shall be the product of the total number of dwelling units and/or building lots located in the development or subdivision multiplied by the recreation fee as established by The Granville County Board of Commissioners.**
- B. **The fee shall be paid prior to approval of a final plat for the subdivision, provided that payments may be phased in accordance with the approved phasing of the subdivision.**
- C. **The County may transfer funds paid by one (1) or more subdivisions to a municipality or make arrangements for the joint County/municipal expenditure of the funds where the County determines that such transfer or arrangements would better ensure the funds will be used to acquire public recreation and park areas and recreational infrastructure that will serve the recreational needs of the development and developments in the immediate area.**

SECTION 4. 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 5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon the date and time of adoption.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Granville, North Carolina, this the 6th day of June, 2022.

AFTER HOLDING PUBLIC HEARING, BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION TO REZONE PROPERTIES ON OLD HIGHWAY 75 SOUTHEAST OF OXFORD

Chair Tony Cozart stated that the purpose of the next public hearing was to hear public comments on the following zoning map amendment (rezoning) petition. He continued that this is a Legislative hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on an application to rezone properties on Old Highway 75 southeast of Oxford. He declared the public hearing opened and asked Mr. Baker if he would come and give a brief overview.

Mr. Barry Baker, Planning Director, stated that all public notices as required by local and state law have been accomplished for this particular hearing. He noted that it is the first rezoning application in 2022 and is an application to rezone parts of two tracts and all of three other parcels on Old Highway 75 southeast of Oxford from Agricultural Residential 40 (AR-40) to General Industrial District (I-2). He continued that the Board would see in their agenda material that the rezoning application encompasses 31.685 acres that include Tax Map #191200340417 and Tax Map #191200331920. The other three parcels proposed for rezoning are Tax Map #191200135698, Tax Map #191200134703, and Tax Map #191200132717. He stated that the Planning Board at their May meeting recommended the rezoning. He noted that they would also find in the agenda: (1) Copy of rezoning petition and map; (2) Written and signed Planning Board Plan Consistency and Reasonableness Statement and Small-Scale Rezoning Analysis; (3) Unapproved minute excerpts for agenda item from the May 19, 2022 Planning Board meeting; (4) Copy of the Table of Uses from the Granville County Land Development Code (LDC); (5) Copy of the Use Definitions from the LDC; and (6) Copy of zoning district vicinity map prepared by zoning staff. He concluded that he would be happy to answer any questions.

Chair Cozart asked if the Board had any questions for Mr. Baker and there were none. He continued that no one signed up to speak on the matter, but he would recognize anyone in the audience that would like to speak and no one came forward.

Chair Cozart declared the public hearing closed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, seconded by Commissioner David T. Smith, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the application to rezone properties on Old Highway 75 Southeast of Oxford, with the Consistency Statement and spot zoning analysis also included.

ORDINANCE THAT AMENDS THE GRANVILLE COUNTY ZONING MAP FOR PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARTS OF TWO TRACTS TAX MAP #191200340417 AND TAX MAP #191200331920 AND ALL OF THREE OTHER PARCELS IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP #191200135698, TAX MAP #191200134703 AND TAX MAP #191200132717 FROM AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL 40 DISTRICT (AR-40) TO GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (I-2) AND SERVES AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WRITTEN PLAN CONSISTENCY AND REASONABLENESS STATEMENT AND SMALL-SCALE REZONING ANALYSIS

Whereas, a zoning map amendment petition has been filed for a change to the Granville County Zoning Map for property as follows:

Z-1-2022

Application to rezone parts of two tracts and all of three other parcels on Old Highway 75 southeast of Oxford from Agricultural Residential 40 (AR-40) to General Industrial District (I-2)

Application to rezone parts of two tracts and all of three other parcels on Old Highway 75 southeast of Oxford from Agricultural Residential 40 (AR-40) to General Industrial District (I-2). The rezoning application encompasses 31.685 acres. The application would rezone parts of two tracts identified as Tax Map #191200340417 and Tax Map #191200331920. The other three parcels proposed for rezoning are Tax Map #191200135698, Tax Map #191200134703 and Tax Map #191200132717.

Whereas, the Granville County Planning Board held a legislative hearing on May 19, 2022, and made a positive recommendation concerning the petition to the Board of County Commissioners; and,

Whereas, a notice of legislative hearing has been given as provided in North Carolina General Statute 160D-601&602 and the Granville County Land Development Code for a Zoning Map Amendment and a legislative hearing was held by the Board of Commissioners on June 6, 2022, at which, evidence was presented at the legislative hearing.

Whereas, the Granville County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following Plan Consistency & Reasonableness Statement and Small-Scale Rezoning Analysis:

**GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' WRITTEN
CONSISTENCY & REASONABLENESS STATEMENT:**

The Granville County Future Land Development Map contained within the Granville County Comprehensive Land Use Plan classifies the future land use of the property as Suburban residential but it is shown directly south of area illustrated as Office & Industrial. Goal 2, Objective 2B of the Comprehensive Plan encourages "increas[ing] opportunities for commercial development." A further recommendation is to "encourage commercial and mixed use development in key areas." The proposed tract being considered for rezoning is located on an arterial in an area in the vicinity of industrial land uses. An industrial rezoning is consistent with the recommendations of the adopted land use plan, and is reasonable from the standpoint that the property is located on an arterial in an area with industrial land uses and has access to a railroad. Moreover, the future land use map directly north of the tracts shows land intended for office & industrial. As such, the application is consistent with the future land development map contained in the Comprehensive Plan, and is in the public interest as it encourages industrial development along an arterial in the County.

**GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SMALL-SCALE
REZONING ANALYSIS:**

The Granville County Future Land Development Map contained within the Granville County Comprehensive Land Use Plan classifies the future land use of the property as Suburban residential but it is shown directly south of area illustrated as Office & Industrial. Goal 2, Objective 2B of the Comprehensive Plan encourages

“increas[ing] opportunities for commercial development.” A further recommendation is to “encourage commercial and mixed use development in key areas.” The proposed tract being considered for rezoning is located on an arterial in an area in the vicinity of industrial land uses. An industrial rezoning is consistent with the recommendations of the adopted land use plan, and is reasonable from the standpoint that the property is located on an arterial in an area with industrial land uses and has access to a railroad. Moreover, the future land use map directly north of the tracts shows land intended for office & industrial. As such, the application is consistent with the future land development map contained in the Comprehensive Plan, and is in the public interest as it encourages industrial development along an arterial in the County. Existing industrial zoning is in area of the proposed rezoning. An industrial rezoning is consistent with the recommendations of the adopted land use plan and is not an example of spot-zoning.

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

The zoning district for the properties identified as parts of two tracts identified as Tax Map #191200340417 and Tax Map #191200331920 and all of three other parcels identified as Tax Map #191200135698, Tax Map #191200134703 and Tax Map #191200132717 are hereby changed and amended from Agricultural Residential 40 District (AR-40) to General Industrial District (I-2) on the Granville County Zoning Map.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina has caused this Plan Consistency & Reasonableness Statement and Small-Scale Rezoning Analysis and zoning map amendment petition to be approved and adopted.

This ordinance duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Granville, North Carolina, this the 6th day of June, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET

Chair Tony Cozart stated that this is a hearing for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-2023. He asked County Manager Felts for a brief overview.

County Manager Felts stated that he handed out to the Board a couple of items and explained what they were. One item was a replacement page for the Veteran’s Services section of the budget notebook as it had the wrong contact information. He noted that it has been updated and it can be placed in Section 8, Page 11. He noted that the public hearing for the budget was properly advertised for this evening and that the Board also held a budget workshop on May 31, 2022. During the work session, there were some items discussed and some clarification was requested. He added that he had also provided an update to the fee manual proposed changes that address fees associated with the Convention and Expo Center and a copy of the PowerPoint that was presented at the May 31st budget workshop, which provided a summary was also provided earlier in the evening. He stated that the recommended budget was presented to the Board and noted that it is a balanced budget showing balanced revenues and expenditures, approximately \$77,737,238 that included \$500,000 of appropriated fund

balance to balance the budget. During the budget workshop held on May 31st, the Board reviewed the continuation budget. The Board then reviewed, discussed, and made some notations around the funding enhancement section of the budget document and the Board reviewed, discussed, and tentatively approved several service expansions associated in the service expansion section of the budget. He also noted that Board members also had at their desk, a copy of that summary of itemized funding enhancements and service expansions and noted changes. The funding enhancements section included some items that had been discussed by the Board at previous meetings, the planning retreat in February, and during budget discussions related to the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funds made available to local government. He continued that several items were tentatively approved, and they are detailed between reoccurring and non-reoccurring items. He noted that for the Board's information, he is going to refer to the total rather than the itemized items. Items included an EMS Subsidy Funding of \$2.1 million dollars for hospital plant operations which included parking lot, operating room air handling unit and main hospital air handling unit, and noted that those amounts are \$274,000, \$200,000 and \$200,000 respectively, as well as ambulance replacements for three ambulances at \$185,000 each. Funding enhancements also included an additional school system inflation area funding that was not incorporated into the continuation budget of \$251,000, set aside funding of \$100,000 for public health surge, meaning that if we have to address anything related to this pandemic or something similar in the future, there is some funding available to the Health Department to ramp up services; and it also includes \$40,000 for food insecurity program. He noted that of the service expansion items that were addressed, they include an increase of the mileage rate from \$.43 a mile to \$.53 a mile, and as the Board noted that is still below the federally allowed rate. He continued that service expansions included some funds for internal financial assessments; an upgrade to the HR Payroll System; server infrastructure refresh to address cyber security issues; auto agent, which is a web-based collection system for escrow payments in the Tax Department; additional Wi-Fi hotspots through the Library System; some increase pay for part-timers including part-time employees at Emergency Communications as well as the Sheriff's Office bailiffs; additional funding for part-time bailiffs at the Court House; some funding of equipment for Animal Management and Parks and Grounds; software for digital plan review at Development Services; and then a set aside for capital outlay for the county public schools that will be held

at Granville County similar to the contingency that is already in the continuation budget, but it would be identified for County Commissioner identified needs throughout the year rather than the school board identified needs throughout the year. The total of those improvements in the funding enhancements were \$3.7 million dollars and then the service expansions were \$1.2 million dollars. He continued that they made a few clarification notes related to the pay and classification plan, and these were just comments that were left out of the continuation budget. Again, he noted that the advertisements as required by the Budget and Fiscal Control Act have been accomplished for the public hearing.

Chair Cozart thanked County Manager Felts for the overview and for all the accompanying information that was provided. At that time, Chair Cozart declared the public hearing open and asked that anyone wishing to speak to please come forward. He noted that one person did sign up and recognized Mr. Bill Graham.

Mr. Bill Graham, Executive Director of Operations and Safety at Granville County Public Schools, 101 Delacroix Street, Oxford, NC, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak. He stated that he understands all too well the challenges that face the Board regarding coming up with the decision with this budget and that Granville County Schools is extremely grateful for all they do to support the students and teachers of Granville County. However, he stated that the school system knows that they must also support public safety, hospitals, EMS, and countless other equally worthwhile pieces of the pie that have to be addressed. He stated that as the Board of Commissioners deliberates and considers the budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023, he asked that the Board keep in mind the added stress that the salary compression had on the school system's budget. He continued that many of them heard in the budget presentations that Ms. Hines held, and when she shared with them in the smaller groups, that the compression resulting from the \$15 an hour mandate has had on their non-certified staff and what those results are in terms of their budget, trying to make that work. As a result of that, they have to deal with, as Ms. Hines has presented to you, about a \$1.1 million dollar shortfall, dealing with that decompression. Again, they know the difficulties that the Board faces and all the many challenges that they have to address the needs of the county. He stated further that they greatly appreciate all that the Board has done for the school system throughout the years and particularly this last year, but they are asking that they just keep in mind the added stress that this compression and the resulting decompression that

they have to deal with on their budget. He continued further that he was just there to humbly request that they seriously consider these non-certified staff members that deserve fair compensation. These are the non-certified folk that are going to be affected, people who have been with the district for a long time, who came in making much less than \$15 an hour and now because as a result of this mandate, new people coming in are making \$15 and then the rest of them that have been there for years are going to have to catch and that compression is something that they have to address. So having said that, he knows that the Board has heard this, they have sat in on these sessions—God bless them for what they do, and he wished them the best in making this decision. He thanked them for what they do for the citizens of Granville County and for what they do for Granville County Schools, and he thanked them for giving him an opportunity to speak.

Chair Cozart thanked Mr. Graham for sharing with the Board. He noted that there be others that did not sign up to speak but invited them to come to the podium. There were none. He then asked if the Board had any questions or needed further clarification. There were none and he then declared that the public hearing was closed.

Chair Cozart stated that at this meeting the Board would not be asked to adopt the budget and asked County Manager Felts if he would like to share why they are not in a position to do that.

County Manager Felts stated that at the Board's next meeting on June 20th, the Board will hold a public hearing on the consideration of the Town of Stovall being included into the Fire Protection and Rescue Service District. He noted that does become part of the budget ordinance as the rate associated with the fire protection will be set by the budget ordinance, so the he asked the Board to not take any action at this time but consider adopting the budget following the public hearing on the consideration of the Town of Stovall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jesse Davi, 1100 Lake Ridge Drive, Creedmoor, NC, in South Granville, shared notes with the Board that were in reference to the study that he looked at. He stated that he had come with a concern about some of the clustered developments that were being put up and how exactly the water was being brought to those communities. He continued that a group attended the Planning Board meeting a while back and that they had about 30-40 people from about 8 or 9 different communities that showed their support regarding how these communities

would get their water which would be through a new method of these large community wells that are being put in. He stated that when he started his research, he investigated USGS (US Geological Survey), he got a hold of Dominick Antolino, a hydrologist out of Raleigh for the South Atlanta Water Science Center which also covers Granville County. Mr. Davi continued that Mr. Antolino confirmed some of his concerns regarding this and the effects of those large community wells on private/personal wells which you see all throughout Granville County. Mr. Antolino pointed him to a study called the "Fluctuation and Ground Water Levels Related to Regional and Local Withdraws and the Fractured Bedrock Ground Water Systems in Northern Wake County, North Carolina." Mr. Davi noted that this was the study that he had distributed and that it was written in the notes that he passed out to the Board earlier if the Board wanted to review it in the future, he strongly advised them to do that. He continued that this investigation report was completed by the U.S. Department of Interior and the U.S. Geological Surveying in cooperation with Wake County Department of Environmental Services. Mr. Davi stated that his main point was that they mentioned in the study the Piedmont Physiographic Province, which Granville County is in, does not typically yield large amounts of water yet, and he quoted from the study, "the resource remains a primary water supply for most rural houses in the area," which is very prevalent in southern Granville except for some of the communities that have been popping up with the clustered communities. He continued that the study went on to describe the differences between private wells and community wells and noted that private wells are usually 150 to 500 feet and that community wells are usually 700 to 800 feet. He stated further that private wells usually range from 3 - 8 gallons per minute yield and that community wells range from 20 -70 gallons permanent yield. Therefore, he stated, if you look at the map, it shows the community and all the different houses that have been affected; that there is about an 11-house community. Mr. Davi stated that there were three community wells that were put around this neighborhood and he noted that a bunch of them were affected by having either dry wells or low yield going on. He stated that this went on for some of these people for months and months and they were stuck holding the buck as far as being able to get the problem resolved. He continued that Wake County did not do anything to help them. Mr. Davi stated that he only brought this up because the study was dealing with the Piedmont Physiographic Province which, as he stated earlier, Granville County is located in. He continued that the study determines that the stress on the water system

was because of the competitive use of groundwater resources which is showing in the summary conclusion paragraph 1. He stated that what this creates is a kind of depression and, to put it in laymen terms, when it comes to fighting for resources during times of the summer or high watering or drought, the community well will suck water away from the private wells that are within a close proximity and that's what they had proved happened in Norwood which is north Wake County. As stated earlier, Mr. Davi noted that this deals with the same water resource that Granville County has. He continued that some of the people in the community that were affected had to get gym memberships in order to go shower because they could not shower at home as they were not able to get water at home from their faucets. He stated that they had to bring in store bought water. He mention concerns around developments going up in southern Granville along Bruce Garner Road and near the Preserve at Smith Creek. Mr. Davi stated that his point is that the water resources in the area need to be investigated a bit further. He stated that they would ask that the Board think about some type of contingency plan to help the people that may be affected because he feels that they would be playing Russian roulette with these community wells. He stated that it would be nice to know that people care enough to put in a contingency plan to help support the communities involved.

Mr. Davi stated further that he also wanted to note in the study was quote from one of the last pages, and he quoted, "although the study itself is localized in nature, the resulting water-resources data and information produced from the study will help enable resource managers to make sound water-supply and water-use decisions in similar crystalline-rock aquafir setting in parts of the Piedmont and Blue Ridge Physiographic Provinces." In other words, he stated this study is literally meant to use it to make decisions about water resources when it comes to development. He continued that he believes that this is the only way that Granville County can have good proper development that also protects the people that are already there. He stated that we do not want to be stuck like Norwood trying to figure out how to get their own water to work because the community well sucked it all away.

Mr. Davi noted that another area of concern was that the responsibility for the public water or this community well was passed from the developer to the HOA and then eventually turned over to some sort of a public utility that was technically private. He stated that what he has found is that there is a local water supply plan that is supposed to be, which is required by the state, per General Statute 143-355, and he quoted, "Requires all units of local government

that plan to provide public water services to prepare a local water supply plan through the NC DEQ Division of Water Resources a local water supply plan is an assessment of water, a water systems current and future needs, and its ability to meet those needs.” In closing, Mr. Davi stated that he did not know if that was happening when the well was passed over to whatever the public utility was, but that they would like to ensure that that would actually be done so that they do not end up in the same boat as Norwood.

Chairman Cozart requested Mr. Davi’s contact information because his presentation was very interesting and that he would love to follow up with him.

Alice Meise, 1103 Lake Ridge Drive, Creedmoor, NC, stated that she was there to let the Board know that she too had concerns about the water. She stated that her reasoning was based on previous research. Ms. Neese noted that Mr. Davi is an engineer and that other engineers that reside in that neighborhood are also looking into it as well. She stated that they are all concerned that they will, on their private wells, and based on documented evidence, run out of water, and that there is not a backup plan in place. She continued that she is also there because, her community, they are just south of Lawrence, noted that there are horses and cows when you talk about not changing their community, we are kind of rural. She stated that they know that they are going to have developments going up but that she hopes the County Commissioners will keep this in mind and work with the Planning Board so that they do not become the next Brier Creek. Ms. Neese stated that their main concerns are water and traffic, and they also hear concerns regarding water quality, availability, and they want a little more oversight. She stated that they realize that the County does not have the resources, but that they could work with the state and federal government to make sure how much water the County has so that they do not over-plan or over development. She continued that she is sure that the Board does not want repercussions of a development and then after that then new houses coming in. She stated that they have smaller older houses but as the new houses come in, they are going to be bigger and that they would want their yards watered and to have lovely landscaping done on their properties. She stated that would take more water and asked where the Board is now in that regard. She continued that for their local communities they just want to make sure that that is being worked on before any more development is done. She stated further that there have been three subdivisions, south of Lawrence, that have been approved lately. One for nine homes, another one for 105, and another one for 49. She believes that the

nine has individual wells but that the one for 105 that is closest to her, Blue Ash, that is going to have 3 community wells. She noted that the one community well pumps 60 gallons per minute and it is 1,000 feet deep and noted that it is pulling from down here and her well is at 180 feet so somebody is going to go dry. She noted that she might as well as her neighbors. So, she stated that she was there to ask the Board to please think about planning in southern Granville County. Ms. Neese continued that they do want more sites for the planning mainly for the water, but also for the roads and traffic. She stated that what she has noticed is that a lot of times there is temporary permit given and then they clear-cut a lot of trees and there seems to be a faster checklist in order to get these communities approved. She stated that they are in the watershed for Raleigh so she thinks it would be in Granville County's best interest that there be oversight so that they do not, being in the watershed, have to watch their development and watch the runoff so that Falls Lake stays good as far as supplying the water.

In closing, she stated that she was basically there to ask that the Board to have more oversight and to please work with the state and federal resources to make sure that the planning is not rushed through. She said she loves southern Granville County and has lived there and paid taxes for 17 years. She asked that the Board please do not change where she lives and stated that her house is not worth anything without water. She asked that they give further insight and not be so quick to approve things until they make sure that they have documentation. Further, she stated, it would also be in Granville County's taxpayers' best interest that we do not run into an emergency that they would have to all of sudden try to run water supply down to southern Granville County.

Katie Sellgren, 1098 Lake Ridge Drive, Creedmoor, NC, stated that she echoed everything that had already been stated. She stated that when she looked up community wells and how they would be regulated within their communities, she could not find the term "community wells" in the Granville County ordinances. Therefore, she questioned that if this does not exist in the ordinances, how would it be governed? She further questioned what were the standards by which the wells would be monitored and what could the people who technically own these wells do with the water. Ms. Sellgren continued that she thought by definition it was a public water supply if you were to go by the Granville County ordinances in how we define a public water supply. However, she stated, that then has implications that she did not think they have fully thought through as a community; specifically, in regard to

supply lines and property boundary lines and when someone has to actually connect to a public supply line. She stated further that even with the community wells; looking at the community that they are meant to serve, they are sized correctly but if you look at property lines that may be connected to, they are undersized for what they may have to serve given what is in the current Granville County ordinances. She stated further that if someone could direct her to the written documentation on how these wells would be governed that would be great.

Leroy S. Anderson, Jr., 7020 Greenway Road, Kinton Fork, stated that he solicited the commissioners increased attention to the plight of the county-wide mobile and fixed broadband infrastructure. He stated that he lived about 12 miles from here and at any given moment, he could only get one bar (service). Fortunately, no emergency has arisen for him to have solicit help in case of said emergency.

Mike Wood, 1145 Will Suitt Road, Creedmoor, NC, handed out packets to the Board. He stated that he was following up on the Algae Turf Scrubber. He noted that at the May 4, 2022 Durham work session, this was brought up and he would be sending the Board members an email with a brief recording of the YouTube channel where this was presented. He continued that they did not discuss bringing it back to Granville County, however, he stated, that it is not dead. He stated further that what they had in the packets that he distributed to them was 540 signatures on a petition against bringing the Algae Turf Scrubber to Granville County. Mr. Wood thanked the Board for their continued support of not entertaining this even though the City of Durham had not been back to request approval. We trust the continued support that you know that the science does not support this on this side of the lake nor is it good business for Granville County. He stated further that they will continue to monitor Durham in what they are doing and that they will be the Board's eyes and ears so that they don't have to spend the cycles doing it. He continued that they will advise the Board if they see that Durham intends to come this way and that they would appreciate the same courtesy to their community if the Board hears likewise. He then asked if the Board had any questions.

Chairman Cozart stated that Mr. Wood had stayed on top of this and that the Board really appreciated it.

Jaycee Georgiev, 1174 Smith Creek Way, Wake Forest, NC, stated that she was there to follow up on community wells and where it stood in the comprehensive plan. She stated that she read through and reread through it again and noted that it was beautifully written,

but it was sad that it did not seem like it was being followed. She stated further that there were some highlights that she wanted to bring to the Board's attention. She referred to the community preference page, page 10, where it discussed what was most important to the community and noted that number 1 was location preference for new residential development and was away from sensitive environmental resources and the second one was where infrastructure water and sewer exists in the towns. She noted that the community recreation priorities were greenways and trails, and water quality protection was number 2. The nature play areas that were just approved and were the lowest on the list. Then she noted page 41 which discussed the breakdown of the residential commercial mix use industrial. She stated that there is the medium-density residential, suburban residential and its definition is these areas are comprised of areas with decent soil and access to utilities. Ms. Georgiev stated that new developments supported here include subdivisions with single-family homes with density ranging between one to two dwelling units per acre. She stated that there is no mention whether there are private or community wells, but that it is her understanding from speaking with Mr. Baker (Planning Director) that anything under one acre lots is going to have to have a community well. She stated further that the second thing that she noticed was page 56, which essentially talked about utilizing interlocal agreements for annexation, support public schools, enhancement of water and watershed capacity. She noted to the Board that if they skipped down a little bit further, it states, "address water quality issue in south Granville County." She noted that this was actually a strategy in (I)2.3 that was listed and strategy (I)2.4 was "conduct studies to address water and sewer infrastructure capacity needs," She continued that to get to her point, this plan talks about being in or near municipalities and that right now it seemed to her that they were a suburban area of Creedmoor per the zoning map, but Creedmoor is growing at a slower rate than south Granville which is supposed to be the suburban area. Therefore, she stated, she would just ask that the Commissioners pay attention to planning and zoning and what is approved and to make sure that the guidelines are followed because community wells could be very devastating. She stated further that she is a real estate agent, and she knows that if homes do not have water, we will have a disaster on their hands.

Chair Cozart stated that concluded public comments. He appreciated everyone that shared with them tonight and will take their comments under advisement.

Commissioner Karan noted that normally there is not back and forth during public comments, but he wanted to let those present know that on May 2, 2022 the Board took this water quality, water quantity issue to heart and tasked our Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee with looking into this matter. He said on May 16th, the Environmental Affairs Committee formed a stakeholder's group that is studying the groundwater resources for Granville County. He noted the concerns mentioned tonight have landed on a subcommittee and asked those with concerns to get involved with the Environmental Affairs Committee that meets on the second Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. and noted that the public is always welcome.

BOARD DENIED TAXPAYER REQUEST TO WAIVE LATE LISTING PENALTY

Chair Tony Cozart stated that the purpose of this item was to consider a request from a taxpayer to waive the late listing penalty. He then asked Ms. Jennifer Griffin, Granville County Tax Administrator, to give an overview of the request.

Ms. Griffin stated that Robin Williams, daughter of A.D. Blackwell, sent in her listing notice after the deadline which was January 31, 2022. Ms. Williams wrote a hardship letter requesting her 2022 late list penalty be waived because of hardship. Ms. Williams did not list her mobile home until March 14, 2022. Ms. Griffin provided the following information:

- In 2020 the mobile home was not listed until June 10, 2020, and at that time we added the required ten percent penalty.
- In 2021 the mobile home was not listed at all
- **N.C.G.S 105-312** Mandates a 10% penalty after January 31st of that listing year.

Chair Cozart noted Ms. Griffin's recommendation to not waive the late listing penalty along with the written request included in the agenda packet for the penalty to be waived from Ms. Blackwell.

When asked the total amount of the penalty, Ms. Griffin noted 10% which is approximately \$40.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board denied the request from Robin Williams to waive the late listing penalty for a mobile home as recommended by the Tax Administrator.

BOARD APPROVED REQUEST TO CHANGE THE TAX DEPARTMENT PRINTING VENDOR TO BMS DIRECT

Chair Tony Cozart stated that the purpose of this item is to request authorization to change the Tax Department's printing vendor. He stated further that in talking with County

Manager Felts, this will be a slight increase of \$503. The problem has been incorrect mailings or bills which has caused a lot of headaches for a lot of people, and we would like to eliminate that situation. He continued that the recommendation is to use BMS Direct for the Tax Department's printing needs to try to eliminate this problem in the future.

County Manager Felts stated that they were hopeful that this would solve some of the ongoing problems that have been experienced.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board approved contracting with BMS Direct as the Tax Department printing vendor at a cost of \$503 more than current vendor with funding from the department budget.

BOARD APPROVED GRANT APPLICATION FOR GAP AMPITHEATER SHADE CANOPY

Chair Cozart stated that this item was for the Board to consider a grant application and additional funding commitment for installation of a shade canopy structure above the seating area the GAP (Granville Athletic Park) outdoor amphitheater. He stated that this is a recommendation to request this grant. The funds are in the budget, but this would give us an opportunity to get these funds through this grant if the Board is successful. He continued that the recommendation from the County Manager is to authorize T-Mobile Hometown Grant Application requesting \$50,000 for construction of a shade canopy structure at the Granville Athletic Park. He stated further that if this is successful, the remaining balance will be paid from the fiscal year 2023 budget.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved authorizing a T-Mobile Hometown Grant Application requesting \$50,000 for the construction of a shade canopy structure at the Granville Athletic Park amphitheater with any portion of the remaining balance to be paid from the fiscal year 2023 budget.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEM - GRANVILLE COUNTY CONTRACT AND PURCHASING POLICY

Chair Tony Cozart stated that the next item on the agenda was revisions to the Granville County Contract and Purchasing Policy and for information only. The Board will see this come back before them on June 20th as an item for action. He stated that this item was given

to the Board members at this time for their review and that the information is included in the agenda packet.

RECESS

At 8:43 p.m., the Board took a brief recess. The meeting resumed at 8:47 p.m.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEM - POLICIES REQUIRED FOR RECIPIENTS OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

After the brief break, Chair Cozart stated that he wanted to say a word about agenda item #15 on page 159, Policies Required for Recipients of American Rescue Plan Act Funds, which is presented to them for information only. He stated that the Board appreciated all the work Mrs. Weichel and County Manager Felts spent on this, that the Board had been provided information on this item in the agenda packet for review, and that it will be brought before the Board for approval on June 20th.

Commissioner May asked if the County's policy on this item is consistent already with all that was requested.

County Manager Felts stated that it is and noted that the previous agenda item 14 was an update of the County's purchasing guidelines which with that update, it brings it fairly consistent, if not completely consistent with the federal guidelines. He continued that these items are just specific documents that the Board has not updated in a long time so they just need to bring them up to current federal standards and will incorporate them as it applies to the use of ARPA funds and other federally funded programs.

BOARD APPROVED REQUEST TO SURPLUS AND SALE OF K-9 RAVEN

Chair Cozart stated that the purpose of this item was to authorize the sale of K-9 "Raven" to Deputy Nate Davis who has served as Raven's handler for the past year. He then called on Sheriff John Be Hardy to make any comments.

Sheriff Hardy thanked the Board for taking time to speak with him about the sale of canine Raven. Raven became a member of the Granville County Sheriff's Office Interstate Interdiction Team in 2020 and began working under Deputy Nate Davis one year ago. During that time with Deputy Davis, Raven developed a unique relationship with Deputy Davis and that they believe would not be replicated under a new handler and her effectiveness on the Interdiction Team would become limited under a new handler. Deputy Davis has accepted employment with another law enforcement agency and requested to purchase Raven. He continued that their recommendation is that Deputy Davis be allowed to purchase Raven at a

cost of \$2,500. He stated further that their reasoning for this is to allow the office to receive some reimbursement for the cost of Raven in the event Raven does not take to a new handler. Sheriff Hardy stated that he has asked Canine Supervisor Sergeant Wesley Parrish to speak on canine operations and offer his opinion as to the validity of this request. Deputy Davis and Lieutenant Garrett Paschall are also available to speak on this request and offer their professional opinion as to what they believe would be Raven's ability to adapt and be productive with a new handler. He continued that the Sheriff's Office does have sufficient funds from asset forfeiture and North Carolina drug tax seizures to pay for a new canine for the Interstate Unit. Again, he thanked the Board for their attention in this matter and for consideration of approval.

Commissioner May asked if Raven was currently certified and when was her last training day.

Sergeant Wesley Parrish stated that she was certified last December so her certification runs throughout the year.

Commissioner May also asked if Raven was currently a functional canine that can serve well and asked if she was at least three years old.

Sergeant Parrish responded that she is 3 years old.

Commissioner May continued that typically, a canine will retire around eight to ten years or due to some other impairment.

Sergeant Parrish stated that it depended on their health.

Commissioner May then asked if Sergeant Parrish was defining this impairment based on the bond between the canine handler and the dog to be irreparable or something that it cannot be made up by someone else.

Sergeant Parrish stated that he was basing it on the bond that she has with her handler. He explained that Raven is not a very aggressive dog as far as energy level and that she is totally different now that she has bonded with Officer Davis compared to the previous handler. He continued that all dogs are different so he cannot say as a supervisor how she may take to another handler. She may not take to another handler as she would to Officer Davis.

Commissioner Gooch asked how many handlers Raven had had in the past.

Sergeant Parrish noted that Officer Davis was her second handler. He also noted that she did not react very well with the first handler as she was not very attentive. It took a lot of

work to get her up and running. Once they switched over to Officer Davis, it took a little while to get her bonded with Officer Davis and get her up and running and accustomed to working on the interstate. He continued that it is a little different out there working with the traffic.

Commissioner May stated to the Board that, to have full transparency, he had just spoken with Mr. Mike Baker who helped to certify the county's dogs and that Mr. Baker does have some hesitation regarding the canine's ability to adapt; however, in his opinion, Raven would require a strong canine handler. He then asked if they had anyone that was prepared at this time to take that role over.

Sergeant Parrish stated that they did have another officer, but there is not a seasoned canine handler, that it would be a brand new handler.

Commissioner May asked that if Raven was brought back to the Sheriff's Office, then would they have to basically have an officer trained as a handler.

Sergeant Parrish stated that that was correct.

Commissioner Hinman stated that she had questions, the first one being, why are we losing our handler because they certainly do not want to lose the handler nor the dog.

Commissioner Smith asked if when Raven was first purchased, was she purchased from county funds or asset forfeiture funds.

Sheriff Hardy stated that Raven was purchased from county funds.

Commissioner Smith stated that his next question was what would be the cost of the new dog and if it would come out of forfeiture funds.

Sergeant Parrish stated that the quote for a new dog which would be an imported dog from Mike Baker of Baker Canine. He stated that there are other alternatives available but that this is just a quote that he had given him as far as replacing a dog for the interstate to have it up and running in a timely manner. He stated that in that regard, they would be looking at purchasing the canine as well as including training at a price of \$8,750 which is extremely cheap for an imported dog (German Shepherd) and its training.

Sergeant Parrish answered in regard to Commissioner Hinman's question, that Deputy Davis has been hired at a new department and that he is also branching out to go into a position with the Drug Enforcement Agency, so he is venturing outside of normal law enforcement.

Commissioner Hinman asked if Deputy Davis would be taking the county's trained dog and going to another department and then they get the trained dog with no fee.

Sergeant Parrish stated that no, but that Deputy Davis is requesting to purchase the dog and have the dog with him at home, not as a working dog.

Commissioner May stated to Sergeant Parrish that he is the county's canine expert and despite what he has heard from others say and other canine expertise, the Board has to rely on him. He stated that the funds are important, and it may seem as if the Board is not empathetic or sympathetic, but that they are. He stated that everyone on the Board cares about animals; particularly dogs so that is not the issue. The issue is about being good stewards of a working tool and if they are following the practices that a canine should be following. He continued that he needed to be honest, that he finds it a surprise that the dog not being handled and has become deficient likely because of that and asked if that was correct.

Sergeant Parrish stated that Raven does not have a handler so she has not been at training.

Commissioner May stated that, therefore, that deficiency is going to really cause a concern and asked that, based on Sergeant Parrish's professional opinion, can that deficiency be overcome with a strong handler and you having someone up to bat ready to go.

Sergeant Parrish stated that with a new handler and the temperament that Raven has, it is going to take a lot of work and he could not say, as a handler for years, that they may get back to the point where she currently is with Officer Davis.

Commissioner May then stated that what he was hearing is that it is possible, but that Sergeant Parrish is more concerned about the timeframe it would take to get the canine back up to speed. He also asked if they had another detection canine that could work the same work that is being worked now on the interstate.

Sergeant Parrish stated that any of their drug dogs could go out and work the interstate. At that point, you would have to train another human to do the work on the interstate. The dogs are capable.

Commissioner May asked if the primary issue is that they do not have anyone ready to handle a canine right now.

Sergeant Parrish stated that is the issue.

Commissioner May said that we are opting a dog away as we do not have a handler and then asked how long was the Sheriff's Office aware of this need for a canine handler.

Sheriff Hardy stated that it was approximately two months ago that Officer Davis was talking about leaving and was not quite sure until about three weeks ago when he spoke to his new employer and decided to make the move.

Commissioner Hinman asked how long would it take to train a new handler to handle Raven.

Sergeant Parrish stated that it would depend on the bonding time that it would take the next handler, but that he would not be able to say until they got into the process and for Raven being a single-purpose dog for just narcotics, it depends on how she takes to the new handler. It could take a couple of weeks or a month.

Commissioner Hinman then asked how long it would take a new handler with a new dog.

Sergeant Parrish stated that, in his experience, it would be easier to train a new dog with a new handler compared to training a new handler with a dog that has already been working, especially with Raven's temperament.

Commissioner Gooch asked Sergeant Parrish his opinion if Raven would require an experienced handler.

Sergeant Parrish also noted that Raven would not take to a very hard handler. He stated that Officer Davis is very easy going with her, so an overbearing handler would be a detriment to her and having a new person come in that has never handled a canine before, he could not say if that person would be able to operate a dog.

Commissioner Smith asked that in Sergeant Parrish's professional opinion, with the makeup of the dog, and the makeup of the Granville County Sheriff's Office and the potential of a new handler, what would be Raven's future going forward as far as staying in service or being sold to Officer Davis?

Sergeant Parrish stated that it was his recommendation from what he has seen from the very beginning of purchasing her, training her with the initial handler, and then moving her over to Officer Davis, it is his opinion that for the Sheriff's Office, it would be easier to purchase a new dog with a new handler than to try to bring her back up speed and a new handler up to speed as well.

Commissioner Hinman stated but that is \$5,000, and they had heard tonight that with the budget that the Board is dealing with, \$5,000 would make a huge difference.

Sergeant Parrish stated that that is just one option and that there are other options available that he could explore with Mr. Baker as far as a similar cost of what they purchased Raven for.

Commissioner Smith stated that just to be clear, if the Sheriff's Office purchased a new canine, they would purchase it out of asset forfeiture which is drug money and not county dollars, and that the \$2,500 from the sale of the dog would go back to the county taxpayer coffers.

Sheriff Hardy confirmed that a new dog would be bought with asset forfeiture funds and funds from the sale would go back to the county.

Commissioner Hinman stated that she was still having a hard time seeing past the money that could buy a protective vest, knowing that she has lived with one of those dogs as her father was in law enforcement.

Sergeant Parrish stated that he looked at it as an officer as he also works a canine and asked what happens at the point that the Sheriff's Office does not sell her to Officer Davis and she is put with a new handler and she does not work. Then they are stuck with a dog that is not workable and asked, "What do you do with a dog that is not workable?"

Commissioner May stated that his concern that they are at this point that for whatever reason the dog is not working and was not working, and it has a half million dollars' worth of seizures so at some point, he felt that they could admit that the dog was successful.

Sergeant Parrish stated that she was very successful.

Sheriff Hardy said Raven was working up until the point when Deputy Davis left. It was not like she took a several months hiatus. She was working up to the point to when he left, and he has been gone for two weeks.

Commissioner May reiterated that she was that successful and worked up to two weeks ago and if Sergeant Parrish was stating that the bond and the bond alone would be sufficient for the dog to not be reliable.

Sergeant Parrish stated the dog would not be reliable to go to a new handler.

Chair Cozart stated that if they went along with the recommendation, the County would take the \$2,500 and get a new canine at some point out of drug forfeiture money and not risk the loss of \$2,500. He noted that the County would get back the \$2,500 from Deputy Davis and we would be marching forth on safe grounds in having a new handler with a new canine.

Commissioner Hinman questioned what would happen when the next handler says that they want to go someplace else, and the county loses another handler, and we have another dog with the same problem.

Sergeant Parrish stated that you could encounter that with whatever dog that is purchased. Unfortunately, he cannot state what their temperament will be. He said they try to get a strong-working dog, but the dogs do live at home with their handler, and they are cared for by the deputy. They are part of their families and Raven has taken that strong of a hold to Officer Davis. He continued that a stronger dog may could go very easily go to another handler, but each case is going to be a different case.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept recommendation by Sheriff Hardy's recommendation. Commissioner Zelodis Jay seconded the motion.

By a vote of 5-2, the Board approved the surplus and sale of K-9 Raven to Deputy Nate Davis at a cost of \$2,500 to go back into the General Fund and that money from asset forfeiture be used to purchase any dog forward.

Ayes: Commissioners Cozart, Gooch, Jay, Karan, and Smith
Nays: Commissioners Hinman and May

Commissioner May asked Sheriff Hardy that if the County is going to obtain another canine that they have a canine handler ready to take the dog at that time and at least gain some type of commitment that it will be for a prolonged period in which that handler is with that animal. He then asked if that was fair enough and Sheriff Hardy agreed that that was fair enough.

PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

There were no proclamations, resolutions, or legislative matters at this meeting.

BOARD APPROVED APPOINTMENT OF BEN MASTRIDGE AS THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SPECIALIST TO THE OPIOID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair Tony Cozart stated that a Behavioral Health Specialist position is needed for the Opioid Advisory Committee and asked for any recommendations for a person to be named for this position.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, seconded by Commissioner Russ May, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Ben Mastridge to the Behavioral Health Specialist vacant position on the Opioid Advisory Committee.

County Manager Felts stated that he did want to let the Board know that the Opioid Advisory Committee will be back on the June 20th agenda for the purpose of adding a few additional slots to that committee. They may or may not have names at that time, but the Board does need to amend the positions at the June 20th to align with the state MOU (memorandum of understanding) that the county has signed in relation to the opioid settlement funds.

BOARD APPROVED APPOINTMENT OF ATHY ROBINSON (DISTRICT 6) TO THE GRANVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair Tony Cozart stated that the purpose of this item is to make appointments to the Granville County Library System Board of Trustees. He stated that Stacy Buffinga (District 1) and Pam Muller (District 6) have resigned and need to be replaced.

Commissioner Zelodis Jay requested that they hold off on filling District 1 until further notice.

Commissioner Timothy Karan recommended the name of Athy Robinson from Walters Road in Creedmoor be appointed to the Granville County Library System Board of Trustees.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Russ May, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the appointment of Athy Robinson (District 6) to the Granville County Library System Board of Trustees.

BOARD APPROVED JCPC COUNTY PLAN AND MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Chair Tony Cozart stated that the next item was the Granville County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) 2022-2023 County Funding Plan as well as the JCPC Certification and Council's Specified Members' List that needs to be certified before June 30, 2022. He then noted the different programs that were listed to be supported by the Board and a recommendation by JCPC to accept the proposed JCPC funding plan and specified members list.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner David T. Smith, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the JCPC County Funding Plan in the amount of \$180,837, with a County match of \$37,772, and an in-kind match of \$28,060, for a total of \$246,669; and the following membership roster for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council for fiscal year 2022-2023:

Russ May	County Commissioner
Laurin Curtis	Local Superintendent or Designee
Chief Keith King	(Creedmoor PD) Chief of Police
Benji Laws	Sheriff or Designee

Dananai Gardner	District Attorney or Designee
David R. Carter	Chief Court Counselor or Designee
Laquita Cozart	Director, LME/MCO or Designee
Dana Mustian-Lyles	Director of Social Services or Designee
Harry Mills	County Manager or Designee
Danielle Harris	Substance Abuse Professional
Rev. Dr. Tolokun Omokunde	Member of the Faith Community
Mary Jo Vanhorne	Representative of Families of At-Risk Juveniles
Vacant	Two persons under 18, one whom is member of State Youth Council if possible
Gina Reyman	Juvenile Defense Attorney
Katherine Burnette	District Court Judge
Sandy Santos	Business Community
Meredith Wester	Health Director or Designee
Lasha Sneed (FLVF)	Rep. United Way/Other Non-Profit
Tina Cheek	Rep. Parks and Recreation
Rev. Leroy Anderson	District 1
Alex Fonvielle	District 2
Elliot Carver	District 3
Cynthia Yancey	District 4
Alvin Downing, Sr.	District 5
Ed Sosa	District 6
Mayor Jackie Sergent	District 7

BOARD APPROVED REAPPOINTMENTS OF HAL MUETZEL (PRIVATE INDUSTRY), ALLEN WINSTON (PRIVATE INDUSTRY), NORMAN TERRENCE WILSON (LABOR ORGANIZATION), AND HARRY MILLS (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO THE KERR-TAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Chair Tony Cozart stated that the terms of Hal Muetzel (Private Industry) Allen Winston (Private Industry), Norman Terrence Wilson (Labor Organization), and Harry Mills (Economic Development) expire in June. A letter from Lou Grillo, Workforce Development Director, was included in the agenda and recommended their reappointments.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the reappointments of Hal Muetzel (Private Industry), Allen Winston (Private Industry), Norman Terrence Wilson (Labor Organization), and Harry Mills (Economic Development)) to the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board.

BOARD APPROVED THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ADONICA HAMPTON TO KARTS (KERR AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY)

Chair Tony Cozart stated the purpose of this item is to consider a reappointment to KARTS (Kerr Area Transportation Authority). The term of Adonica Hampton expires in June.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the reappointment of Adonica Hampton to KARTS (Kerr Area Transportation Authority).

**BOARD APPROVED LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE HENDERSON-
OXFORD-GRANVILLE-VANCE AIRPORT PROPOSED PAPI PROJECT**

Chair Tony Cozart noted that the next item was a letter of support for precision approach path indicator (PAPI) replacement at Henderson-Oxford Airport. He asked if County Manager Felts had any comments to make regarding this item.

County Manager Felts noted that in the agenda packet, there was a draft letter of support, and this was a call for comments related to a project at the airport which is related to their precision approach path indicator visual aid system. He noted that it is scheduled to be replaced as it has been in service since 1991 and it needs to be upgraded.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board a letter of support from Granville County for the Henderson-Oxford-Granville-Vance Airport proposed PAPI (Precision Approach Path Indicator) Project.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney James C. Wrenn, Jr. stated that he did not have anything other than close session for attorney client privilege and personnel matters.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Russ May asked County Manager Felts if he had an update on the Wilton Convenience Center.

County Manager Felts stated that they are moving forward. He continued that some minor adjustments have been identified that they could make on the site and some additional ones are waiting until they can get some engineering studies for the pouring of concrete, but he would see if he could get the Board an update soon.

Commissioner May continued during the past week they met with the Sheriff's Office and the School Administration Liaisons to discuss school security and other measures regarding the recent event in Texas and that they will be discussing that further at a later date. He stated further that he wanted to thank the Sheriff's Office and the School Administration for their time and courtesy extended to discuss these matters.

Commissioner Karan announced that on June 17th at 10:00 a.m. on Horseshoe Road, the Tar River Land Conservancy will be opening its fourth trail in the area. This is one of three of that will be opening this year. He stated that the Robertson Creek and Creedmoor one will open later in early summer as well. This is a throw-back into the comprehensive land use plan

and indicates that the county work with the non-profits in the area to foster additional recreation programming and protect open spaces for our residents. He continued that he thought that the County was spot on how the county is following that comprehensive land use development plan especially when working with Tar River Land Conservancy.

Commissioner Sue Hinman stated that she attended the parade in Virgilina a couple of weeks ago. She reported that she had a good time and the stew was absolutely wonderful as always. She also reported that she went to the Mary Potter School renaming dedication and it was very interesting to hear some of the history of Mary Potter and to see that the new name is now Mary Potter Center for Education.

Chair Tony Cozart stated that anything that he would say would be repetitive but that he would like to say how much families of the former commissioners have expressed their appreciation for the tree garden memorial at the Granville Athletic Park. He noted that it has obviously meant a lot to them that the memory of those whom the Board honored will forever be remembered there. He noted that some family members have even offered to do things that would even enhance that area.

BOARD WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sue Hinman, seconded by Commissioner Russ May, and unanimously carried, the Board went into closed session as allowed by G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) 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 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 Sue Hinman, seconded by Commissioner Russ May, and unanimously carried, the Board returned to open session.

BOARD ADJOURNED

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:18 p.m.

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