

OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
February 17, 2020

The Members of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina met in a regular meeting on Monday, February 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, Granville Expo and Convention Center, 4185 US Highway 15 South, Oxford.

Present were:

Chairman: David T. Smith

Commissioners: Tony W. Cozart Sue Hinman
Zelodis Jay Timothy Karan

Owen T. Roberts, Jr. and Edgar Smoak was absent.

County Manager: Michael S. Felts

County Attorney: James C. Wrenn, Jr.

Assistant County Attorney: Gerald T. Koinis

News Reporters: Chris Harris – *Butner-Creedmoor News*
David Murray – *Oxford Public Ledger*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, 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	\$ 0
School Contingency	\$ 100,000
Environmental Disaster Contingency	\$ 10,000
General Fund Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 4,400,314

- (B) Approved Budget Amendment #6 as recommended by the Finance Director:

Budget Amendment #6
February 17, 2020

Be it ordained, the FY 2019-2020 Annual Budget Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)		
General Government	Board of Election	45,000
	Finance	3,454
Public Safety	Fire Services	33,000

Community Services	Cooperative Extension Service	(10,375)	
	County Library System	10,375	
Human Services	Social Services	87,275	
	HCCBG & Transportation	12,685	
Area Projects and Other Appropriations	Non-Departmental	206,217	
	Pass Thru Funds and Transfers	16,117	
Contributions to Other Funds	Contributions	1,170,541	
	Contingencies	(121,071)	
	<i>Total Expenditures</i>		1,453,218
Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)	Restricted and Intergovernmental	78,407	
	Appropriated Fund Balance	1,374,811	
	<i>Total Revenues</i>		1,453,218

CAPITAL PROJECTS ORDINANCE FUND

		Budget Amendment #6		Balance	
	(For reference only)				
	General Fund/DSS				
	Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)				
10-	5300	399	Contracted Service	\$72,540	\$182,540
10-	5300	260	Supplies	\$800	\$37,812
10-	5300	312	Travel	\$2,000	\$36,431
	Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)				
10-	3538	330	Administration	\$37,670	\$3,564,823
10-	3990	991	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$37,670	\$3,063,173

Description: fund two technical support trainers to assist casework supervisors for six months. Vanguard Professional Staffing will provide the trainers. This was approved by the Granville County BoCC on January 31, 2020.

	General Fund/Fire Services				
	Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)				
10-	4340	631	Radio Grant to Districts	\$33,000	\$33,000
10-	9910	991	General Contingency	(\$33,000)	\$88,071

Description: County's share (25%) of State initiated grant for the replacement of Volunteer Fire Department radios, as approved by the Granville County BoCC on January 30, 2020. Maximum contribution amount per FD is \$3,000.

	General Fund/Home Care Community Block Grant				
	Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)				
10-	5300	314	Work First Transportation	\$11,935	\$16,988
10-	5859	505	EDTAP - Transportation Grant	\$12,685	\$88,680
10-	8580	140	KARTS / RGP Allocation	\$16,117	\$105,660
	Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)				
10-	3327	333	ROAP Grant	\$40,737	\$211,328

Description: Adjust funding amount for the FY 2020 Rural Operating Assistance Program.

	General Fund/Contributions to Other Funds				
	Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)				
10-	9800	046	Transfer to Hospital Cap. Projects	\$1,170,541	\$1,170,541
	Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)				
10-	3990	991	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,170,541	\$4,233,714

Description: To fund the amount draw down amount YTD from the General Fund to the Hospital Capital Project Fund to complete GHS's Dr.'s office expansion. The loan proceeds for this project reside in the General Fund.

General Fund/Finance					
Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)					
10-	4130	121	Salary	\$1,854	\$256,266
10-	4130	181	FICA	\$142	\$19,604
10-	4130	182	Retirement	\$158	\$22,928
10-	4130	395	Registration and Training	\$1,300	\$4,800
10-	8540	111	Position Reclass	(\$3,454)	\$31,546

Description: to fund tuition expense and promotion of Finance department personnel.

General Fund/Cooperative Extension					
Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)					
10-	4950	\$121	Salaries	(\$13,474)	\$22,762
10-	4950	\$181	FICA	(\$1,036)	\$1,686
10-	4950	\$182	Retirement	(\$2,990)	\$253
10-	4950	\$183	Health Insurance	(\$3,235)	\$4,565
10-	4950	\$189	Life Insurance	(\$15)	\$9
10-	6110	\$126	Part Time Salaries	\$9,638	\$112,638
10-	6110	\$181	Retirement	\$737	\$48,419
10-	4950	\$126	Part Time Salaries	\$9,638	\$9,638
10-	4950	\$181	Retirement	\$737	\$3,459

Description: Redistribute remaining budget funds for the Building and Grounds Worker position in Cooperative Extension to fund two part time positions in Cooperative Extension and two part time positions in the Library, as approved by the Granville County BoCC on January 6,

General Fund/Non-Departmental					
Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)					
10-	8540	128	IT and Connectivity Services	\$80,600	\$471,600
Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)					
10-	3990	991	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$80,600	\$4,314,314

Description: Fund the conversion to Microsoft Office 365 by VC3, as approved by the Granville County BoCC on December 2, 2019.

General Fund/Board of Elections					
Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)					
10-	4170	399	Contracted Services - Equipment	\$45,000	\$90,975
10-	9910	991	General Contingency	(\$45,000)	\$43,071

Description: Fund logic and accuracy testing for the March 3, 2020 primary as mandated by the State.

General Fund/Non-Departmental					
Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)					
10-	8540	126	Trust Account/ Land Purchase	\$350,000	
10-	8540	126	Trust Account/ Land Purchase	\$78,000	
10-	8540	126	Trust Account/ Land Purchase	\$8,000	\$462,661
10-	9910	991	General Contingency	(\$43,071)	\$0
10-	8540	801	Economic Incentive Expense	(\$306,929)	\$1,066,821
Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)					
10-	3990	991	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$86,000	\$4,400,314

Description: Fund purchases of the following land tracks: 1.) land adjacent to Triangle North Granville 2.) 301 Oxford Street and 303 Main Street in Stovall; 3.)103 Railroad Street in Stovall

(C) Approved the minutes of the November 18, 2019 meeting.

(D) Approved the Tax Releases and Refunds as follows:

January 2020 refunds/releases:	\$ 8,759.74
January 2020 write-offs (\$2 and less):	\$ 22.09

(E) Approved the Register of Deeds refund release as follows:

10-3240-113	\$196.80
10-3240-110	\$213.20

(F) Approved the appointment of Kenneth (Ken) Reeves as a School System Fire Inspector.

AIRPORT UPDATE

Chairman Smith introduced Jon Carver, Granville County representative on the Aeronautics Authority of the City of Henderson, City of Oxford, Counties of Granville and Vance, to give an update on the airport.

Mr. Carver reported that they have completed 10 new hangers at the airport that will generate rental income for the authority and taxes for Granville County. He also reported that they will soon craft a new master plan with the Department of Aviation that includes widening the taxiway for larger aircraft, moving a taxiway, and possibly building a new parallel taxiway. He said the airport is thriving under the management of flyHNZ and Amanda and Chris Welsh. He then asked Amanda Welsh to give an update on airport operations.

Mrs. Welsh, Airport Manager and owner of flyHNZ, reported that existing hangers are full and the new hangers will be rented to full capacity as of March 1st. She reported increased traffic at the airport including general traffic and two flight schools; community outreach events including Young Eagles and the Military History School; new airplane account tracking by implementing a new transponder tracking; and the runway lighting project completion. She said this upcoming year will be safety improvements, continued community outreach, improvement projects at the facility including a grilling area and a monthly pilot safety briefing program.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Neil Gresham, Chairman of the Environmental Affairs Advisory Committee (EAC) and representative of District 1, reported that in 2017 the committee requested a \$5 fee assessment to all property owners in the County to fund litter pick-up. He said that the most effective means to combat litter has been to pay contractors to pick litter up that citizens

continue to deposit. He said the EAC was requesting a recommendation of quarterly roadside collection of litter paid for by increasing the annual fee by an additional \$20 per year. He said at this time there is a contract with a company out of Johnston County that the County piggybacks off the contract with the North Carolina Department of Transportation. He noted that the EAC would like to contract locally with firms that may be able to pick up litter more regularly and keep the roads clean. When asked, he clarified that the request was to increase the fee from \$5 to \$25 per property owner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS WERE MADE CONCERNING SHERIFF APPOINTMENT, SECOND AMENDMENT, AND VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE SUPPORT

Greg Lewis, 2158 Smith Road, Oxford, NC, said he came on behalf of the Concerned Citizens group to express their disappointment with how the Sheriff was appointed. He said certain portions of the statute were followed and referred to NCGS 128.16, 128.17 and then noted that NCGS 128.19 discusses suspension and filling of the vacancy. He said in following the petition with all the findings, the matter was also stayed which left it in a holding pattern. He said their concerns are if the process was not followed right, it could cause irreparable harm to the County. Due to time constraints he said he could not get into specifics, but said that because it was in a holding pattern his opinion was that it was manipulated to move on to NCGS 162.5 to fill the position. He expressed concerns with backdoor dealings and that the appointment was not done right.

Carroll Royster Hart, 2239 Enon Road, Oxford, NC, said he believed strongly in the Second Amendment and to water it down, rather than strengthen it, would be a travesty to our County. He said that the Pledge of Allegiance was recited earlier and that “to the republic” refers to the democratic republic. He said that the Board was voted in by the people in the audience to represent them and not to speak for them in your own liking. He said if you do your job, you will solicit the people’s comments on any subject that you vote on. He said the people have the obligation to voice their opinion on how they feel. He said if 51% of your constituents are in favor of the Second Amendment and you are in favor of watering it down, you have not done your job by your constitutional rights. He implored the Board to find out the opinions of the people that elected them. He turned to the audience and asked those who believe in the Second Amendment to stand up and most stood up. He asked those who did not believe in the Second Amendment or wanted to water it down to stand and no one stood. He

said those in the audience do not want to water down the Second Amendment, but want to keep it as our forefathers set forth. He said that the Board needed to support it and said this is not a difficult decision if you find out what the people want to do.

Jacob Moore, 3587 Copper Creek Lane, Franklinton, NC, made comments and emailed a copy to the Clerk:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board of Commissioners, first off my name is Jacob Moore, I am a proud lifetime resident of Granville County and I thank you for your time and the opportunity to address this board and my fellow citizens this evening. Over the last few months there has been a lot of fanatical talk from various media organizations, political figures, and news pundits on the discussion of gun control. For example, our neighboring governor to the north in Virginia has introduced several gun control bills to the House of Delegates in Richmond with legislation ranging from regulating the purchase of handguns, virtually banning all "military-style" weapons, establishing progressive "red flag" laws, etc. These now "popular" red flag laws which allow local law enforcement to confiscate lawfully obtained firearms from a private citizen, if someone makes a claim that said person is a threat to society or themselves (no matter how unwarranted and unsubstantiated or biased it may be) is the epitome of unconstitutional. It violates a citizens' 4th amendment right to protection from improper searches and seizures, and the obvious violation of one's 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms. Luckily these articles have been faced by not only public backlash that led to legislative rebuke from Virginians, but also a strong allegiance of citizens from across this nation and across this county, citizens of all backgrounds and lifestyles who have come together side by side to stand up for their rights granted by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Founding Father George Mason once wrote, "To disarm the people...is the most effectual way to enslave them."

Well we can not sit idly by and become disarmed and enslaved by allowing rotating radical politicians in Raleigh or Washington D.C. dictate to us what we legally can and cannot do or own in our private homes.

Come on Folks we can not let our Constitutional Rights be infringed upon by legislative hypocrites who want to take away our only option to legally defend kith and kin, or hearth and home, all while they sit comfortably in secured offices surrounded by armed guards, rod iron fences and Corinthian columns.

President Thomas Jefferson is quoted in saying, "The laws that forbid the carrying of arms are laws of obscure nature. They disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes.... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailant..."

We're able to speak freely and live and love openly here in these United States because the Second Amendment reinforces our First Amendment! Without the 2nd there would be no 1st, that's why the drafters of the Bill of Rights designated it as number two!

Commissioners I say all that to follow it up and ask that you adopt a resolution to declare Granville County a Second Amendment Sanctuary and grant all of its citizens, from Grassy Creek to Wilton, from Stovall to Creedmoor, from Oxford to Butner, and all those in between protection of their Constitutional Rights, as laid down by our founding forefathers. Help make this county number 57 out of North Carolina's 100 counties to adopt such a resolution. Granville county's own resident patriot forefather, and Signer of the Declaration of Independence John Penn said, "My greatest Wish is for America to be Free" and my how I would hope for that wish of everlasting freedom to continue on.

I'm not here standing before you a lone citizen fighting for the rights of just myself, no I'm here speaking up for your rights too!! Draft up and approve the resolution,

and Grant us Sanctuary. Thank you again for the opportunity to speak. God bless you, God bless Granville County, and God bless America.

Edwin Vargas, 806 Elbert Street, Creedmoor, NC, said he came to Granville County five years ago from Puerto Rico and was present to support the resolution for Granville County to be a Second Amendment sanctuary. He said he came from an island that is a territory of the United States where there were really strict gun laws that prompted politicians in other communities to attack and cause fear as the people have no way to protect themselves. He said he moved to the United States looking for freedom to have a means to protect himself from tyrants that come from the government or criminals from the streets. He said that he fears that the Second Amendment is being infringed upon and asked the Board to protect our Second Amendment rights so that we will not turn into a socialist country or county.

Adam Drissel, 1550 Pope Road, Creedmoor, NC, made comments and emailed a copy to the Clerk.

Good evening Commissioners.

First, thank you for the opportunity to speak before you tonight.

This evening I'd like to express my view, and the views of many others in Granville County, regarding the proposal of a Second Amendment Resolution that is to be put forth tonight.

Prior to doing so, I'd like to provide the board with a very brief history of the events resulting in the formation of our great Republic.

256 years ago the English Parliament imposed many slavery-ridden schemes and acts upon the American colonies. One example is the Declaratory Act of 1766, which stated that England had the power to legislate all laws governing the colonies. One by one each Act stripped the colonists of more of their God-given freedoms.

On April 14, 1775 British General Thomas Gage received instructions from England on actions he was to take in the colonies.

What were those instructions? They were orders to **disarm** the colonists and imprison their leaders. That was the "straw that broke the camel's back," and thus the Revolution began.

History is cyclical. Fast-forward a couple generations and we are there once again.

We the People today are again standing with our backs towards a precipice of slavery, oppression, and tyranny. The leaders elected to guard the freedoms of the people instead seek to strip us of those very freedoms that made us who we are today. We are facing our modern-day tyrants.

Like the colonists, we are watching laws being passed today that are doing exactly what the British attempted to do a couple generations ago to the colonists. We are faced with our modern-day battles of Lexington and Concord.

Bringing this full circle, I have acquired a copy of a document that, in any number of its original forms, was to declare Granville County a Second Amendment Constitutional Rights Protection County.

The copy I received is a watered-down version of the original. The new version appears to be act of open apathy, general appeasement, and political cowardice. It is a disgrace compared to what it could and should be.

The language has been so dulled down that any attempt to use this as a weapon against tyranny would be committing suicide.

56 other counties in NC that have undertaken the same task have, with boldness and resoluteness, resolved to stand strongly and firmly on the side of freedom and independence. We in Granville County are not alone and needn't refrain from stepping out in the same boldness with such an abundance of support.

Why would you dare to remove the open acknowledgement that the 2nd amendment is under attack today?

Why remove verbiage that acknowledges that our right to bear arms is for self-defense, defense of others, and the protection of our individual and constitutional liberties?

Why, commissioners, why would you dare remove the verbiage that states unequivocally that the rights guaranteed by the 2nd amendment are "God-given?"

No one has brought into question your oaths; thus a reaffirmation is an essentially nothing statement.

Just today it was reported in the Associated Press that the VA Senate Judiciary Committee shot down the attempted passage of an all-out assault weapons ban. This was because people stood up including my friend and me.

I urge you therefore, please reconsider the original version, copies of which I have for you as opposed to the one that will be proposed later tonight. Thank you!

**Portions from the excerpt were omitted by Mr. Drissell due to time restraints and the Clerk removed those from the transcript he submitted.

Brandon Brinkley, 1179 Doe Trail, Creedmoor, NC, said that others that spoke before him said things that he was going to say, but added that a lot of things are going on in Virginia and that we do not want that leaking into North Carolina. He started a Facebook page about three weeks ago and there are 520 members including some present (approximately eight in the audience raised their hands) and urged the Board to check out his Facebook page. He said that the Second Amendment is so important and is a God given right; he is a proud resident of Granville and having laws and regulations that take guns away from law abiding citizens is detrimental to the society; and mentioned the fine line between sanctuary city or county and how it relates to immigrants. He said he hoped no public money, resources or facilities will be used to enforce any unnecessary and unconstitutional restrictions of anyone's rights that people were present to express how important this is for the County.

Roy Thomas Laney, Jr., 7641 NC Highway 96 North, Oxford, NC, said he is Commander of American Legion Post 90 and yielded his time to his Service Officer at Post 90

– Mr. James Myers.

James Myers, 1727 River Run Court, Franklinton, NC, said he spent 28 years on active duty and said he is passionate when it comes to Veterans and we owe more to them than just pushing them to the side. He asked veterans, dependents, and surviving spouses in attendance to stand and said that is what the Veterans Service Officer (VSO) supports and why he was present. He said the mission of the VSO is to serve as the principal advocate for the county's nearly 4,000 veterans, surviving spouses and dependents; and spouses and dependents of 100% disabled veterans. He said the number supported by the VSO can easily surpass 5,000. He talked about the new claims process that awards claims at higher percentage than the previous options and often at a higher rate. He noted that the assessment process is fast but that there is more strain on the VSO as it takes 6-20 hours from start to finish to process a claim not including appeals or resubmissions. He said the VSO spends countless hours communicating and scheduling for medical appointments or education providers. He said that from January 2017 – January 2020, the strain on the VSO has grown exponentially with phone calls, scans, faxes, forms, assistance, and emails that take 40% of his time for these administrative duties. He stated that in the last six months, Granville County has experienced three veterans' suicides, noting we must do better. He said that much of the veterans' benefits are spent in Granville County either directly or indirectly. He said that the VSO needs a full-time processing assistant to work with Rodney Frazier, Granville County's VSO. He compared counties:

- Vance County has a full-time VSO and a full-time processing assistant that supports a population of 44,582 with an estimated 2500 veterans.
- Warren County has a full-time VSO and a full-time processing assistant that supports a population of 19,807 with an estimated 1,500 veterans.

**these numbers do not include surviving spouses and/or dependents

He concluded by saying that Granville County has a population over 60,000 and over 4,000 veterans and has a full-time VSO and then asked the Board if they believed that one person could do it all.

Chairman Smith recognized Granville County's Veterans Service Officer Rodney Frazier and asked him to stand.

Chairman Smith thanked those that came and spoke during public comments.

BREAK

At this time, the Board took a one-minute break.

BOARD APPROVED AUDIT FISCAL YEAR 2019 RESPONSE TO NORTH CAROLINA STATE TREASURER

County Manager Felts stated that on January 21st, County Administration received a unit letter from the State and Local Government Finance Division of the North Carolina State Treasurer Department dated January 16, 2020. The unit letter references the County audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 and specifically requests an update on the County's progress in regards to the auditor's findings noted on page 161 of our audit. A draft response letter was provided in the agenda for consideration.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved authorizing the County Manager to prepare a final response letter with Commissioner signatures for the fiscal year 2018-2019 audit findings to send to the North Carolina Department of State Treasurer.

BOARD APPROVED ACCEPTANCE OF U.S. TENNIS ASSOCIATION GRANT

Chairman Smith stated that a U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) grant was applied for in September of 2019 in partnership with the County's former Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (now the Parks, Greenways and Recreation Advisory Committee). Grant funding is to be used in the Phase III expansion of the Granville Athletic Park by providing assistance for construction of six (6) 78-foot tennis courts and the installation of striping for three (3) 60-foot and four (4) 36-foot courts. He noted that these funds are available for 18 months after the date of the award.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved accepting the award of a \$50,000 grant from the U.S. Tennis Association (USTA).

BOARD APPROVED ACCEPTING U.S. TENNIS ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN GRANT

Chairman Smith said a U.S. Tennis Association Southern grant was applied for in September of 2019 in conjunction with the USTA grant. Granville County was awarded a USTA grant for \$50,000 to aid in the construction of six (6) tennis courts and the installation of striping for three (3) 60-foot and four (4) 36-foot courts at the Granville Athletic Park Phase III Project.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved accepting the award of a \$20,000 grant from U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) Southern.

BOARD AWARD DESIGN SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR INTERIOR RENOVATIONS/ADDITIONS FOR GRANVILLE-VANCE DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT SPACE

Chairman Smith said that the Granville-Vance Health Department will relocate their offices to three (3) buildings located at the Granville Medical Center. Their new location will require interior renovations and alterations to accommodate the various functions of the Health Department. This request is to award a Design Services Agreement to Stephen Baxter Architect, PLLC for the necessary renovation bid documents needed for the space alterations and permitting requirements.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved exempting the County from the Davis Bacon Act requiring a Request for Qualification based selection for professional services based on (1) the contract value is less than the mandatory threshold of \$50,000.00, and (2) Granville-Vance Health Department retained Stephen Baxter Architect to provide the initial design development standards for the new space; and approved awarding a fixed price design service agreement to Stephen Baxter Architect in the amount of \$36,900.

BOARD APPROVED SHELVING, FILING AND RACK STORAGE FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT/DETENTION CENTER AND ANIMAL SHELTER

Chairman Smith explained that the new Law Enforcement/Detention and Animal Shelter have a number of filing and storage needs. Moseley Architects assisted with a survey of current filing and storage capacities, staff input was gathered, and an inventory of the usable filing units was determined. Evidence storage will require a great deal of storage due to its current and forecasted capacities of retained items over an undetermined period of time. The recommendation was made to provide a high-density movable shelving system that will accommodate various sizes and shapes of evidence, and maximizes the storage area provided. Other items included in this purchase request are general office filing, heavy-duty rack shelving, and weapon/ammunition storage.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of the items contained in the Patterson-Pope proposal dated February 3, 2020 in the amount of \$332,000.00 for the

supply and installation of the evidence mobile shelving system and general filing and shelving needs for the new Law Enforcement Center and Animal Shelter.

BOARD APPROVED CELLSENSE PLUS UNIT PURCHASE FOR THE NEW DETENTION CENTER

Chairman Smith explained that the Metrasens/Cellsense Plus is an advanced contraband detection system that detects concealed contraband both large and small such as cellphones, tattoo needles, knives, guns and razors. An additional Cellsense Plus unit for the pod area of the new Detention Center is being requested.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of the Cellsense Plus Contraband Detection System unit from Metrasens for a price not to exceed \$13,245.

BOARD APPROVED GUARDIAN RFID SYSTEM UPGRADE FOR DETENTION CENTER

Chairman Smith said this request for the Guardian RFID Inmate Security Rounds System upgrade is needed for the new Detention Center. Currently there are twenty-one (21) RFID tags in the Detention Center and the new center will require fifty-four (54) tags. The handheld devices that read the RFID tags also need upgrading. Security rounds are mandated by the State of North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services under the Rules and Laws Governing the Operations, Surveillance and Monitoring of Jail Facilities.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of the Guardian RFID Rounds System upgrade with Guardian RFID for a price not to exceed \$9,877.30.

BOARD MADE REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE ADULT HOME CARE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Barbara Harris (District 2) to the Adult Home Care Community Advisory Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Joseph Pettiford (District 7) and Judy Taylor (District 7) to the Adult Home Care Community Advisory Committee.

BOARD MADE REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE NURSING HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Gwen Bullock (District 1) to the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Gail Birdsong (District 7) to the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee.

BOARD MADE REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE GRANVILLE COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Neil Gresham (District 1) to the Granville County Citizens Advisory Committee for Environmental Affairs.

Commissioner Karan said that Commissioner Roberts wanted to direct staff to send a thank you letter to Frank McKay for his service on the Committee. He then asked to hold the position at this time.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Paul Westfall (Ex-Officio) to the Granville County Citizens Advisory Committee for Environmental Affairs.

BOARD APPOINTED PAM MULLER (DISTRICT 6) TO THE GRANVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

County Manager Felts explained that Mildred C. Goss has served over six consecutive years and according to the organizational structure of the Library Board of Trustees, she is ineligible for reappointment until she has been off the Board for a year.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Pam Muller (District 6) to the Granville County Library System Board of Trustees.

BOARD REAPPOINTED DR. ABIGAIL CROWNSHAW (DISTRICT 3 APPOINTED BY DISTRICT 4) AND SARAH GABEL (DISTRICT 2) TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Dr. Abigail Crownshaw (District 3 appointed by District 4) to the Animal Control Advisory Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Sarah Gabel (District 2) to the Animal Control Advisory Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Ellen Highland (District 6) to the Animal Control Advisory Committee.

BOARD MADE REAPPPOINTMENTS TO THE GRANVILLE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Sarah Mayfield (District 1) and Telessie McGhee (District 1) to the Granville County Human Relations Commission.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Ron Bullock (District 2), Harold Slaughter (District 2) and Quon Bridges (District 2) to the Granville County Human Relations Commission.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sue Hinman, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Rev. John Gooch (District 3) to the Granville County Human Relations Commission.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Helen Amis (District 4), Wilma Moore (District 4) and Bessye McGhee (District 4) to the Granville County Human Relations Commission.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Ethuir Tito Montoya (District 6) and Rev. Dennis W. Daniel (District 6) to the Granville County Human Relations Commission.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Commissioner David T. Smith (District 2) to the Granville County Human Relations Commission.

BOARD MADE REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Michael Felts (County Manager);

Jason Reavis (Emergency Management-replaced Doug Logan effective 12/1/2019); Dr. Alisa McLean (Education); Xavier Wortham (Non-Profit Organization); and Mia Bailey and/or Joe Prater (Business/Industry) to the Digital Infrastructure Committee.

BOARD MADE REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Ronnie Boyd (District 2) to the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Harriet Morton (District 4) to the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Allan Strickland (District 6) to the Veterans Affairs Committee.

Commissioner Hinman announced that anyone who is interested in serving on any of the committees, to please let a Board member know.

BOARD HEARD INFORMATION ON THE EMPLOYEE SURVEY RESULTS CHARTS

County Manager Felts provided the Board with the results of the employee survey. As part of the County's initiative to improve employee recognition and retention, the County Human Resources Department worked with the County's benefit brokers at Hill Chesson and Woody to conduct an employee benefit and work environment survey. A copy of questions 1-13 with the responses provided in chart form and provided by percentage were included in the agenda. The survey consisted of 13 questions and a 14th item allowing for open comments. He noted that comments made in the open comment section included both positive and negative comments and that each of the comments will be reviewed in the 2020-2021 budget process. He also noted that the open comments section of the survey results are being reviewed by staff.

Some general comments provided by a representative of Hill Chesson and Woody are provided below. He noted that overall, the majority of the results of the survey were positive, however there is room for the County to make continuous improvements to our benefit package and work environment.

- Overall roughly 90% of your employees rate your benefit package as good to excellent, with the average score (or ranking) coming in at 3.64 (on a scale of 1 to 5). I think with some additional communication around how the benefits compare (using benchmark data) we could hope to see that score to increase to 4.0. That will take some work, but I believe that's a reasonable score for the level of benefits that you offer.
- Your 401k plan rated the highest as far as meeting your employee's needs. Followed up closely behind with medical and pharmacy.
- Good scores overall on how well employees understand their benefits.
- While people always want lower payroll deductions, people ranked your medical and vision deductions as reasonable (score of 4).
- The most important benefit is health insurance, followed by 401k, and then dental.
- As far as interest in other programs health screenings, fitness programs and stress reduction ranked the highest. Smoking cessation definitely generated the least interest.
- Your work environment and goal questions all had the majority of responses in the 4 to 5 range.

BOARD APPROVED BOARD OF ELECTIONS EMERGENCY PURCHASE

County Manager Felts said an emergency purchase that was required for the Board of Elections had been made. He explained that North Carolina law requires each Board of Elections Office to test every candidate on every ballot on every voting machine. There are a number of factors that affect the number of ballots we have for an election. This includes the number of district splits, ballots for seventeen year olds as they cannot vote for the Board of Education election, the number of offices up for election, and whether or not there is a Primary for an office. The number of ballots impact the number of ballots that we have to test. He noted that for Granville County for the Primary, there are 186 different ballots which include Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, Nonpartisan, and the Constitution Party and Green Party, which were added this year. A mock election is also required at a certain time set by the State Board, which requires testing to be complete. Over 25,000 ballots had to be marked in a pattern and fed through all of our voting machines for this testing. Due to the large amount of ballots, eight personnel, and days of work requiring long hours, the quote for testing was \$45,000. He noted this was a State mandate and had to be approved as an emergency purchase due to the regulatory requirement to test equipment and the timing available to calculate the cost did not allow for earlier Board approval. He noted that the County Manager recommends approving the decision of Staff and retroactively approving this emergency purchase in an amount not to exceed \$45,000. He noted that the quote was just over \$43,000 when the project was completed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the emergency purchase for Logic and Accuracy Testing of voting machines for a price not to exceed \$45,000.

BOARD APPROVED SECOND AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

County Manager Felts said that as you heard during public comments, this item was to provide a draft resolution for the Board's discussion and consideration. He gave the following background information that over the past several weeks, many North Carolina counties have approved resolutions affirming support for the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution (Second Amendment). Granville County Commissioners reported to County Administration Staff that they have received calls, emails, and social media support requesting Granville County Board of Commissioners consider a similar resolution. He noted that County Staff reviewed multiple options of resolutions and then passed out a copy of Franklin County's resolution and a draft based on Surry County's resolution. He noted that a speaker during public comments also handed out one for consideration. He said this item was open for discussion and since this was a resolution, there was not a recommendation from the County Manager other than discussion and consideration.

Commissioner Hinman asked Adam Drissell, who spoke during public comments, to come forward. He made comments and suggestions to the resolution included in the agenda packet. Board members reviewed resolutions and discussion ensued. County Attorney Wrenn clarified the oath of office that Board members have taken and how it relates to this. He explained how the resolution in the agenda was created to try to balance Board members' concerns and the various legal powers and obligations of a Board of Commissioners. He noted that this Board cannot bind future boards as to the appropriation of funds or lack thereof. He emphasized that the deletion of the term "God-given right" was not any kind of lessening of the importance of God or divine wisdom, but to track the language of the Supreme Court case that found that the right to bear arms is a fundamental right. He then gave a brief constitutional history as it relates to this matter.

After more discussion and clarification, Commissioner Karan recommended three "whereas lines" from the Franklin County resolution as additions to the proposed resolution included in the agenda. Commissioner Hinman asked the County Attorney for his opinion.

After clarification and discussion, Commissioner Timothy Karan made the motion to include the following two “whereas lines” to the proposed resolution and Commissioner Zelodis Jay seconded the motion.

(1) Whereas, it is acknowledged that the right of individuals to keep and bear arms is under attack in the United States of America by elected officials from multiple levels of Government;

(2) Whereas, the illegal misuse of firearms is not a reason to infringe upon the Constitutional rights of the law-biding citizens of Granville County.

Chairman Smith called for questions. Commissioner Cozart asked for clarification and then Commissioner Hinman asked that “God-given rights” be added to the resolution.

Commissioner Karan amended his motion to include *Whereas, many Americans believe that Second Amendment rights are “God-given” rights* as well as two of the whereas lines in the original motion. Commissioner Jay seconded the motion. When Chairman Smith called for the vote on the motion, it carried unanimously to approve adding the following verbiage to the resolution to be included in the proposed resolution:

Whereas, it is acknowledged that the right of individuals to keep and bear arms is under attack in the United States of America by elected officials from multiple levels of Government; and Whereas, many Americans believe that Second Amendment rights are “God-given” rights; and Whereas, the illegal misuse of firearms is not a reason to infringe upon the Constitutional rights of the law-biding citizens of Granville County.

The following is the final approved resolution:

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the Constitution of the United States of America is the supreme law of the land; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution (the “Second Amendment”) states that “[a] well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed;” and

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 30 of the North Carolina State Constitution also provides that “[a] well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed;” and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that the right of individuals to keep and bear arms is under attack in the United States of America by elected officials from multiple levels of Government; and

WHEREAS, many Americans believe that Second Amendment rights are “God-given” rights and the Supreme Court has held that “it is clear that the Framers and ratifiers of the Fourteenth Amendment counted the right to keep and bear arms among those fundamental rights necessary to our system of ordered liberty;”¹ and

¹ McDonald v. City of Chicago, Ill., 561 U.S. 742, 778, 130 S. Ct. 3020, 3042, 177 L. Ed. 2d 894 (2010).

WHEREAS, the illegal misuse of firearms is not a reason to infringe upon the Constitutional rights of the law-abiding citizens of Granville County; and

WHEREAS, before entering upon the duties of office, all elected and appointed officials in the State of North Carolina are required by Article VI, Section 7 of the North Carolina State Constitution to take an oath of office pledging that they “will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith;” and

WHEREAS, as elected officials representing the citizens of Granville County, the Granville County Board of Commissioners is committed to protecting all Constitutional rights of Granville County citizens and stands opposed to any law, regulation or other act that would infringe upon the Second Amendment Rights of Granville County citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granville County Board of Commissioners reaffirms the oath taken by each of its members to support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith and declare that it will oppose within the limits of the constitutions of the United States and the State of North Carolina any efforts to restrict the constitutional rights of its citizens including the right to keep and bear arms guaranteed by the Second Amendment and by Article I, Section 30 of the North Carolina State Constitution and that it will use constitutional means at its disposal to protect the constitutional rights of its citizens.

FURTHERMORE, the Granville County Board of Commissioners implores the North Carolina General Assembly and the United States Congress to preserve, uphold and protect the rights of all law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms under the United States Constitution and to reject any law or regulation that may infringe, have the tendency to infringe, or place any additional burdens upon, the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms in a manner inconsistent with the constitutions of the United States and the State of North Carolina.

Adopted the 17th day of February 2020 by the Granville County Board of Commissioners.

BOARD TOOK ACTION REGARDING THE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF CREEDMOOR AND THE CANNADY MILL PROPERTY

County Manager Felts explained that this item was to request direction from the Board of Commissioners in regards to the letter from the City of Creedmoor concerning the Cannady Mill Road property. He gave the following background information. On January 21, 2020 County Administration received a letter from the City of Creedmoor dated January 16, 2020 providing notice that the Creedmoor Board of Commissioners voted to rescind the Board action approved at their November 4, 2019 meeting. The letter requested the transfer of the locks and keys to the property back to the City of Creedmoor. A copy of the letter dated January 16, 2020 and a copy of the approved Inter-Local Agreement with the City of Creedmoor for property located at 3215 Cannady Mill Road (Agreement) was included in the agenda packet. He said that to-date, County staff has not transferred the keys since under section 12 of the Agreement and unilateral termination by the City of Creedmoor is not included as an option. County expenditures related to the property since the Agreement was signed include approximately \$20 for lock, chain, and keys and \$87.50 for legal review of the Agreement and discussion with County Attorney.

He added that in addition to the direct cost listed above, County staff have visited the site for maintenance purposes no less than three times. There have been informal discussions of the property development, however we have not scheduled or tasked any County staff to begin the property development planning process to-date. The County Manager requested direction from the Board of Commissioners as to how to respond.

Commissioner Hinman asked for clarification of the matter.

County Manager Felts said that Granville County, per the contract, has the right to rescind the contract but the City of Creedmoor does not. He noted that the City of Creedmoor's Attorney drafted the agreement.

Commissioner Karan said the newly formed Granville Parks, Greenways and Recreation Advisory Committee was not happy to hear about this request since a recreation spot in southern Granville County has been a priority for the previous committee as well as for them. He said he would like to send a letter to Creedmoor saying this request does comply with the interlocal agreement and if they have a deficiency request to let the County know in writing. He said per the agreement the County has three years to submit a plan and 10 years to fund it. He said he had concerns if they are allowed to undo this contract, what other contracts can they undo. Commissioner Karan made a motion regarding the matter.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved directing the County Manager to send a letter to the City of Creedmoor to continue the partnership to develop the Cannady Mill property for recreation per the interlocal agreement and for Creedmoor to advise of any deficiencies in the interlocal agreement dated November 4, 2019.

County Manager Felts said that as of tonight the County has not submitted the certificate of insurance for the property, but noted that the property is covered.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney Wrenn said that he had attorney-client and economic development matters for closed session.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Hinman reported that Stem Mayor Casey Dover, Commissioner Karan and she attended the recent Opportunity Summit in Charlotte and that it was very informative. She reported that the Granville County Library System has some impressive new programs.

Commissioner Cozart reported that Steve Timberlake was awarded the John Penn Citizen of the Year award at the Granville County Chamber of Commerce banquet. He wished him congratulations, noting that he has been doing great things in Granville County for many years.

Commissioner Karan talked more about the Opportunity Summit in Charlotte that he attended with Mayor Dover and Commissioner Hinman noting that they saw President Donald Trump and other White House administration at the event. He highlighted topics at the event including the opioid epidemic, revitalization of America through opportunity zones, and streamlined funding for historically black universities and colleges. He then updated the Board on the South Granville Water and Sewer Authority (SGWASA). He reported that Butner Councilman Jimmy Gooch was elected as Chairman, Commissioner Smoak as Vice Chairman, and that he is the Finance Chairman. He updated the Board on SGWASA items including capital improvement projects and work on Falls Lake rules as it relates to Upper Neuse River Basin Association (UNRBA).

Commissioner Jay said he had picked up trash in the Richard H. Thornton Library parking lot and requested a trash can outside at the back corner of the library. He noted that Gary Bowen had already placed one at the location.

Chairman Smith announced that Granville Health System has a ribbon cutting at the new medical office building on Thursday.

BOARD WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board went into closed session as allowed by G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), (4) and (6) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged; to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations, or to discuss matters relating to military installation closure or realignment; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract; 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 Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board returned to regular session.

BOARD APPROVED SHORT-TERM FULL-TIME POSITION FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sue Hinman, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a short-term full-time position with the Sheriff's Office for a Commander of Special Investigations Unit and authorized the County Manager to add the position to the Pay and Classification Plan.

COMMISSIONERS ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sue Hinman, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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