



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Board of Commissioners

FROM: W. David McNeill, County Manager

DATE: July 11, 2008

SUBJECT: Commissioners Update 07/11/08

Guilford County's

Mission: *to provide effective, responsive government that meets the public's needs and improves our community.*

Guilford County's

Vision: *to create prosperity and educational opportunity for all citizens, to view diversity as a strength and strive for equality, to provide freedom through safe and healthy neighborhoods, and to value economic growth, producing a rich quality of life.*

1. The Jail Construction Advisory Committee met on Tuesday and heard from Attorneys William Gammon and Robert Meynardie, representing the Nelson Mullins Law Firm, regarding public construction law changes that include the construction management at risk method. Phil Stout, Wake County Government, and David Clawson, Dare County Government, participated by conference telephone regarding the projects that both counties have undertaken using the construction management at risk method. Commissioners Gibson, Cashion, Perkins, Arnold, Winstead and Shaw participated in the discussion. The Committee voted to recommend to the full board that Guilford County use the construction management at risk method with the new detention center project. A work session on this recommendation will be presented to the full Board on August 12th at 2:00 p.m.
2. Commissioners Cashion, Davis, Gibson, Parks, and I will attend the National Association of Counties Conference in Kansas City next week. Following the conference, I will be on vacation and return to the office on July 28th. Ben Brown will handle all matters during this time, including the Board of Commissioners Meeting on July 17th.
3. David Miller and Jehan Benton, representing the Partnering to End Chronic Homelessness in Guilford County Leadership Council, met with Chairman Perkins, Ben Brown and me on Wednesday regarding the county's support of their Ten Year Plan. A resolution for your adoption will be presented during the Board's meeting on August 28th. Commissioners are invited to attend the Leadership Council's monthly meetings: 2nd Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. at Family Services of the Piedmont in Jamestown.
4. The adopted 2008-09 State Budget provides \$50 million in Certificate of Participation (COPs) funding for land conservation and appropriates \$4 million for farmland preservation. This funding is in addition to the sizeable yearly allocation to state trust funds for land conservation. Open Space Committee members participated in the Land for Tomorrow initiatives that encouraged state legislators to support this additional funding to match open space bond funds for local projects.
5. Guilford County's Strategic Alliance's Embracing Diversity Committee convened on June 25th and the members volunteered to research the following issues: Multigenerational Workforce; Diversity of Vendors; Rural vs. Urban; Diverse Workforce Strengths; Diversity regarding Racism and Business Strategy; Women; Language; and, Religion.

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6. Under the direction of the Internal Audit Department, the first Guilford County Citizen Performance Report, providing annual performance highlights and other information of interest to citizens, has been published. Four citizen feedback focus groups have been scheduled to secure comments from citizens about the report's content and format. A flyer detailing meeting dates and locations was placed in your boxes.
7. The Sheriff's Department has received a grant (\$25,000) to support Project Safe Communication. This program will purchase 10 translators, hand held devices that will translate 100,000 pre-defined phrases into more than 40 different languages to benefit non-English speaking victims. According to Census figures, more than 8% of Guilford County's residents speak a language other than English.
8. Pleasant Garden residents are invited to attend a town meeting to hear state and local officials discuss groundwater quantity in their community on August 28th at 7:00 p.m. The program, "Well, Where's the Water", is sponsored by Guilford County Department of Public Health and the Town of Pleasant Garden will afford residents with the opportunity to hear presentations regarding water conservation and groundwater monitoring in their community, the status of the North Carolina's groundwater, and weather information from both a local and state prospective. Seating will be limited in the Town Hall facility (4920 Alliance Church Road).
9. The Guilford County Substance Abuse Treatment Center reported that 34 of the 40 residential beds were occupied by 24 males (100% of bed available in male wing) and 10 females (62.5% of available beds in female wing) on July 4th. In addition, 24 individuals received outpatient services with 3 assessments, 3 admissions and 5 discharges recorded. The Center has initiated an internship program with the counseling department at Guilford Technical Community College.
10. The Health Department will hold a mobile immunization clinic on July 22nd at 1:00 p.m. to administer Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine to children who are entering the 6th grade or who are 12 years of age on or after August 1, 2008 at 2021 Martin Luther King Drive. According to North Carolina law, children who are entering the 6th grade in public school on or after August 1, 2008 or who are 12 years of age on or after August 1, 2008, must have a Tdap booster shot if five or more years have passed since their last dose of this vaccine.
11. Congratulations and Accolades to County Staff and Allied Departments:
 - The Guilford Center's Director, Billie Martin Pierce, has been selected as one of the Top 24 Health Care Leaders in the Triad by *Triad Business Leader* magazine.

**Celebrating the Greensboro Bicentennial Celebration
A Look Back at this week in 1944.**

First women served as jurors in Superior Court criminal case.

**Events and Functions Schedule for
Board of Commissioners
Effective 07/11/08**

- 07/17:** Board of Commissioners Meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 2nd floor.
- 08/21-24:** NCACC 101st Annual Conference, Riverfront Convention Center, New Bern, NC.
- 08/28:** Board of Commissioners Meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 2nd floor.

Community Events

- 07/16:** Animal Control's Second Annual Cookout Lunch, 11:00 – 1:00 p.m. at 4017 W. Wendover Ave. **RSVP due 7/14.**
- 07/22:** Action Greensboro's day trip to Charlotte (tours and discussions with Charlotte leaders), 7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- 07/22:** Washington Drive Final Draft Plan Presentation, 6:00 p.m. at Penn Griffin School (825 E. Washington St, High Point).
- 07/22:** United Way of Greater High Point's Annual Meeting, 11:30 a.m. at High Point Country Club (800 Country Club Drive). **RSVP due 7/17.**
- 07/30:** State of the Community Luncheon (High Point), 11:45 a.m. at High Point Country Club (800 Country Club Drive). **RSVP due 7/23.**
- 08/02:** Women's Resource Center "Men Can Cook" Fundraiser, 6:00 p.m. at the Special Events Center.
- 08/14-17:** Wyndham Championship, Sedgefield Country Club.
- 08/27:** State of the Community Luncheon (Greensboro), 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. at Koury Convention Center. **RSVP due 8/20.**
- 08/28:** Pleasant Garden Town Hall Meeting on water quality, 7:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Garden Town Hall (4920 Alliance Church Rd.).
- 09/26:** Stand Down for Homeless Veterans, 8:00 a.m. at the NC National Guard Armory (110 Franklin Boulevard).
- 10/20-26:** Fall Furniture Market.
- 04/25-30:** Spring Furniture Market (New date for 2009).

*** New Listings are in bold type.**