

**Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2021**

Due to the State of North Carolina's Declaration of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and per NCGS § 166A-19.24, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners conducted a remote meeting using the WebEx application.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met remotely for a in Formal Session on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Chair George Dunlap presiding.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chair George Dunlap
Commissioner Leigh Altman
Commissioner Patricia "Pat" Cotham
Commissioner Mark Jerrell
Commissioner Velma Leake
Commissioner Laura J. Meier
Commissioner Elaine Powell
Commissioner Susan Rodriguez- McDowell
Commissioner Ella Scarborough

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation by Commissioner Altman followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chair Dunlap Shared information that the Public Health Department issued an abatement of imminent hazard order requiring all individuals currently living in the encampment to vacate the property within the next 72 hours to protect the health and safety of encampment residents after a large rodent infestation was discovered. The order went into effect at 5:00 PM today. He stated that once the property has been vacated, the property owners would be required to clean the area to help eliminate the infestation. He stated that Mecklenburg County recognized the growing need for permanent and stable housing within the community, and they understood that tent city offered some form of refuge for its homeless residents, and while the encampment was not a permanent solution that they would all hope for, it did provide a service to those dealing with homelessness within the community. He said that ensuring a safe and healthy refuge was equally if not more important. He stated that Mecklenburg County remained committed to working with partners to find a long-term solution to homelessness within the community and most immediately finding alternative-housing accommodations to support those impacted by the order. He stated there were hotel rooms available tonight for those who needed it. He said anyone needing shelter would have a bed available to them.

21-6660: Pulled Consent Items

- 21-6628: Pulled by Commissioner Leake
- 21-6635: Pulled by Commissioner Leake
- 21-6646: Pulled by Commissioner Leake
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- 21-6649: Pulled by Commissioner Altman
- 21-6653: Pulled by Commissioner Leake
- 21-6663: Pulled by Commissioner Powell

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

A motion was made by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Altman, and carried unanimously to move the proclamation for Teen Dating Violence from the Consent Agenda to Awards and Recognition.

21-6649: Joint Proclamation Declaring February 2021 Teen Dating Violence (TDV) Awareness and Prevention Month

Commissioner Altman read the proclamation.

Alex Pyun, Mecklenburg County Community Support Services read comments from Carly Kotlyn, and Juliana Lozano, Social Workers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Altman, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and carried unanimously to adopt a Joint Proclamation with the City of Charlotte Declaring February 2021 Teen Dating Violence (TDV) Awareness and Prevention Month.

The proclamation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

PUBLIC ART MOMENT

21-6657: Public Art Moment

In January, the BOCC added the Public Art Moment to the second, regular meeting each month. This moment will highlight a piece of public art to raise public awareness and appreciation for the tax dollars that are spent on public art each year.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell highlighted a piece of public art, which was a whimsical canopy of colorful books intitled Open Book, Open Mind, created by Jim Gallucci and a staff of six and located at the entrance to South County Regional Library in District 6.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE

21-6658: Public Appearance

1. Ian Morris - For Park/Tennis Lights to be Turned Back On
2. Tyler Smith - Equitable Pay for EMS First Responders
3. Erika Kelly - Request for a Resolution to Oppose Wildlife Killing Contests
4. PJ Cash - MEDIC Pay and Benefits
5. Anita Butler - Against Wildlife Killing Contest
6. Lain Kahlstron - Against Wildlife Killing - For a County Resolution
7. Dr. Monty Witherspoon - Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
8. Rev. Jordan Boyd - Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
9. Rev. Cornelius Atkinson - Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
10. Dr. Dennis Williams - Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

APPOINTMENTS

21-6661: Nominations/Appointments

AIR QUALITY COMMISSION

The Board considered two appointments to unexpired terms expiring August 31, 2022 and one appointment to an unexpired term expiring August 31, 2021 (all in the General Public category).

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- Janet Garner-Mullins was nominated by Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough.
- Lisa Hooker was nominated by Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Leake, Powell, and Scarborough.
- Garrison Scruggs was nominated by Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough.
- Luis Tochiki was nominated by Commissioners Dunlap, Jerrell, Meier, and Rodriguez-McDowell.

Janet Garner-Mullins, Lisa Hooker, and Garrison Scruggs were appointed.

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Board considered three appointments to unexpired terms expiring September 30, 2023 and one appointment to an unexpired term expiring July 31, 2023.

- Cheryl Ivery was nominated by Commissioners Altman and Rodriguez-McDowell.
- Gregory Jackson was nominated by Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, and Scarborough.
- Laura Leftwich was nominated by Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Jerrell, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell.
- Ryan Lyttle was nominated by Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell.
- Michael McIntosh was nominated by Commissioners Altman, Jerrell, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell.
- Debbie Nash was nominated by Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Leake, Meier, Powell, and Scarborough.
- Jacqueline Yelverton was nominated by Commissioners Cotham, Jerrell, Leake, and Scarborough.

Laura Leftwich and Debbie Nash were appointed.

There was a run-off between Gregory Jackson, Ryan Lyttle, and Michael McIntosh.

- Gregory Jackson, 4 votes, Commissioners Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, and Scarborough
- Ryan Lyttle, 5 votes, Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Meier, Powell, and Rodriguez-McDowell
- Michael McIntosh, 7 votes, Commissioners Altman, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Powell, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough

Ryan Lyttle and Michael McIntosh were also appointed.

Laura Leftwich, Ryan Lyttle, Michael McIntosh, and Debbie Nash were appointed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE

MANAGER'S REPORT

Order of Abatement of Imminent Hazard - North End Encampment

Gibbie Harris, Health Director, reviewed background information on the north end encampment. She displayed photos of the encampment and explained what was being shown. Ms. Harris explained there was a rodent infestation, including inside the tents, and that they saw dead rats onsite, which indicated that poison was being used; they

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were concerned about poisons being used inappropriately on the site. She stated there was inappropriate burning going on, causing hazards with the Fire Department being called several times. She stated that based on all of these things with the escalation and recognition they would not be able to clean up the site without removing the individuals living on it, she decided it was necessary to issue the abatement order. She said the order was issued in the afternoon saying individuals would have to be off the site within the next 72 hours; the order went into effect at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Harris notified the Board that there was a plan that would go into place to make other options available to them. She said she had conversations with four out of five businesses at the site, which were willing to work with the County. She said they were very interested in moving forward with getting the sites cleaned up. She continue to address health concerns for those living there and also for the broader community.

Ms. Harris answered Commissioners' questions and responded to comments.

Commissioner Altman expressed the need to protect human life. She asked if the 72 hours were set in stone or if there was a possibility for a time extension. She asked if there were other measures that could be taken to address the rodent situation.

Ms. Harris responded that she did not use eminent hazard lightly as it was a last resort. She mentioned that the conditions have only deteriorated, with the deterioration becoming very obvious a week ago. She would love to give more time for the abatement; however, if she had her way, there would be a change within 24 hours, as it was not safe for people to live in that environment.

Commissioner Cotham asked if those living at the encampment have been notified, and if so, how they were notified.

Ms. Harris responded she had not started the communication with the individuals yet and that there were others within county government and other entities who worked with this population who were better suited to have those communications. She passed the question to Anthony Trotman.

Anthony Trotman, Deputy County Manager, stated the goal was to meet with shelter partners today and develop a plan and begin communication with the residents there tomorrow. He said because it was just issued today that they did not want to get ahead of the Board in communicating with the shelter partners until this evening. He said there was currently a meeting going on to develop a plan to insure they had enough social worker support going around to deescalate issues going on at tent city.

Commissioner Cotham requested that flyers would be placed on tents since many residents may not be there at the time due to work.

Commissioner Scarborough asked what was being done for residents to find a home.

Commissioner Powell spoke about how some of the worst plagues heard of were transmitted by rats.

Ms. Harris stated there was a disease caused by rodent bites and handling them as well as their feces. She listed those diseases. She mentioned that CDC did recommend not to close down some of these types of encampments during COVID-19, unless there were better places for them to go. She said they were currently looking at a whole other set of diseases outside of COVID-19 that they could be exposed to. She spoke about how the community at-large could be exposed as well.

Commissioner Leake mentioned that provisions had been made before this point to eliminate or alleviate the problem to some degree. She stated it was now at the point that the decision had to be made to save the remainder of the community.

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Commissioner Jerrell requested that Ms. Harris addresses what enforcement would look like and what the count was. He asked if anything was put in place in the interim to protect the area.

Ms. Harris responded that they were working to put out bait traps to mitigate at some extent but that until the residents were off there would not be much they could do in terms of mitigation in the meantime.

Mr. Trotman responded that the latest count he received was around 140 residents. He said they were able to support around 40 individuals with shelter or housing but that other encampments began to close, which caused people to migrate to the North End Encampment.

Commissioner Meier asked if some of these communities would be able to be kept together since the residents had a community within the encampment. She asked if parking garages have been explored yet since some residents would not want to go into hotels, since they have already been offered.

Mr. Trotman responded that the social workers, along with many advocacy organizations, would work with them. He stated there was an understanding that they were a community, and that the County's goal was to treat them with dignity and respect with the solutions of hotel rooms that were offered to the residents. He stated this problem was not about eliminating tent city but about a public health issue.

Dena Diorio, County Manager, responded there would be similar issues if people moved into parking garages and camped out.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell asked how long the hotels would be available and how long they had to stay in the hotels. She also asked how they would move out and if there would be storage for their belongings.

Ms. Diorio responded that the hotel would be eligible for FEMA funding, and the County would max out FEMA funding and use it as long as it was available. She said they did not have an endgame today, and they just knew they had a health hazard that they needed to address to ensure people were safe.

Chair Dunlap said he believed the community would have an appreciation for the action being taken once they understand the gravity of the situation. He mentioned that the City was also interested in helping to resolve the issue and that they all had interest in having permanent housing for the homeless population.

21-6674: Three Sisters Market Food Co-op Pilot Proposal

Note: The FY2021 Budget includes \$125,000 approved by the Board of Commissioners to support a pilot project for the Three-Sisters Food Co-op. The West Boulevard Neighborhood Coalition (WNBC) has submitted a plan to the County for a small facility that will serve as a proof of concept and allow for continued planning for a larger facility in the future. The plan would utilize County & City funds to support start-up expenses for a 560 square foot market at 2901 Romare Bearden Drive. County funds will be used to purchase a modular building to house the market, pre-opening expenses for staff, market promotion, expert grocery consulting services, and inventory.

Jordan Brooks-Adams, West Boulevard Neighborhood Coalition, presented a proposal for the Three Sisters Market Food Co-op Pilot.

Ms. Brooks-Adams answered Commissioners' questions and responded to comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Altman and seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell to approve the proposal by the West Boulevard Neighborhood Coalition and authorize the County Manager to enter into a partnership agreement with the West Boulevard Neighborhood Coalition based on the proposal.

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Ms. Brooks-Adams; Crystal Joy, Lee Institute; and Anthony Trotman, Deputy County Manager, answered additional Commissioner questions.

A vote was taken on the motion and carried as follows:

YES: Commissioners Altman, Dunlap, Meier, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough

NO: Commissioners Cotham, Jerrell, Leake, and Powell

The presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

21-6642: 7th & Tryon Development - Affordable Housing Grant

Mark Hahn, Director of Asset and Facility Management, provided an update on the 7th and Tryon Development – Affordable Housing Grant. He reviewed background from last summer's June 2, 2020 meeting and reminded the Board that commissioners selected an option which would fund affordable housing at both uptown and offsite locations. He also reminded the Board that during the January 5th meeting that the Board began the process of allocating 7th & Tryon grant funds, which totaled approximately \$7.9 million for three offsite affordable housing projects to be developed by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership. He reviewed what would be asked of the Board. He went over the properties and funding sources, followed by describing the project in detail.

Mr. Hahn answered Commissioners' questions and responded to comments.

Fulton Meacham, INVILIVAN, answered Commissioners' questions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough and seconded by Commissioner Jerrell to authorize the County Manager to execute a Letter of Intent and a Commitment Letter to develop terms by which a grant of \$6 million may be provided to: Horizon Development Properties, Inc., a non-profit affiliate of INLIVIAN for an affordable housing project at 426 N. Tryon Street.

A vote was taken on the motion and carried as followed:

YES: Commissioners Altman, Cotham, Dunlap, Jerrell, Leake, Meier, Rodriguez-McDowell, and Scarborough

NO: Commissioners Powell

The presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

21-6659: COVID-19 Response Update

Gibbie Harris, MSPH, BSN, Health Director, provided an update on data and response efforts in Mecklenburg County. Ms. Harris said there had been 92,872 cases in Mecklenburg County with 835 deaths and 57 outbreaks in clusters. She said that last week they were up to 68 clusters. She said they have had a number of outbreaks that have been canceled based on the reduction in cases. She said that daily-case counts have reduced significantly. She said that they were down below 500 average per day.

Ms. Harris said the percent-positivity rate had not dropped as drastically, but it has dropped, and at this point, they are less than 10%. She said it had been a good amount of time since they have been down at that level. Ms. Harris said that the hospital, daily census was around 300 a day now in the hospital, and it has been a good while since they have been that low, although they were currently still above the high that they had in July with hospitalizations. She said that testing demand continued to decrease slightly, but they did have testing readily available in the community and recommended that anyone who has been involved in any kind of gathering where they were around people they did not live with to be tested after five days of that event.

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Ms. Harris said they still have no-cost PCR and antigen testing readily available throughout the community with less than a two-day, turn-around average right now. She said they created a flyer to show CMS families and staff where and how to access testing as they go back into the schools. She said that the ambassador program continued and that they completed 3,396 compliance inspections and 3,283 service requests. She stated that common concerns continued to be the same without changing very much. She said they were continuing to partner with CMPD and other law enforcement entities to address violations of the Governor's order and have had some success in addressing those violations.

Ms. Harris said they continue to get groups one and two fully vaccinated and that they have seen a little bit of a decrease in demand in those groups, but they still had individuals who had not been fully vaccinated and were working on that. She said that they would move into group three which would include pre-K through 12th grade educators and school staff as well as childcare providers. She said those appointments would start on February 24th and would go through March 10th when they believe that they would be opening up to the remainder of group three. She gave an update on the vaccine that the County has provided through the Health Department. She said that 20,316 first doses have been given out as of yesterday. She stated that 8,763 second doses were given out today. She gave out demographics for the vaccine that the Health Department was providing to the community. She stated that there was an increase in the percentage of individuals who vaccinated and were black; the Hispanic population vaccination rate went up slightly, and they were continuing to actively work in that particular area. She stated that unfortunately, the data that they could access for the entire County on the State site did not give complete access unlimited the way that the County could look at and analyze the data, so they were working with the hospital systems to access their data as well and hope that fairly soon the County would be able to give a more complete picture.

Ms. Harris said in terms of health care workers being vaccinated, the majority were white. She said that was not terribly surprising, because a lot of the health care workers in the community were white, non-Hispanic. She said that she was particularly pleased with the percentage of Blacks who had been vaccinated through the Health Department, as it has gone up. She said they were continuing to work on the Hispanic community. She said they still had to continue to work on making sure that they were getting vaccine into the communities where the most disadvantaged and disproportionately-affected individuals lived. She said they have implemented a sign-up site on the county's website for those entities who have space and were willing and interested in hosting a vaccine site. She said they were getting some good information on that site that would help them as they move forward to get vaccine out into the community to the places that needed it the most. She said anyone who was interested in providing a vaccine site and feel they may have a site that is a good place for them to be, to go online and put that information in the system.

Ms. Harris believed the fact that the community has stepped up in doing the things that were asked of them was making a difference, because you see the numbers went down. She said it was really important to emphasize the fact that they needed the numbers to continue to go down, as they were still higher than they need them today. She said as the children go back into school they needed to maintain mask wearing, social distancing, and staying at home unless they really needed to be out and about. She also recommended getting tested if someone was potentially exposed. She said they asked the community to continue doing all of those things to continue to see the numbers go down.

Chair Dunlap stated that the membership of CMS and the board had a very good meeting to talk about what would happen with CMS employees in terms of vaccinations. He requested that Ms. Harris spoke about that. He also requested when the current order was supposed to end for the community.

Ms. Harris responded that the directive from the Health Department, as well as the Secretary's directive and the Governor's order would end on the 28th of February. She was sure that there would be more information coming out from the State as well as her office, in the next week or so, about any changes in those orders or whether they would

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be extended. She said there would be more conversation about that. She stated that in terms of CMS, they did have a conversation today, and the County was having joint conversations with both health care systems about how they could partner to request additional vaccine from the State and in over a two-week period of time get as many of the teachers, childcare workers, and school employees vaccinated before moving to the remainder of Group 3.

Commissioner Leake Stated that she was concerned for seniors who were not equipped to call or utilized the computer to get to sites for the vaccination. She asked what was in place for that.

Ms. Harris responded that it continued to be a challenge for them, and they were working with the different sites that they were going to, be it churches, housing projects, or other places within the community where they knew those individuals were working with the community-based organizations and faith-based organizations, which engaged with that population, to ensure that the County was not missing people and to get them in for appointments or get the County to them to ensure they had the ability to be vaccinated. She said they were working on that, and it was a little bit slower than it was for people to be able to call in or set up appointments online.

Commissioner Leake believed that television was the best way to communicate with seniors since they could not call or utilize the computer.

Commissioner Jerrell asked about the capability of the mobile units and if there were any plans to deploy into those communities with the mobile units. He asked if they were waiting for another vaccine, such as the one-dose vaccination. He also asked how the current schedule would be impacted by educators receiving a vaccination. He wanted to know what the impact would look like in how many educators would receive vaccination.

Ms. Harris responded that Atrium had their mobile units out for weeks now, and they were moving, most often having an event at a church. She said their capacity was usually no more than two to 300 doses a day, and she believed that in most cases it was done on a walk-up basis instead of with appointments, which made it a little bit easier for people to get to. She said that they had depended on the churches to help to get the word out. She said she did know that Novant was working on starting their mobile units, but she did not know if they had actually started yet or not. She said the plan was to be using mobile units within the next week or two, but she was not sure what their process would be; the County was working with them to understand if it would be by appointment or walk-in. She said as far as the teachers were concerned, as well as other employees who were not as mobile and may be having trouble getting vaccine, the County was trying to get as much of that done as possible by the 10th, when the rest of Group 3 opens up, but the focus would still be getting the educators vaccinated as soon as possible since the schools were already opening up.

Commissioner Meier asked her to confirm that on February 28 they would not be able to guarantee that the County would open pools and turn on lights.

Ms. Harris responded That she could not guarantee that at this point. She said she was not sure what they would do with the directive at this point.

Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell Raised her concern with the pop up events stating that she liked the model with how it was relying on the community to get its people out, but It felt like the honor system may not be working so well, especially with these pop-up type events. She said she was receiving complaints from people, that people know the pastor or powers that be, and they are able to get the vaccine if they're not in Group 1 or 2, over 65, and they are boasting about it. She stated that it was not through the health Department but with the hospital system pop up. She asked if there was anything that could be done to mitigate against people jumping in line and taking the space of someone who was vulnerable.

Ms. Harris responded that was a great question, and all the County had control over were the ones that the Public Health Department gave out. She said the Health Department

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was very careful to stick to the guidance the State provided around who was eligible at this point in time. She said if a teacher were to show up before the 24th, by somehow getting an appointment without catching it, they would not receive a vaccination. She said they would be given a later appointment date, because currently they were still focused on 65 years and older. She said they did not have control over what anyone else did, and they continue to have those conversations and their settings when they have meetings with them.

Commissioner Powell felt it was very important to make sure the phone lines were open, so she called Novant at 12:30 at night, and they answered immediately.

Commissioner Cotham asked for clarification around the use of pain relievers for the vaccination.

Ms. Harris responded that research has shown after the fact and everyone was starting to understand more about it now. She stated that people should not be taking even Tylenol, much less Ibuprofen or Motrin prior to being vaccinated, and afterwards Tylenol is better. She stated she would work with staff to make sure they get that information out in a very clear way.

Commissioner Altman said she was so excited teachers were getting the vaccine; she wanted to make sure that the other frontline essential workers identified and category Group 3 aren't going to get forgotten as she has had many of them reach out to her about that.

Ms. Harris responded that Group 3 would be following educators, which were who was prioritized for the next couple of weeks based on the Governor's guidance, and it was a very large group and that they have been working with their vaccine partners on a plan to address Group 3. She said they collected data on how many people fell into the different categories and the subgroups. She did not know at this point and did not think the Governor would prioritize further within Group 3, but that could always change, as they also didn't think he was going to prioritize to begin with, yet he did. She said they were working on that plan right now so they would not be forgotten and that they were planning how they would get to all of those different subgroups within Group 3. She said the other thing was that they still had their equity plan on vaccine for the County and we're continuing to work that plan.

Ms. Harris answered Commissioners' questions and responded to comments.

The presentation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS – NONE

STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS – NONE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS – NONE

CONSENT ITEMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Meier, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough, and carried unanimously to the consent agenda.

21-6640: Resolutions to Transfer Ownership of Canine Officers

- (A) Adopt a resolution titled "Resolution authorizing the Sheriff of Mecklenburg County to transfer ownership of retired Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Canine Officer Carlos"
- (B) adopt a resolution titled "Resolution authorizing the Sheriff of Mecklenburg County to transfer ownership of retired Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Canine Officer Bandit"

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and (C) adopt a resolution titled "Resolution authorizing the Sheriff of Mecklenburg County to transfer ownership of retired Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office Canine Officer Nilz.

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 49, Document #80.

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 49, Document #81.

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 49, Document #82.

21-6645: Budget Amendment - DSS & PRK (Increase)

(A) rescind action taken on November 17, 2020 (Agenda Item #20-6491) to recognize, receive and appropriate an increase of \$15,226 in Federal funding from Centralina Council of Governments (COG) for the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) to the General Fund (0001) in the Department of Social Services (DSS); and replace with, (B) amend the 2020-2021 Annual Budget Ordinance to recognize, receive and appropriate an increase of \$15,226 in Federal funding from Centralina Council of Governments (COG) for the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) to the General Fund (0001) in the Department of Social Services (DSS) and Park and Recreation (PRK).

21-6652: Temporary Construction Easement - Kimbrell's

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute a Temporary Construction Easement with Kimbrell's Investment Company, Inc. on a portion of Tax Parcel 097-111-45 (+/- 0.37 acres) to provide the County temporary construction access for the demolition of facilities.

21-6655: Right-of-Way Abandonment - West Rocky River Road

Authorize the County Manager to execute a Right-of-Way Abandonment Petition from David Hughes of Nest Communities, LLC ("Nest Communities") to the Charlotte Department of Transportation ("CDOT") consenting to the closure of unopened right-of-way (+/- 1.86 acres) south of West Rocky River Road and east of Rockland Drive and (B) upon approval of the above right-of-way abandonment by the City of Charlotte, accept ownership of one-half of residual land resulting from said closure into County-owned land at Toby Creek Greenway.

21-6656: Tax Refunds

Approve refunds in the amount of \$32,594.68 as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

A list of the taxpayer recipients is on file with the Clerk to the Board.

THIS CONCLUDES ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT.

21-6628: DSS Grant Application - Duke Endowment Grant to Support Family First Prevention Services Act Implementation

A motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell, and carried unanimously to approve grant application seeking up to \$1,400,000 from the Duke Endowment for enhanced service offerings needed to meet requirements of the Family First Prevention Service.

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21-6635: CORRECTED: Conveying of Property - Sheriff's Office

A motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough, and carried unanimously to adopt a Resolution approving the conveyance of property from the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office to the Matthews Police Department.

Resolution recorded in full in Ordinance Book 49, Document #79.

21-6646: Budget Amendment - DSS (Increase)

A motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough, and carried unanimously to (A) Amend the 2020-2021 Annual Budget Ordinance to recognize, receive and appropriate an increase of \$1,087,751 in Federal funding for Pandemic Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) to the General Fund (0001) in the Department of Social Services (DSS) and (B) amend the 2020-2021 Annual Budget Ordinance to recognize, receive, and appropriate an increase of \$1,750 in State funding from Mecklenburg Partnership for Children in the General Fund (0001) within the Department of Social Services.

21-6647: Budget Amendment - Board of Elections - Supplemental Funds from the NC State Board of Elections

A motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough, and carried unanimously to recognize, receive, and appropriate \$321,469 to the General Grants Fund (G001) from North Carolina State Board of Elections to support expenses in the Elections Office for the duration of the award.

21-6648: Budget Amendment - Board of Elections - 2020 CARES Act Supplemental Funds via the NC State Board of Elections

A motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough, and carried unanimously to recognize, receive and appropriate \$282,300 to the General Grants Fund (G001) from the CARES Act for Elections Office expenses for the duration of the award.

21-6653: Grant Application - Mecklenburg Partnership for Children of Mecklenburg County

A motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough, and carried unanimously to approve the submittal to apply for a renewal grant with the Mecklenburg Partnership for Children of Mecklenburg County for promoting child health and safety up to \$1,156,275 for a three-year period (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024).

21-6663: Grant Application - American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) Coordinating SNAP and Nutrition Supports to Reduce Child Hunger

A motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Scarborough, and carried unanimously to approve grant application seeking up to \$350,000 from APHSA for sustained or improved coordination between the SNAP program and related nutrition programs to support the health and well-being of children.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Leake stated that Commissioners should be able to be involved in discussions which impact their district.

Commissioner Jerrell spoke about seniors within the community who received their vaccine.

Commissioner Meier knew that the movement of the encampment was the right thing but that her heart was heavy as she was fearful for them, knowing they would also be fearful.

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Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell reiterated that the vaccines were being administered on the basis of an honor system.

Commissioner Cotham spoke about the north end encampment and hoped the residents would take the hotel-room offer.

Commissioner Altman had a heavy heart for those helping to assist residents within the next 72 hours. She stated, in reference to public appearance comments, that the slaughter of living creatures for sport was something that should be moved on from as a community.

Chair Dunlap mentioned that in terms of an ad hoc committee to interview employees which report to the Board, being the Manager; Attorney; Tax Assessor; Clerk; and Tax Collector, that he and Commissioners Meier, Altman, and Cotham would serve on that board.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Scarborough, seconded by Commissioner Meier, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Emily A. Kunze

Emily A. Kunze, Clerk

George Dunlap

Chair Dunlap, Chair