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**MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in the Meeting Chamber Conference Room of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, North Carolina at 5:00 p.m. and in Formal Session in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chair Ella B. Scarborough and Commissioners Dumont Clarke, Patricia “Pat” Cotham, George Dunlap, Trevor M. Fuller, Bill James, Vilma D. Leake, Jim Puckett, and Matthew Ridenhour  
County Manager Dena R. Diorio  
County Attorney Marvin A. Bethune  
Clerk to the Board Janice S. Paige

**Absent:** None

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**-INFORMAL SESSION-**

***Commissioners Clarke, Dunlap, and Fuller were absent when the meeting was called to order and until noted in the minutes.***

***The meeting was called to order by Chair Scarborough, after which the matters below were addressed.***

**REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT**

The Board identified item(s) 17-4306, 17-4310, 17-4322, 17-4326, & 17-4338 to be removed from Consent and voted upon separately.

Commissioner Leake asked that Item 17-4326, Proclamation National Adoption Awareness Month, be moved from Consent to the Awards/Recognition section of the agenda.

*Note: It was the consensus of the Board to do so.*

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**CLOSED SESSION**

**17-4331      CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY**

County Attorney Bethune said it was not necessary to go into Closed Session because there were no Consult with Attorney matters to be discussed.

**STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**17-4360      2017 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS**

The Board received as information the results of the 2017 Community Survey from Strategic Planning & Evaluation Director Monica Allen.

*Note: Each year, the County's Office of Management and Budget - Strategic Planning & Evaluation unit administers the Community Survey to gather data on Mecklenburg County residents' perceptions on various aspects of County operations, particularly the level of awareness about County services, the perception of the value of County services provided and the level of satisfaction residents have with opportunities for citizen involvement. The perceptions are important to know because they inform the Board, County Management and employees, and the public about how well the County is performing in the eyes of the community.*

***A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.***

***Commissioners Dunlap, Fuller, and Clarke entered the meeting during the presentation.***

Comments

Commissioner James asked for clarity about the 53% of residents that think county government was open and transparent, which was addressed.

Commissioner James said residents still did not understand the County's role versus the School Board, and Charlotte City Council.

Commissioner Leake asked about responses based on zip codes, which was addressed.

Commissioner Leake suggested staff look at improving the regularity of providing information to the public regarding County services, as well as, how that information was disseminated.

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Commissioner James asked about the selection of respondents, which was addressed.

Commissioner Cotham questioned whether residents really understood what services were provided by the County.

Commissioner Leake addressed defining terms used and noted that unless there was a clear definition, certain terms could mean different things to different people.

Commissioner Leake suggested holding round table discussions, where residents could come in and learn more about the County and get questions answered.

Commissioner Fuller commented on economic opportunity and mobility. He questioned whether residents were really satisfied and the demographics of those that responded. He said he would be interested in knowing the age, race, gender, and income of respondents. *Director Allen said staff could provide demographic information to the Board.*

Commissioner Fuller said he was interested in knowing if there were areas of the community that weren't satisfied and had needs and concerns that needed to be addressed.

Commissioner Fuller asked what was the goal of the survey and was it possible to get 80% of residents to respond. *Director Allen addressed the question.*

Commissioner Puckett said some of the questions asked were broad and that perhaps asking about specific services may impact the responses.

Director Allen said more could be done with respect to the survey but some of the constraints were funding, time, and capacity.

This concluded the discussion. No action was taken or required.

***The Board then proceeded to the Meeting Chamber for the remainder of the meeting.***

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*Chair Scarborough called this portion of the meeting to order, then invocation by Commissioner Clarke, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and introductions; after which, the matters below were addressed.*

**AWARDS/RECOGNITION**

**17-4326      PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH**

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Motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Fuller and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to adopt a proclamation designating November 2017 as "National Adoption Awareness Month" in Mecklenburg County.

The proclamation was read by Commissioner Leake and received by Dr. Jacqueline McKnight, Deputy Director of Social Services.



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**17-4257 EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATIONS AWARD**

The Board acknowledged the County's receipt of the Excellence in Innovations Award, co-sponsored by the NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) and the Local Government Federal Credit Union in recognition of the County's Land Use & Environmental Services Agency's (LUESA) "Building with our Veterans" program. The award was presented by Matt Gunnet, Membership Services Coordinator for the N.C. Association of County Commissioners and Federal Credit Union representative Carl Clark.

The following employees were recognized for development of the program: LUESA Director Ebenezer Gujjarlapudi, Patrick Granson, David Gieser, & Jeff Griffin from LUESA and Community Support Services Director Stacy Lowry.

*Note: The winning programs were recognized and honored at an awards reception during the NCACC Annual Conference in Durham County August 10-13, 2017. Each award-winning program received a \$1000 prize as well as a trophy. The "Building with our Veterans" program is a unique, collaborative and innovative initiative in Mecklenburg County that pairs qualified military veterans with apprenticeships for code official training, allowing these men and women to continue their service in their community, with honor and integrity.*

**17-4328 COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE IN ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION (CEAA) DESIGNATION**

The Board acknowledged the County Assessor's Office receipt of the Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration Award, from the International Association of Assessing Officers.

County Assessor Ken Joyner addressed the award and recognized his staff that was present.

Commissioners congratulated Assessor Joyner and his staff for the receipt of the award, as well as, for accomplishing other goals.

*Note: The Certificate of Excellence in Assessment Administration (CEAA) is awarded by the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) to governmental units that are involved with assessment that integrates best practices in the workplace. The IAAO is a nonprofit, educational, and research association. It is a professional membership organization of government assessment officials and others interested in the administration of the property tax. The IAAO was founded in 1934, and now has a membership of more than 7,000 members worldwide from governmental, business, and academic communities.*

*The application process included providing details of the legal framework under which the*

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*Assessor's Office operates, documenting the use of technology to determine whether the CAO systems are up-to-date and whether both the computerized and mapping systems allow accurate identification of real property and its influencers, explaining how data collections are used, describing the valuation methods used for land, residential, and commercial and the assessment processes for personal property, and documenting how the CAO evaluate the accuracy of assessments including the sales ratio study and other statistical tests.*

*There are more than 13,000 assessment jurisdictions in the United States. Since 2004, only 38 jurisdictions have earned the CEAA award. The Mecklenburg County Assessor's Office (CAO) is only the second in the state of North Carolina to do so. This designation is the highest professional honor for an assessment jurisdiction.*

## **PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

### **17-4329 PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

The following persons appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the agenda:

Edna Chirico, Executive Director of Real School Gardens Charlotte and a former County Commissioner, addressed the REAL School Gardens Nutrition & Health Effectiveness program.

*Note: REAL School Gardens (RSG) creates dynamic learning gardens at high-poverty schools, followed by two-years of in-depth teacher training and community engagement, culminating in one of the most effective and sustainable outdoor learning programs in the country. RSG trains teachers to take their students outside and engage in hands-on learning to improve academic performance.*

***A copy of the handout is on file with the Clerk to the Board.***

Lorane Curtis Reid addressed a road repair that was needed on Hudson Graham Road.

County Manager Diorio asked Assistant County Manager/Chief of Staff Derrick Ramos to follow up with Ms. Reid regarding her concern.

It was noted that the County was not responsible for road repairs but staff would put Ms. Reid in touch with the appropriate party to get the matter addressed.

Diane Jackson and Victoria Taylor signed up to speak but did not appear.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

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**17-4337 APPOINTMENT CENTRALINA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Puckett and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to appoint Commissioner Trevor M. Fuller as the Board's public-sector representative on the Centralina Economic Development Commission (CEDC) to fill an unexpired term expiring March 31, 2019.

*Note: He replaces Commissioner Dunlap who resigned to give another Commissioner the opportunity to serve. Commissioner Dunlap had served since 2013.*

*The Centralina Economic Development Commission is a 501c3 organization serving the greater Charlotte region and supporting the key activities proposed in the Centralina Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The strategy outlines an approach to regional growth and prosperity that builds on the region's strengths, emphasizes key regional industry clusters, and prioritizes economic development projects.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE**

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

**17-4314 2017 EMPLOYEE FEST AWARD WINNERS**

The Board recognized the 2017 Employee of the Year, Team of the Year and Customer Service Heroes that were presented during Employee Fest. The winners were:

Gerald G. Fox Employee of the Year: Catherine McCoy (DSS)

Team of the Year: Public Health's Environmental Health Institutions, Child Care and Center City Inspection Team (Stephen Graham, Tasharra Kenion, Shawn Blackmon, Nicole Bruce, Alexandra Hall, Nykesse Roberts, Savannah Parker and Renada Ervin)

Customer Service Hero - Service Quality Award: Millie Joensen (Enterprise Project Manager)

Customer Service Hero - Timeliness Award: Rick Hestwood (Information Technology Services)

Customer Service Hero - Communication Award: Olivia Edwards (LUESA)

Customer Service Hero - Ethics Award: Patricia McCallum (DSS)

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Customer Service Hero - Courtesy and Respect Award: Maggie Horne (DSS)

**17-4340 BOCC 2018 ANNUAL RETREAT**

County Manager Diorio informed the Board that the dates for the Board's 2018 Annual Retreat would be January 25 & 26, 2018. The retreat will be held at Central Piedmont Community College's Harris Campus.

She noted also that Budget Director Michael Bryant would reach out to Board members regarding topics of interest.

**17-4343 OPEN STREETS 704 UPDATE**

Director of Park and Recreation Jim Garges gave an update on Open Streets 704 events, that included recognition of key City and County staff, a 2-minute video, survey results and behind the scenes outcomes.

*Note: Open Streets 704 powered by BlueCross Blue Shield of North Carolina was a series of four Charlotte events that opened the length of city streets for an afternoon just for people. Taking cues from similar events around the country and the world, Open Streets 704 aimed to build a better, healthier, connected community by encouraging Charlotte and Mecklenburg area residents to walk, bicycle and experience the city together in a way that was not possible in a car. Open Streets 704 was made possible by a grant from the Knight Foundation, in partnership with Partners for Parks, Mecklenburg County Government, the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation, Mecklenburg County Public Health, Charlotte Department of Transportation, and the support of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police and Charlotte Fire departments. Partners used the four events to assess whether an ongoing Open Streets program makes sense for the community.*

County Manager Diorio thanked Director Garges for his work on Open Streets 704, as well as, his numerous other accomplishments as Park and Recreation Director for Mecklenburg County.

County Manager Diorio acknowledged Director Garges' departure from the County and noted this was his last Board meeting. Director Garges will be relocating to Tennessee.

All Commissioners expressed thanks and appreciation to Director Garges for his many accomplishments and work throughout the community during his tenure here in Mecklenburg County.

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Director Garges thanked the County Manager and the Board for their support of him and the department.

**DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS - NONE**

**STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS - NONE**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS**

**17-4344      ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON THE WEST SIDE (COMMISSIONER LEAKE)**

Commissioner Leake addressed the need for economic development on the West side of the County, specifically, the Beatties Ford Road Corridor.

She suggested the Board meet with Park and Recreation Director Jim Garges before he leaves the County, to discuss opportunities for recreational enhancements on the west side.

Commissioner Leake said the provision of resources that enhance the quality of life should be fair and equitable throughout the County. She asked Park and Recreation Director Jim Garges to comment on a discussion they had regarding what could be done.

Park and Recreation Director Garges commented on the types of balances needed in a community and the need for partnerships. He said regional recreation centers can spur economic development and elaborated how.

Commissioner Ridenhour said he anticipated the discussion of economic development on the west side being about addressing food deserts, jobs, and other things associated with economic development.

Commissioner Ridenhour said it seemed from the comments on the topic that it was about a recreational center on the west side. He said he wasn't opposed to having a conversation about that, but that's not what he thought the discussion would be about.

Commissioner Leake said a recreation center would spur economic development, as well as other things. She said it was an idea that was being discussed, but there was not a specific plan at this time.

Commissioner Dunlap, as it related to Commissioner Leake's comments, said the idea was brought to him and others about an opportunity to develop something on the west side that would generate some type of economic impact.

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Commissioner Dunlap said a proposal was being developed that would seek a partnership with the County and the City of Charlotte. He said everything was in the development stage. He said the plan may or may not include a recreation center. He said there wasn't enough information available to date to discuss specifics.

Commissioner Ridenhour, chair of the Board's Economic Development Committee, said the committee would be happy to meet with those involved in this process, if they desired to do so.

Commissioner Fuller acknowledged also that discussion was taking place in the community regarding economic development on the west side and that a number of things were being talked about.

Commissioner Fuller asked the Board to keep an open mind and to keep the County's resources available. He said something was forthcoming that would anticipate a partnership between the County, City of Charlotte, and perhaps the private sector.

Commissioner Cotham commented on the need for economic development on the west side, specifically the Beatties Ford Road corridor. She noted its proximity to uptown, I-85 & I-77. She suggested that perhaps an advocacy group was needed for the area or if one existed, perhaps it needed to become stronger.

Commissioner Cotham said she would be willing to assist in whatever manner she could. She said pursuing economic development in this corridor would require a lot of collaboration amongst various groups, including developers.

Commissioner Leake noted for clarity that the advocacy groups on the west side were strong and well organized.

Chair Scarborough said something was definitely needed on the west side to enhance it economically. She said, "it must be done and it can be done."

**17-4345      MEMORIAL STADIUM DISCUSSION (COMMISSIONER PUCKETT)**

Commissioner Puckett addressed the need for improvements to Memorial Stadium and development of a partnership with Charlotte Independence, a league member in the United Soccer League (USL).

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Commissioner Puckett suggested the Board ask the Park and Recreation Department and the County Manager and her staff to discuss Memorial Stadium again with Charlotte Independence and report back to the Board, per those discussions.

Commissioner Dunlap suggested staff present a proposal for the Board's consideration when they report back.

Commissioner Puckett concurred. He suggested the proposal include a number of options for the Board's consideration, including with and/or without the City of Charlotte's participation.

Commissioner Clarke said for him it's always been about improving Memorial Stadium and not about soccer.

Commissioner Clarke said he was not opposed to having staff look into the possibility of a public/private partnership as it related to the use of Memorial Stadium, which would include improvements to the stadium.

Commissioner Clarke asked that the Elizabeth Neighborhood Association and the Historic Elizabeth organization be involved in discussions and kept abreast.

Commissioner Clarke said he did not want the Board to be "put under the gun" to make a decision by a certain date. He said time would be needed for the public to weigh in and the specifics well discussed by the Board.

Commissioner Clarke said the City of Charlotte should be asked to participate.

Commissioner Clarke said he wanted to see the terms of the agreement before a decision was made.

Commissioner Clarke said the community valued Memorial Stadium and that the Board should consider very carefully any action taken with respect to improving the stadium.

The following persons appeared to speak to this matter:

Jesse Newsom said he supported the Charlotte Independence soccer league and major-league soccer. He said Memorial Stadium was in need of improvement and using it for soccer purposes would be a good idea.

Mr. Newsom said a soccer fan group had been formed (The Queen's Firm) to support major-league soccer coming to the area. He said it didn't matter who owned the team, where they

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played, or who invested what. The goal was to get the conversation regarding major-league soccer going again.

Mr. Newsom said there was still opportunity to reconnect with Major-League Soccer (MLS), even though the window of opportunity for their December meeting had passed. He said probably only two teams would be awarded in December. He said that would leave two, possibly three cities to be selected at MLS meetings in March or July of 2018. Thus, there was time to renew some partnerships and get the matter back on track for consideration.

Mr. Newsom encouraged the Board to re-engage with Charlotte Independence soccer league, as well as, major-league soccer.

Dave Dowell, on behalf of veterans in the community, spoke in support of major-league soccer. He referenced a proposal that was being put together, had the prior major-league soccer proposal been approved. He said the proposal was going to address housing and displaying artifacts and other historical items at the stadium and access to the stadium for educational and veteran memorial purposes.

Mr. Dowell asked the Board to reopen discussions for major-league soccer.

Commissioner James said philosophically he was not against the stadium being used for major-league or minor-league soccer. He said the issue was his belief that government should only invest a certain amount of funds and that the facility should be controlled by the County.

Commissioner James expressed disagreement with the prior major-league soccer proposal, which he said turned control of the facility over to the team and left the County with minimum use of the facility.

Commissioner James addressed the difference in the financial commitment requested in the major-league proposal versus the prior Charlotte Independence proposal, which was less and more “reasonable,” in his opinion.

Commissioner James said perhaps if the major-league proposal had not asked the County to “front” the loan, the deal may have been done.

Commissioner James noted his conversation with the Mayor of Matthews regarding Charlotte Independence, who play at the Matthews Sportsplex. He was told a seat expansion was planned for the Matthews Sportsplex and that the expansion was needed whether Charlotte Independence continued to play there or not. It was noted that the cost of the seat expansion project was about \$2 million, with \$1 million coming from the State, \$400,000 from the Town of Matthews and \$400,000 from the County. Further, that the Mayor’s negotiations for the seat

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expansion funds was not contingent upon Charlotte Independence playing there. The expansion was needed for other reasons. Also, per the Mayor of Matthews, the State funds must be used for the Matthews Sportsplex or otherwise returned to the State.

Commissioner Fuller said when staff reports back regarding Memorial Stadium, he'd like to see multiple options, the pros and cons of each, as well as, the cost. Further, he did not want the County's decision on what and when something should occur with Memorial Stadium to be based upon someone else's timeframe.

Commissioner Fuller echoed the sentiment of Commissioner Clarke, that it's always been about improving Memorial Stadium and not about soccer.

Commissioner Ridenhour echoed the sentiment as well, that it's about improving Memorial Stadium and not about soccer. He said Memorial Stadium should be "brought back to life" and used more frequently.

Commissioner Ridenhour noted his prior support of the Charlotte Independence proposal and why.

Commissioner Ridenhour said he did not want the County to rush making a decision regarding Memorial Stadium. He said as Chair of the Board's Economic Development Committee, he would like to see the proposal brought to the Committee for review and input.

Commissioner Leake said Memorial Stadium should be made available to the public and for more uses than soccer.

Commissioner Dunlap said for him, it had always been about improving Memorial Stadium and not about soccer.

Commissioner Dunlap said he would like to see the stadium used for a variety of events, like in the past.

Commissioner Dunlap suggested the up-fit of Memorial Stadium be a topic of discussion at the Board's Retreat in January. He said he hoped the Board would agree to appropriate funds to the CIP for the stadium.

Commissioner Fuller asked about prior funds that were going to be used for the stadium, which was addressed by County Manager Diorio.

Commissioner Puckett said he was essentially asking the Board to reconsider Charlotte Independence's prior proposal.

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***Commissioner Dunlap left the dais and was away until noted in the minutes.***

Commissioner Puckett said his intent was to see if the Charlotte Independence proposal was still valid.

Commissioner Clarke noted his support of Charlotte Independence’s prior proposal.

Motion was made by Commissioner Puckett, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 7-1 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Puckett, Ridenhour, and Scarborough voting yes and Commissioner Leake voting no, to 1) direct staff to reach out to Charlotte Independence Soccer regarding their proposal for use of Memorial Stadium and report back to the Board; 2) that staff also provide other options for the Board’s consideration as it relates to Memorial Stadium.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

***Note: Commissioner Fuller asked that Item 17-4323 be removed from Consent and voted upon separately, along with others that would be voted on separately.***

**Motion was made by Commissioner Puckett, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the following item(s):**

**17-4278      ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) BOARD TRAVEL POLICY**

Approve Mecklenburg County Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board 2017-2018 Travel Policy.

*Note: G.S. 18B-700, as amended by S.L. 2010-122 allows a local ABC Board to adopt a travel policy provided it conforms to the travel policy of the appointing authority and is approved by the appointing authority. The Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners is the appointing authority for the Mecklenburg County ABC Board. The Mecklenburg County ABC Board travel policy was last amended October 17, 2017. Consistent with the requirements of 18B-700 (g2), the ABC Board requested the approval of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners of its 2017/18 ABC Board Travel Policy.*

***Policy recorded in full in Minute/Ordinance Book \_\_\_\_\_, Document # \_\_\_\_\_.***

**17-4318 BUDGET AMENDMENT – LUESA AUCTION REVENUE**

Recognize, receive and appropriate revenue of \$19,630.86 from the vehicle auction held on September 16, 2017, once funds are received from the City of Charlotte.

**17-4321 HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM – FMA 2015 FLOODPLAIN ACQUISITIONS**

1) Accept the Offer of Sale of Real Estate from Charles & Patricia Blackmon, owners of property at 831 Seldon Drive (Tax Parcel 069-052-11), for \$130,000; and

2) Authorize the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police and Fire Departments to utilize the structure for training exercises.

*Note: Since late 1999, Mecklenburg County has received numerous hazard mitigation grants and contributed local storm water fee revenue toward Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services' Engineering & Mitigation Program. The goal of the Program is to minimize the risk of potential loss of life and property damage from flooding while enhancing the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain (creating open space, expanding greenways, constructing wetlands, etc.). The requested action would consist of acquiring and demolishing the existing residence with federal grant funds. Storm Water Services staff allows the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and the City of Charlotte Fire Department training opportunities for police and fire personnel prior to demolition of flood prone buildings. In addition, Storm Water Services staff has established a process for working with Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte to maximize the responsible reuse of materials prior to home demolition while protecting the health of the community.*

**17-4325 ARCHITECTURAL SELECTION COMMITTEE POLICY AMENDMENT**

Amend the Selection of Architects Policy to change the term of the Board appointed general contractor representative from a one year term to a three-year term.

***POLICY OF THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Selection of Architects***

*The Board hereby establishes a Selection Committee to screen architects for Board appointment for County projects. This Architectural Selection policy shall be followed except for contracts in which the estimated fee is less than \$50,000 as stipulated G.S. 143-64.32.*

*The Asset and Facility Management Director will recommend approval of Architectural Professional Services contracts as exempted under G.S. 143-64-32.*

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*The Committee will be composed of the following:*

- *Mecklenburg County Manager or her/his designee*
- *Two Mecklenburg County Commissioners, alphabetically on a rotating basis for all nine members and then repeat the cycle;*
- *Director of Asset and Facility Management (AFM) or her/his designee;*
- *Head of the agency which will occupy the facility or head of the agency which will maintain and operate the structure;*
- *General Contractor for a term of three years who will sign a statement not to bid on any project under consideration during her/his three-year term. In the event the Board appointed representative is unable to serve on a particular selection, the Director of AFM may appoint an alternate General Contractor who will sign a statement not to bid on any project under consideration during her/his temporary term and for a 1-year period after serving.*

*In no event will the final interview of architects take place unless at least one member of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners is sitting on the Selection Committee.*

*The procedure for the selection of architects is on file in the Office of the Clerk to the Board.*

***Policy recorded in full in Minute/Ordinance Book \_\_\_\_\_, Document # \_\_\_\_\_.***

**17-4327          BUDGET AMENDMENT – DSS (REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE)**

Recognize, receive and appropriate a net increase in revenue in the amount of \$2,606,936 to reflect actual state and federal funding changes.

*Note: During the fiscal year, the Department of Social Services receives notification of modified funding for programs within the department from NC Division of Social Services, NC Division of Aging and Adult Services and NC Department of Transportation.*

**17-4330          MINUTES**

Approve Minutes of Regular meeting held October 17, 2017 and Closed Sessions held October 17, 2017 and March 7, 2017.

**17-4332          TAX REFUNDS**

Approve refunds in the amount of \$25,693.57 as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor.

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*Note: This Board action was necessary to approve tax refunds resulting from clerical errors, value changes and appeals processed. There was no accrued interest for these refunds.*

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

**17-4333      LAND DONATION – BRIAR CREEK**

Accept donation of Tax Parcel 153-106-08 (+/- 1.157) from Westminster Park Development, LLC for Park & Recreation purposes.

*Note: The vacant property is in the Westminster Park subdivision, east of Sharon Road in the South Park area of Charlotte. Acquisition of this parcel continues the County's efforts to create contiguous land holdings along this portion of Briar Creek for future greenway development.*

**17-4334      CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES GRANT POSITIONS**

Authorize five (5) grant-funded positions in the Criminal Justice Services Department: Two (2) Criminal Justice Analysts - Release Team, \$119,832 (salary & benefits), One (1) Jail Population Manager, \$59,915 (salary & benefits), and Two (2) Equity and Inclusion Specialists, \$169,413 (salary and benefits).

*Note: On May 16, 2017, the BOCC approved the Criminal Justice Services Department's submittal of a grant application to the MacArthur Foundation for a total of \$2,000,000 over two years under the Safety and Justice Challenge Implementation Funding solicitation. The MacArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge funding is to develop local strategies to implement reform efforts on local jail use. The funding was awarded to Mecklenburg County on October 4, 2017. The request to authorize grant-funded positions was omitted from the original board action item. The Criminal Justice Analyst positions will assist with improving the release rate of defendants referred to supervision and improving the time to release for defendants released to supervision. The Jail Population Manager will provide the Pretrial Services Division with a dedicated staff team member to review and monitor the status of detained defendants. The Equity and Inclusion Specialists will oversee policy and data analyses related to racial and ethnic disparities within justice agencies, and assist in facilitating the change practice continuum.*

**THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT**

**17-4306      GRANT APPLICATIONS HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE 2017**

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Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Puckett and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to:

A) Affirm submittal of six renewal grant applications to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:

1) Grant for up to \$1,669,297 for the year 9/1/18 - 8/31/19 to provide Shelter Plus Care targeted rental subsidies to homeless persons with disabilities (Renewal A-17),

2) Grant for up to \$125,160 for the year 9/1/18 - 8/31/19 to provide Shelter Plus Care targeted rental subsidies to homeless persons with disabilities (Renewal B-17),

3) Grant for up to \$104,522 for the year 8/1/18 - 7/31/19 to provide Shelter Plus Care targeted rental subsidies to homeless persons with disabilities (Renewal C-17),

4) Grant for up to \$95,288 for the year 7/1/18 - 6/30/19 to provide Shelter Plus Care targeted rental subsidies to homeless persons with disabilities (Renewal D-17),

5) Grant for up to \$63,000 for the year 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2018 to provide Coordinated Entry services for homeless individuals and families,

6) Grant for up to \$63,000 for the year 4/1/2018 - 3/31/2019 to administer the Homeless Management Information System for the Mecklenburg Continuum of Care; and

B) Recognize, receive and appropriate funds for the amounts awarded for the duration of the grant periods.

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness. Commissioner Leake said she would like to know when the positions were filled.

**17-4310      CONTRACT APPROVAL TO USE CITY OF CHARLOTTE MARTIN MARIETTA  
CONTRACT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to approve the County's use of the City of Charlotte's contract with Martin Marietta to provide Crushed Stone and Stone Products.

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Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.

***Commissioner Dunlap returned to the dais.***

**17-4322          CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT – SPORTSPLEX AT MATTHEWS PHASE 3**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to award a construction contract to J.D. Goodrum Company, Inc. in the amount of \$972,760.

*Note: This contract is for the construction of the Sportsplex at Matthews Phase 3 located at 2425 Sports Parkway, Matthews, NC. The contract is to add additional restroom facilities to support an additional 1,600 seats at the existing stadium. The additional seating is being procured through a separate contract.*

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.

Commissioner Fuller asked what was the contractor doing to improve its MWSBE participation. *Asset & Facilities Management Director Mark Hahn addressed the question but could not provide a specific answer.*

Commissioner Fuller asked that the contractor be contacted and asked the question.

**17-4338          GRANT APPLICATION – MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH INITIATIVE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 8-1 with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes and Commissioner Leake voting no, to

1) Approve submission of grant application for \$500,000 per year for up to two years from the North Carolina Division of Public Health to be effective June 1, 2018; and

2) Approve the creation of three Information/Education Coordinator positions and one Health Program Coordinator/Supervisor position; and If awarded, recognize, receive and appropriate awarded funds for the grant.

*Note: This application is for continuation of grant funds received in 2016. These funds will be used to address maternal and child health indicators with a focus on evidence-based programs*

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*proven to lower infant mortality rates, improve birth outcomes, and improve the overall health of children ages birth to five. The additional positions will be funded by this grant.*

Commissioner Leake removed this item from Consent for more public awareness. She also questioned the thinking behind the grant request and asked was it intended to prevent persons from having children. *Public Health Director Gibbie Harris addressed the purpose of the grant.*

Commissioner Leake said if the grant was received, she wanted a report on how the funds were used.

**17-4323          ARCHITECT SELECTION – NORTHERN REGIONAL RECREATION CENTER**

Motion was made by Commissioner Fuller, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, to authorize the County Manager to negotiate fees and execute a contract with Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture/ LS3P for Architectural/Engineering Services for the Northern Regional Recreation Center and in the event negotiations with this firm are unsuccessful, approve negotiations with the alternate firm of C DESIGN/Moody Nolan.

Commissioner Fuller removed this item from Consent for more public awareness.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and unanimously carried with Commissioners Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Puckett, Ridenhour and Scarborough voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Janice S. Paige, Clerk

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Ella B. Scarborough, Chair