

OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
October 18, 2021

The Members of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, Granville Expo and Convention Center, 4185 US Highway 15 South, Oxford.

Present via Zoom were:

- Chair:** Sue Hinman
- Commissioners:** Tony W. Cozart Jimmy Gooch
Zelodis Jay Timothy Karan
Russ May David T. Smith
- County Manager:** Michael S. Felts
Assistant County Manager: Korena Weichel
County Attorney: James C. Wrenn, Jr
- News Reporters:** Shawn Taylor – *Butner-Creedmoor News*
David Murray – *Oxford Public Ledger*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m., Chair Sue Hinman called the meeting to order and recognized Commissioner Zelodis Jay for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Hinman noted that today is Granville County’s hat day and that is why some have on hats.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay and unanimously carried, the Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Approved the Summary of Contingency and Use of Fund Balance report that showed the following balances:
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| General Contingency Balance | \$ 51,450 |
| School Bond D/S Contingency | \$ 100,000 |
| Environmental Disaster Contingency | \$ 10,000 |
| General Fund Appropriated Fund Balance | \$ 7,051,008 |
- (B) Approved Budget Amendment #2 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

Budget Amendment #2
10/18/2021

Be it ordained, the FY 2020-2021 Annual Budget Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease)

Public Safety	
Fire Services	635,000
Community Services	
Jonesland Park Operation	43,350
Area Projects and Other Appropriations	
Non-Departmental	292,570
Contributions to Other Funds	

	Contingencies	(60,000)	
	<i>Total Expenditures</i>		910,920
Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)			
	Appropriated Fund Balance	910,920	
	<i>Total Revenues</i>		910,920

(For reference only)			Budget Amendment #2	Balance
General Fund/Emergency Mgmt				
Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)				
10-	4340	631	\$575,000	\$1,075,000
Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)				
10-	3990	991	\$575,000	\$6,715,088

Description: Purchase replacement radios for Granville County Fire Departments, Emergency Management, Emerg/911, and Animal Control, as approved by the Granville County BoCC on 9/7/2021.

General Fund/Emergency Mgmt			
Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)			
10-	4340 399	\$60,000	\$60,000
Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)			
10-	9910 991	(\$60,000)	\$51,450

Description: To fund Fire, Ambulance, and Rescue Services consulting services as approved by the Granville County BoCC on September 7, 2021.

General Fund/Parks and Grounds			
Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)			
10-	6130 260	\$1,500	\$51,500
10-	6130 121	\$29,733	\$194,620
10-	6130 181	\$2,275	\$18,331
10-	6130 182	\$3,375	\$22,090
10-	6130 183	\$6,450	\$40,850
10-	6130 189	\$17	\$113
Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)			
10-	3990 991	\$43,350	\$6,758,438

Description: fund addition of a Parks and Grounds administrative position, as approved by the Granville County BoCC on Sept. 9, 2021.

General Fund/Non-Departmental			
Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)			
10-	8540 126	\$92,570	\$92,670
Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)			
10-	3990 991	\$92,570	\$6,851,008

Description: to purchase Stovall property for future Senior Services North building.

General Fund/Non-Departmental			
Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease)			
10-	8540 801	\$200,000	\$800,000
Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)			
10-	3990 991	\$200,000	\$7,051,008

Description: Fund \$200,000 match for the \$400,000 One NC Fund Grant for Project Home - Carolina Coops.

- (C) Approved minutes of the August 2, 2021 Regular Meeting, August 19, 2021 Courthouse Tour, and August 25, 2021 Special Joint Meeting.

DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION PRESENTED TO KATIE HAYNES

Chair Hinman recognized Katie Haynes, a dysautonomia warrior, and presented her the following Proclamation proclaiming October as Dysautonomia Awareness Month:

Proclamation for Dysautonomia Awareness Month

WHEREAS, dysautonomia is a group of medical conditions that result in a malfunction of the autonomic nervous system, which is responsible for “automatic” bodily functions such as respiration, heart rate, blood pressure, digestion, temperature control and more. Dysautonomia impacts over 70 million people around the world, and includes conditions such as diabetic autonomic neuropathy, vasovagal syncope, pure autonomic failure, and postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome; dysautonomia impacts people of any age, gender, race, or background, including many individuals living in Granville County; and

WHEREAS, dysautonomia can be very disabling. This disabling, and this disability can result in social isolation, stress on the families of those impacted, and financial hardship. Some forms of dysautonomia can result in death, causing tremendous pain and suffering for those impacted and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness about dysautonomia will help patients get diagnosed, treated earlier, save lives, and foster support for individuals and families coping with dysautonomia in our community. Dysautonomia International, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of patients living with dysautonomia, encourages communities to celebrate Dysautonomia Awareness Month each October around the world. We seek to recognize the contribution of medical professionals, patients, and family members who are working to educate our citizenry about dysautonomia in Granville County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners of the County of Granville, State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of October as, DYSAUTONOMIA AWARENESS MONTH.

This the 18th day of October 2021.

After the presentation, Miss Haynes announced that this past weekend she was crowned as 2022 North Carolina Miss Agriculture Advocacy Ambassador and 2022 North Carolina People’s Choice Miss United States Agriculture.

OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT UPDATE

Chair Hinman stated that Attorneys representing Granville County Government in the Opioid Litigation were present to provide an Opioid Settlement update. County Attorney Wrenn introduced Attorneys Jake Daniel and George Daniel with the firm Daniel | Thomas.

Attorney Jake Daniel stated that his firm was hired several years ago to represent Granville County in the opioid litigation. He reported that there have been 3,000 or so entities that have filed lawsuits to hold those accountable that helped to create the opioid crisis such as manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies. He said he wanted to give an update on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that has been proposed and presented by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) and the settlement that he would

recommend Granville County participate in. He said this is one settlement and they anticipate other settlements. Granville County and others have voted to approve the bankruptcy plan for Perdu Pharma and Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals and monies will be coming from the bankruptcy plans. Under the settlement, Granville County will receive just over \$3.7M per the percentage in the MOA. Previously the firm recommended pausing as two things are going on - the MOA and the national distributor settlement - which are two separate things. He explained that the money flowing to Granville County is not controlled by the MOA as it comes from the national settlement of all the defendants and recommended opting in the national settlement by the deadline of January 2, 2022. He noted that his firm had previously recommended to their clients to pause as there have been two outstanding issues: (1) the issue of attorney fees and (2) those counties in North Carolina that did not hire counsel but opted in the settlement as they will reap the benefits of the settlement, but not have the obligation to pay attorney fees which they see as unfair. He noted that approximately 75 counties hired outside counsel to put pressure on the defendants for the national settlement and the settlement sends 85% of funding to local governments (counties) and 15% to the State. He talked about how paying attorney fees is being worked out at the Attorney General's Office so hopefully, the attorneys can be compensated from the payout to the counties.

Attorney Daniel then explained that the county incentive fund does not affect Granville County because there is not a municipality in Granville County with a population of 30,000 or above. He said that Granville County has not adopted the MOA and he did not believe there is any harm in adopting the MOA as the attorney fee issue is being worked on.

At this point, Board members asked questions and received clarification on the matter. It was noted that attorney fees will be capped at 15% per action already taken by a judge if they end up being paid through his contract with Granville County and that payments of the national settlement will be made over 18 years.

VAYA HEALTH PRESENTATION

Brian Ingraham, President and CEO, and Elliot Clark, Community Relations Director, with Vaya Health spoke from the following PowerPoint presentation on the consolidation:

Granville and Vaya: A New Partnership

Prepared for Granville County
October 18, 2021



Vaya's Strengths

PROXIMITY

Local presence in all counties with robust and transparent communication and data sharing

ACCOUNTABILITY

Consolidation with Cardinal minimizes member and provider impact and reduces county burden

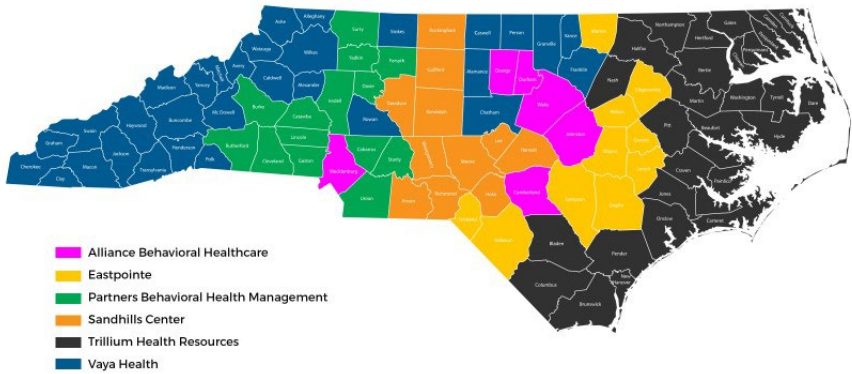
COLLABORATION

On the ground relationships with DSS, law enforcement and other county stakeholders to meet community and crisis needs through innovative solutions, programs and services

STABILITY

Real-time follow-through and decision-making with a proven record of success through innovation

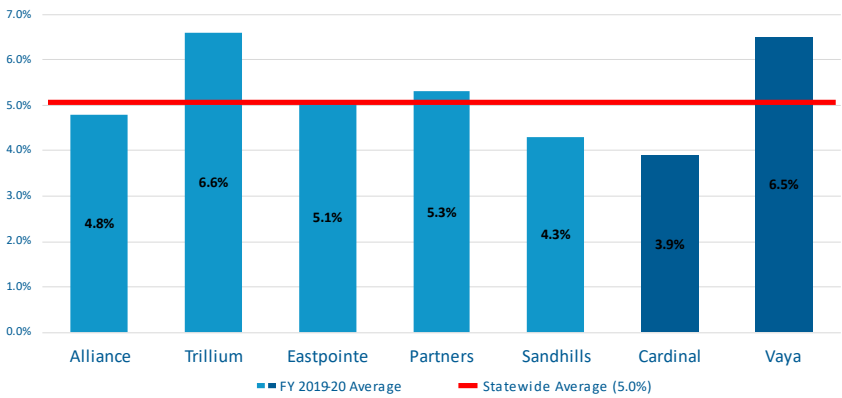
County Realignment



Statewide Leader on DHHS “Super Measures”

- One of two LME/MCOs that has consistently met all required benchmarks
- Follow up after discharge from inpatient facility, FBC or ADATC rate at 61% for Medicaid
- Doubled requirement through the Transitions to Community Living Initiative by 194%
- Integrated Care (I/DD annual PCP visit) – **never missed the target**

FY 2019-20 Non-Medicaid Members Served



NCDHHS LME/MCO Scorecard SFY2021 Q3

Key Performance Measures ³					Key Performance Measures ³				
	(Medicaid)	Integrated Care ≥ 80%	MH Follow-up ≥ 40%	SUD Follow-up ≥ 40%		(State Services)	TCLJ Housing ≥ 100%	MH Follow-up ≥ 40%	SUD Follow-up ≥ 40%
→	Alliance	94%	45%	42%		Alliance	121%	29%	41%
	Cardinal	96%	39%	28%		Cardinal	136%	26%	28%
	Eastpointe	96%	40%	36%		Eastpointe	140%	29%	18%
	Partners	98%	59%	61%		Partners	110%	65%	59%
	Sandhills	96%	43%	25%		Sandhills	110%	39%	40%
	Trillium	96%	46%	46%		Trillium	161%	26%	34%
→	Vaya	97%	61%	61%		Vaya	194%	48%	62%

Investing in Local Relationships to Improve Access to Care in Granville County



Consolidation Transition Planning

- **Granville County citizens:** A seamless transition for all individuals to continue with the services and providers they are seeing today
- **Granville County providers:** Providers continue with the same contracts, programs, services and rates without disruption
- **Staff in Granville County:** Quality Cardinal staff stay in place to maintain continuity of care during the transition- merging the best of Cardinal with the best of Vaya



The original consolidation date of **April 1, 2022** has been moved up to **January 1, 2022**

Go Live with Vaya!

Governance Update

- Boards of County Commissioners will have sole authority to select representatives to regional boards.
- Regional board membership will include County Commissioners and subject matter experts such as DSS and Health Directors.
- Each regional board will appoint 2 members to the governing board.
- The regional boards will help ensure Vaya's governing board is responsive to local needs and will create opportunities for regional collaboration.

Expansion of Services and Supports

- Full DSS Continuum in place
- Improve access to crisis service continuum in Granville to better support law enforcement and prevent unnecessary emergency room and jail visits
- Expand access for school based mental health and substance use services
- Work with local medical providers and public health to expand access to behavioral health and substance use services, particularly for those with opioid use disorder
- Establish a Comprehensive Care Center within the County
- Build connections to resources for those members experiencing food insecurity, inadequate housing, and other social drivers of health
- Enhance supports to Granville DSS through closer connectivity, collaborative care management model, and building a full continuum service model within the county
- Quarterly reporting to county leadership around performance and outcomes for members in Granville County

** Mr. Clark mentioned they have invested in Treasures of Joy – Hope House in Granville County which is a women’s recovery program that has started.

Robust Services for DSS & DJJ in Granville County

- Comprehensive Treatment to support DSS and DJJ involved children and families
- Rapid response to emergency placement needs
- Embedded Care Management
- Embedded Assessor

Setting the Standard

- Among the seven LME/MCOs in the state, **Vaya has the fewest members in ICFIDD and state-operated facilities**—26% fewer individuals than neighboring LME/MCOs
- Vaya’s model is being used as a guide for other LME/MCOs to follow



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Commissioner May, the representative on the Vaya Health Board, expressed concerns regarding larger counties having an advantage over other counties as was in the previous model. He noted that rural counties are facing challenging issues with mental health and addiction.

Mr. Ingraham explained that no one county will have an advantage over other counties with Vaya’s regional model.

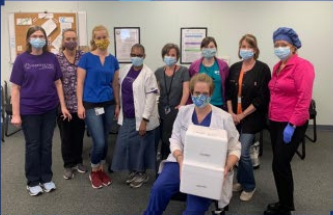
GRANVILLE-VANCE DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Lisa Harrison, Health Director, thanked the Board for their updated new facility behind the hospital that the Board toured today. She reported that they have 90 on staff that work between Granville and Vance Counties and thanked the Board for the use of the Expo Center for vaccine clinics and for the Senior Center employees that helped with the clinics. Then Mrs. Harrison and Dr. Guthrie spoke from the following PowerPoint presentation.

Public Health Update: COVID-19 and Vaccination



GRANVILLE VANCE
public health



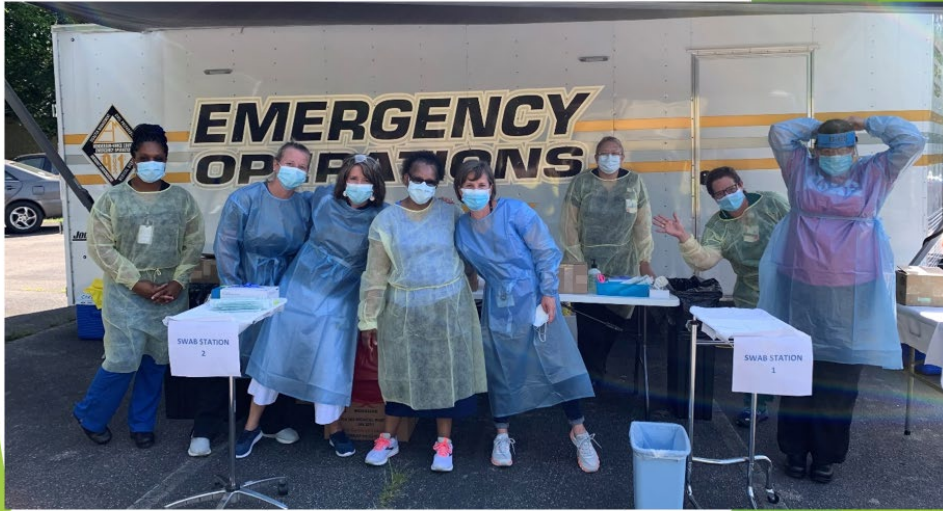
Lisa Macon Harrison, MPH
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Granville Vance Public Health
<https://gvph.org/>



Local Public Health:
A hard-working, skilled,
dedicated workforce
throughout this pandemic



Testing, Tracing, Trending, Vaccinating, Educating, Repeat



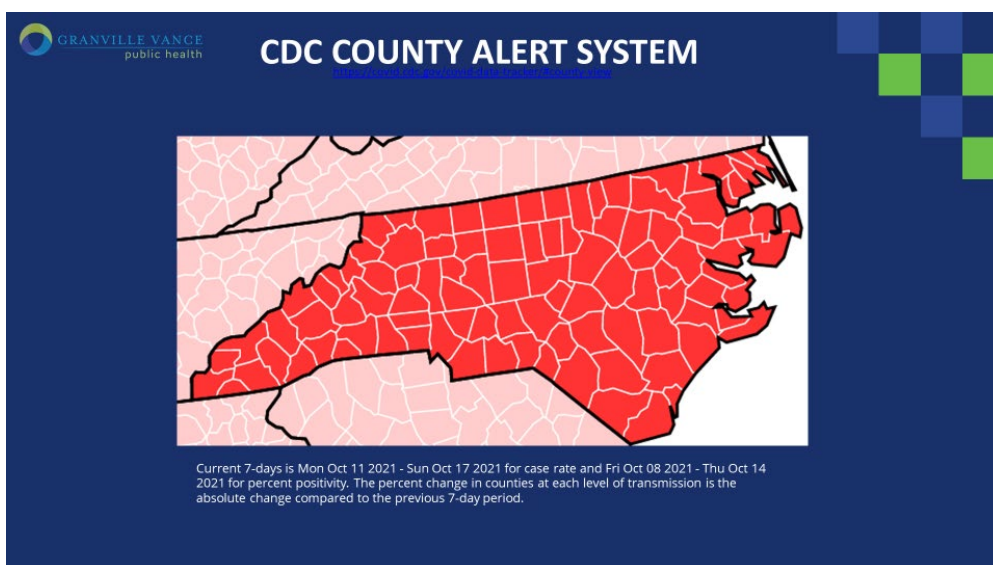


- Public health works every day to promote and protect health, and prevent disease.
 - Overall, Local Health Departments are the only community entities concerned with protecting the health of the entire community...
- ...Advocating for and promoting health in its broadest form.

COVID-19 CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND DEATHS

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/dashboard/hospitalizations>

- Since March, 2020, **Granville County has had 7,811 cases of COVID-19, and 99 deaths.** In the last two weeks, there have been 216 reported cases. Vance County has had a total of 6,686 COVID-19 cases over time and 99 deaths. In the last two weeks, there have been 294 reported cases in Vance County. (*District-wide: 14,497 cases and 198 deaths*)
- Across our state, 1,852 are currently hospitalized with COVID-19. Today, 522 (28%) of those who are hospitalized across NC are being treated in the ICU.
- 99% of those hospitalized with COVID-19 right now have the Delta Variant of COVID-19.
- 98% of those hospitalized with COVID-19 are currently unvaccinated.
- 99% of fully vaccinated Americans have not tested positive for COVID-19. The COVID-19 Vaccine works well even though there are a small number of breakthrough cases. We also know those vaccinated against COVID-19 who do become positive, rarely become severely ill or need hospitalization.



Update on Delta Variant



Summary – Delta changed the game after this summer

- Delta is different from previous strains
- Highly contagious
- Likely more severe
- Breakthrough infections may be as transmissible as unvaccinated cases
- Vaccines prevent > 90% of severe disease, but may be less effective at preventing infection or transmission
- Therefore, more breakthrough and more community spread despite vaccination
- NPIs are essential to prevent continued spread with current vaccine coverage (NPI =Nonpharmaceutical Interventions / Community Mitigation Strategies / 3 Ws)

Vaccine Uptake



Granville County

Population 12+ Years of Age

1st Dose: 37,038

% Of Population: 70%

2nd Dose: 34,979

% Of Population: 66%



COVID-19 Vaccine Facts

- **The tested, safe and effective Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is available for ages 12 and up. We expect the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to be approved for children ages 5 to 11 sometime in November** – the Advisory Committee on immunization practice (ACIP) will meet to review FDA recommendations on November 2nd and 3rd.
- **Young people are vulnerable to the virus**, just like everyone else. Getting them vaccinated is the best way to protect them, prevent the spread of COVID-19, and protect others.
- **In North Carolina, more than 2,500 children 0 to 17 years old have tested positive for COVID-19** and the percent of COVID-19 cases in children 17 and under has been increasing. We have had one death in Granville County in this age group.
- Everyone ages 12 and older can receive a **free** Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, even if they don't have insurance. It is safe and effective in stopping the spread of COVID-19 and preventing serious illness, hospitalization and death.



COVID-19 Vaccine Facts:

- mRNA vaccines cannot alter DNA
- No vaccine will make you magnetic.
- There is no evidence that any vaccine can affect fertility or pregnancy.
- All vaccines dramatically reduce the chances of being hospitalized or dying



COVID-19 Vaccine Facts

- Millions of people in the United States have received COVID-19 vaccines, and these vaccines have undergone and continue to undergo the **most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history**. This monitoring includes using both established and new safety monitoring systems to make sure that COVID-19 vaccines are safe. COVID-19 vaccines cannot give you COVID-19.
- **Adverse events are reported to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)**. VAERS data alone cannot determine if the reported adverse event was caused by a COVID-19 vaccine. Anyone can report to VAERS, even if it's not clear whether a vaccine caused a problem. These adverse events are studied by vaccine safety experts who look for unusual problems and patterns after people receive vaccines. Correlation ≠ Causation.

National Highlights

CDC COVID Data Tracker is CDC's home for COVID-19 data. It provides surveillance data from across the response, including hospitalizations, vaccinations, demographic information, and cumulative case and death counts reported to CDC since January 21, 2020.

Cases in the United States as of October 18, 2021

- Total confirmed and probable cases: **44,801,768**
- Total confirmed and probable deaths: **722,212**
- Vaccinations in the United States as of October 18, 2021
 - People who have received at least 1 dose: **218,805,579** (65.9% of total population)
 - People who are fully vaccinated: **189,141,481** (57% of total population)

Skipped picture slides



“The health of the people is really the foundation upon which all their happiness and all their powers as a state depend.”

-Benjamin Disraeli

After the presentation, Dr. Guthrie and Mrs. Harrison heard comments and answered questions about vaccine mandates, booster shots, nursing home protocols during COVID and testing. Board members expressed different viewpoints about vaccinations and mandates. Mrs. Harrison clarified COVID case reporting at the federal prison and nursing homes.

DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS, ONE SPOKE ABOUT ANIMAL ISSUES AND ONE SPOKE ABOUT SCHOOL MATTERS

Lucy Poynton, 646 Willard Place, Creedmoor, NC, spoke from a handout. She said she is with Dogs Deserve Better Piedmont, a non-profit started two years ago to improve the lives of outdoor dogs. She shared their accomplishments and gave examples of repetitive violations and lack of enforcement. She shared concerns about what she sees in the community and the efforts they have accomplished. She reported that they need help as 100% of dogs they see violate multiple ordinances including no rabies vaccine, no drinking water, inadequate nutrition, inadequate shelter, heavy chains and padlock, and no medical care. She asked for help to implement and enforce the Chapter 11 ordinance regarding animals that was approved on July 1, 2019.

Chair Hinman noted that the Animal Control Advisory Committee will be discussing this matter at their next meeting.

Danielle Hayes, 2094 Creekside Drive, Franklinton, NC, said it was nice to be allowed in the meeting to speak from the podium and see people’s faces. She said that according to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioner’s map book 2021, the local county contributed expense per student is \$1,818 ranking Granville County 42nd in the state and just \$10 below the state average for all counties per-pupil spending including charter schools. She said Granville County is ranked 16th in the State for locally funded average

teacher's salary supplement and thanked the Board for efforts to balance prioritizing the education of our community's children with fiscal responsibility of taxpayer dollars. She said that 3 months ago the Granville County Board of Education released a video on YouTube wrongly insinuating that the County Commissioners are somehow responsible for their \$2M deficient and budgetary crisis which she considers inaccurate and an extremely inflammatory accusation meant to divert blame and responsibility from their own bad decisions. She also shared concerns about access to a public hearing tonight at Tar River Elementary and at an October Board of Education meeting to make public comments as a taxpayer and concerned parent from District 5. She said she was not allowed to make comments in person and referred to the General Statute 143-318 about meetings of a public body. She requested that the Board not approve funding requests from Granville County Public Schools until they allow taxpayers and voters into their meetings.

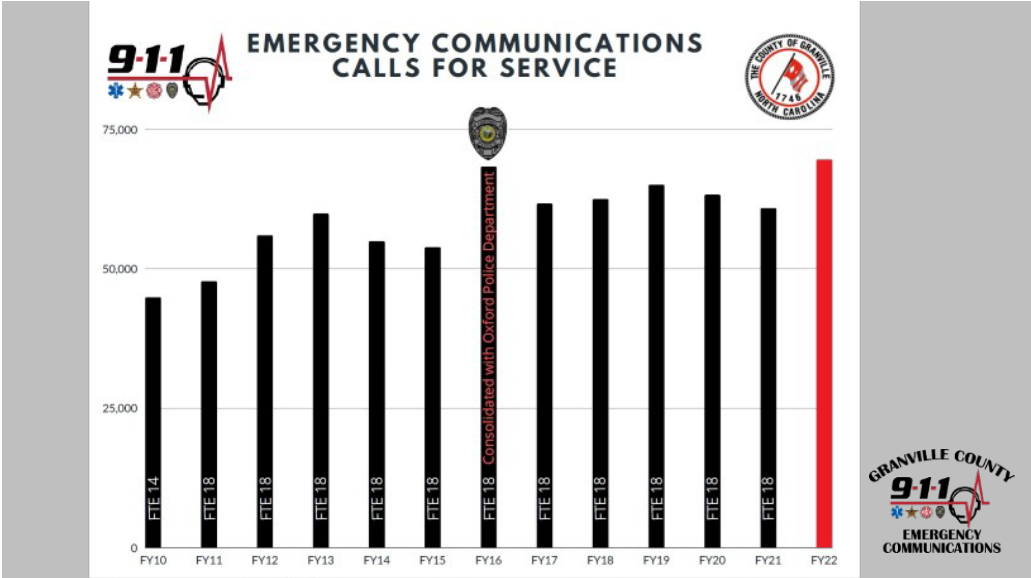
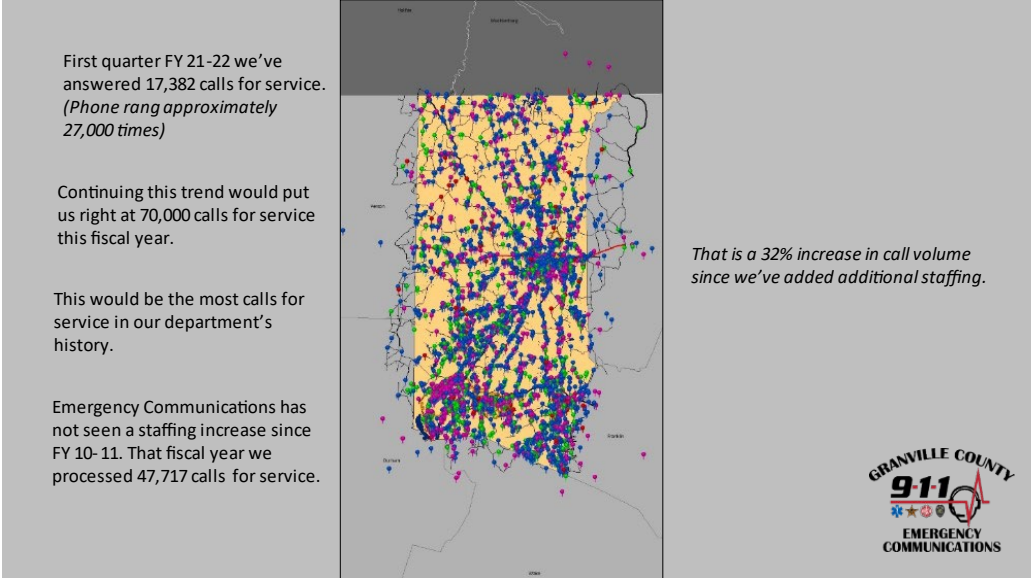
RECESS

At 8:53 p.m. the Board took a short recess until 9:04 p.m.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS QUARTERLY REPORT AND PRESENTATION

Trent Brummitt, Emergency Communications Director, gave a quarterly report, reviewed his expansion request, and talked about a morale booster incentive included in the PowerPoint presentation. He also thanked the Board for the new 911 Center.





- Emergency Communications requests offering trainers an additional \$175.00 a month while they are training new hires.
- Training new hires takes a special person with an abundance of patience and knowledge.
- \$175.00 a month averages out to roughly an extra \$1.00 per hour.
- Training a new hire usually takes anywhere from 3 -6 months.
- This equals out to \$1,050.00 per trainee if it took the full 6 months.
- If we were to have 3 new hires a year go the full 6 months, this would still only equal \$3,150.
- This is a small incentive that will boost morale and make it easier to establish good trainers when needed.

Thank you for your consideration!



When asked, Mr. Brummitt explained that training takes place during regular work time and that at this time his department is fully staffed and fully trained. He explained that his first service expansion request is for four (4) positions and his reduced option is for two (2) positions

to work a 12-hour shift from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. during peak hours. He answered questions about the years of service of his employees, about burnout and retention not being an issue at this time as it is in surrounding counties, and about how they handle vacation time with current employees. He noted that he is trying to be ahead of the game and needs an incentive to help those that train. He also estimated that approximately 25% of his calls are dispatched to Oxford and reported that his employees work 12-hour shifts.

County Manager Felts noted that formal recommendations are not being made tonight as other departments will present service expansions as requested by the Board during budget work. Recommendations will be made by the second November meeting once service expansions are heard from those that were asked to come back to the Board.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE QUARTERLY UPDATE

The Sheriff's Office update was pulled from the agenda due to a conflict.

BOARD APPROVED ACCEPTING ACCEPTING CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE (C & D) AT THE BUTNER LANDFILL

Jason Falls, Environmental Programs Director, explained that at the recent Environmental Affairs Committee (EAC) meeting held in September, the committee discussed complaints from residents being turned away at the Butner Convenience Site for construction and demolition (C & D) like wastes. These complaints were due to the new policy approved in July 2021 not allowing C & D wastes at the convenience sites. The Environmental Affairs Committee recommended allowing C & D wastes to be accepted at the Butner Scale House to be weighed and charged accordingly (by weight) and allowed to be dumped in open 30-yard containers near the scale house as being done in Oxford. The recommendation included additional staff and capital improvements including one (1) full-time employee and one (1) part-time employee to cover the increased workload and siting/staging of containers away from the scale house and a concrete pad.

When asked, Mr. Falls explained that the container placed at the Oxford is being used mainly on Saturdays and is helpful to those that are not able to come up the hill of the landfill. He also reported that since stopping C & D debris, traffic has improved at the southern sites. Regarding the Wilton site, he said that survey work has been received from the company doing the turn lane at the Wilton site and due diligence is being done. He noted that he hopes to see some action the first of the year regarding the matter.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tony. W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved accepting Construction & Demolition waste at the Butner Scale House upon completion of the hiring of additional staff and making necessary site improvements with funding from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

BOARD APPROVED FREE MULCH EVENT AT OXFORD LANDFILL

Jason Falls, Environmental Programs Director, reported that the Oxford Landfill has an excess of mulch onsite resulting in on-site fire hazards due to the amount of material that has been ground and mulched over the last couple of years. To minimize the fire hazard, staff recommended free mulch and loading services only at the Oxford Landfill during the advertised period of October 19, 2021 to October 30, 2021. He noted that Butner has a high demand for mulch, so that site will not be included this time.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Tony. W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved allowing the public to receive free mulch at the Oxford Landfill from October 19, 2021 until October 30, 2021, with loading services of \$5/load to be paid to the landfill contractor from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

BOARD APPROVED REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2024 REVALUATION

County Manager Felts explained that to effectively prepare for and conduct the Granville County revaluation effective January 1, 2024, the Tax Office needs to issue a Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposals (RFQ/RFP) to North Carolina licensed and qualified reappraisal firms. The level of appraisal will be the walk-around method, the same as in 2018, and will deliver a computerized revaluation of all real property within Granville County. Work is anticipated to begin in April of 2022 and will take effect January 1, 2024. Any changes to value will show on the tax statements that will be mailed out in July of 2024.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Tony. W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved authorizing staff to prepare and release a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) or Request for Proposals (RFP) for tax revaluation services for the 2024 revaluation and to bring a recommendation back to the Board for consideration.

BOARD APPROVED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

County Manager Felts explained that the Emergency Management/Fire Marshal Office is requesting to purchase one 2022 Ford F-250 truck from Piedmont Truck Center, Inc. in

Greensboro, NC. NC State Contract pricing for a total amount of \$37,430.40 was approved in the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget. The 2013 Suburban currently being used by the department will be transferred to the Emergency Communications Department.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony. W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner David T. Smith, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of one (1) 2022 Ford F-250 truck from Piedmont Truck Center in the amount of \$37,430.40 from State contract pricing.

BOARD APPROVED INSPECTIONS VEHICLE

County Manager Felts explained that the Inspections Department is requesting approval to purchase one (1) F-150 pickup using State Contract pricing from Performance Automotive in Clinton, NC in the amount of \$21,761.10. Funding for the vehicle was approved in the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of one (1) 2022 Ford F150 truck from Performance Auto in the amount of \$21,761.10 from State contract pricing.

**BOARD APPROVED RESOLUTION REGARDING OPIOID LITIGATION
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

County Manager Felts said that the Board had heard from the attorneys earlier in the meeting about this matter. He noted that an invitation was extended to Kevin Leonard and Amy Bason with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) and they were unable to attend this meeting, but can attend the November 1st meeting if the Board would like to hear from them before taking action. He noted that the same information is included in the agenda as in the last agenda packet if the Board has any additional questions.

Commissioner David T. Smith made a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Russ May to adopt the associated resolution approving the memorandum of agreement (MOA).

Commissioner May then asked if the NCACC representatives need to come now. Board members and Attorney Wrenn agreed that it was not necessary since the Board is acting on the matter.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Russ May, and unanimously carried, the Board approved adopting the following resolution approving the memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the state of North Carolina and local governments on proceeds relating to the settlement of opioid litigation, and authorized

staff to execute any necessary documents required to sign Granville County onto the national settlement:

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF GRANVILLE APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID LITIGATION

WHEREAS, as of 2019, the opioid epidemic had taken the lives of more than 16,500 North Carolinians, torn families apart, and ravaged communities from the mountains to the coast; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has compounded the opioid crisis, increasing levels of drug misuse, addiction, and overdose death; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates the total "economic burden" of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States is \$78.5 billion a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement; and

WHEREAS, Granville County has been negatively impacted by the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, certain counties and municipalities in North Carolina joined with thousands of local governments across the country to file lawsuits against opioid manufacturers and pharmaceutical distribution companies and hold those companies accountable for their misconduct; and

WHEREAS, representatives of local North Carolina governments, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and the North Carolina Department of Justice have negotiated and prepared a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to provide for the equitable distribution of any proceeds from a settlement of national opioid litigation to the State of North Carolina and individual local governments; and

WHEREAS, Local Governments and the State of North Carolina anticipate a settlement in the national opioid litigation to be forthcoming; and

WHEREAS, by signing onto the MOA, the state and local governments maximize North Carolina's share of opioid settlement funds to ensure the needed resources reach communities, once a negotiation is finalized, as quickly, effectively, and directly as possible; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to all North Carolinians for local governments, including Granville County and its citizens, to sign onto the MOA and demonstrate solidarity in response to the opioid epidemic, and to maximize the share of opioid settlement funds received both in the state and this county to help abate the harm; and

WHEREAS, the MOA directs substantial resources over multiple years to local governments on the front lines of the opioid epidemic while ensuring that these resources are used in an effective way to address the crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Granville County hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation, and any subsequent settlement funds that may come into North Carolina as a result of the opioid crisis. Furthermore, Granville County authorizes the County Manager and/or County Attorney take such measures as necessary to comply with the terms of the MOA and receive any settlement funds, including executing any documents related to the allocation of opioid settlement funds and settlement of lawsuits related to this matter. Be it further resolved copies of this resolution and the signed MOA be sent to opioiddocs@ncdoj.gov as well as forwarded to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners at communications@ncacc.org.

CLOSED SESSION REQUESTS

County Manager Felts and County Attorney Wrenn stated that they had matters of attorney-client privilege for closed session.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner May thanked the Board for their prayers for his recent knee surgery.

Commissioner Karan announced that UNC School of Government will be holding another Advanced Leadership class and applications are due November 10th. He recommended that any Board member interested apply. He announced that the Cooperative Extension Appreciation Banquet will be held on Thursday, October 21st at Carlee Farms and that he will be attending. He reported that he requested that the Executive Director of SGWASA get with County Manager Felts to arrange a time to present an update to the Board of Commissioners at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Smith thanked staff for arranging for the tour of the new Health Department today and thanked Scott Phillips, Director of Development Services, for his work on that project.

DURING PRESENTATIONS, BOARD APPOINTED ROB ADKINS TO THE KERR-TAR REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commissioner Smith said there has been a vacancy on the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments Board of Directors and he would like to make an appointment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Rob Adkins to the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments Board of Directors.

PRESENTATIONS CONTINUE

Chair Hinman reported that she and Commissioner Jay attended the ribbon cutting for the new round-about in downtown Oxford and the open house for Un-Rappin' the Gift and He Matters.

BOARD WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, seconded by Commissioner Russ May, and unanimously carried, the Board went into closed session as allowed by G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss an attorney-client matter.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board returned to regular session.

COMMISSIONERS ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

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