

OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
September 6, 2022

The Members of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, Granville Expo and Convention Center, 4185 US Highway 15 South, Oxford.

Present were:

Chair: Tony W. Cozart

Commissioners: Jimmy Gooch Timothy Karan
Russ May David T. Smith

Sue Hinman and Zelodis Jay were absent.

Interim County Manager: Douglas P. Logan

Assistant County Manager: Korena Weichel

County Attorney: James C. Wrenn, Jr.

News Reporters: Donna Perkins – *Oxford Public Ledger*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman Tony W. Cozart called the meeting to order. He then acknowledged that Commissioners Sue Hinman and Zelodis Jay were absent and asked that the Board pray for them and their families. Commissioner David T. Smith gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0, the Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Approved the Minutes of the December 6, 2021 Regular Meeting and December 20, 2021 Special Meeting.
- (B) Approved transferring the following fleet vehicle to the Oxford-Henderson Aeronautics Authority:

2010 Chevrolet Impala
VIN - 2GIWA5EK4A1225888
Asset Tag# - 21288
License Tag# - 63855-T

LEAD FOR NORTH CAROLINA FELLOW INTRODUCTION

Chairman Cozart stated that the purpose of this item was to introduce Keegan Rapp, Granville County's 2022-2023 Lead for North Carolina Fellow. He shared with the Board that Lead for North Carolina (LFNC) is a fellowship program that aims to create the next generation

of local government leaders in North Carolina by placing recent college graduates in high-impact positions in local governments across the state. Chairman Cozart continued that the Board is very happy that Granville County is participating in this program and then asked Assistant County Manager, Korena Weichel to come and share comments and introduce Granville County's fellow.

Assistant County Manager Weichel shared with the Board that through a competitive process, Granville County was one of a select number of counties chosen to host an LFNC Fellow for the 2022-2023 program year. The LFNC Fellow, Keegan Rapp, will be working with County Administration through the program year which began August 1, 2022 and runs through June 30, 2023. She stated further that Keegan is from the City of Belmont in Gaston County, North Carolina. And graduated magna cum laude from Queens University of Charlotte earning a BA in Political Science with a minor in interfaith education. At Queens, Keegan was able to take a semester abroad in Sweden where he studied international law and sustainability through the John Belk International Program. He was sponsored by Queens to attend the Washington Center Academic Internship program in Washington D.C. where he worked at a nonpartisan lobbying firm for companies like NAPA, DocuSign, and Evoqua. He was also awarded the Universities' Diversity Inclusion Civic Engagement award in 2019, and was inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honors Society. She noted that Keegan has previous experience in college admissions, student engagement, teaching, and pre-college programming for high school students. He also led a team of 11 as an AmeriCorps team leader serving in rural Colorado building houses in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Most recently, Mr. Rapp was the Educational Coordinator for the Wharton School's Global Youth program at the University of Pennsylvania before arriving in Granville County. Assistant County Manager Weichel stated that Mr. Rapp was there and she asked him to come and introduce himself in his own way.

Mr. Rapp stated that he was very happy to be in Granville County and thanked the Board for welcoming him to Granville County. He stated that he had been in the county for nearly a month, and noted that the people in Granville County are so nice. He stated that there had not been a single person who has not been happy to meet him and he could not say that about anywhere else he had ever been. He stated that the community in this county is real and that he is very happy to work and serve the county and take advantage of this opportunity.

Keegan went on to say that he will be working on several different projects including public capacity-building efforts and recruitment for the Sheriff's Office and Detention Center. He is also working with Terry Hobgood, Public Information Officer, on website design. He is also working on GREAT grants, Broadband initiatives, and he will be assisting Justin Jorgensen in the Greenways Committee Recreation programs. He stated that that was just a sample of a few of the things he will be working on. Keegan went on to thank everyone for his being there and for those who chose him as the intern for Granville County. He gave a special thanks to Assistant County Manager Weichel because he would not be in Granville County if she had not written the grant herself and gotten it awarded for him. He stated that it is a privilege to work in the same building with her every day.

Chairman Cozart wished Keegan a very good experience and noted that he will be assisting at a time when he can really gain a lot of experience in many different areas. He stated that what Keegan mentioned is that he has felt about the people in Granville County—that this has been his home all his life and Keegan is right, it is real. He welcomed and thanked Keegan and he presented him with a copy of the Granville County 275 years Commemorative book and coin.

Keegan added that he forgot to mention that in reference to recruiting for the Sheriff's Office and Detention, they would be hosting a job fair on September 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and asked if they knew of anyone to have them register online for the event.

AFTER HOLDING PUBLIC HEARING, BOARD APPROVED THE APPLICATION, FUNDING MATCH, AND RESOLUTION FOR THE NC DOT 5310 TRANSPORTATION GRANT FOR SENIOR SERVICES

Chairman Cozart said the next item was to hold a public hearing on the NC DOT 5310 Transportation Grant application for funding during the fiscal year 2023-2024 fiscal year. He announced that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive comments from the public on the 5310 Transportation Grant.

At this point, Chairman Cozart declared the public hearing open and then recognized Kathy May, Senior Services Director, for a brief overview.

Kathy May, Senior Services Director, 107 Lanier Street, Oxford, NC, stated that Granville County Senior Services applied for the 5310 Transportation Grant through the North Carolina Department of Transportation for an in-town Oxford fixed route. The services are purchased from KARTS for a route that runs Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the city

limits of Oxford. Funded projects are selected through a selection process and are not guaranteed. Granville County has been receiving 5310 federal funding from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) since 2010. She said that the grant application and documents are due by October 7th and preliminary documents have been filed. She then explained that the fixed route makes 16 stops that start at the Granville County Senior Center in Oxford and include stops at eight (8) senior housing developments, two (2) pharmacies, two (2) grocery stores, the local hospital, and downtown next to the post office. She noted that before COVID, the service provided 17,792 one-way trips. When COVID hit in 2020 and 2021, ridership numbers dropped drastically, and the route was paused but has now restarted and the numbers are climbing. The numbers now reflect the largest ridership since 2019. Another grant, the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) qualifies to be used for the 10% local match. She said she would be happy to answer any questions.

Commissioner Russ May noted that as explained before, this grant is in Oxford because it meets the criteria for there.

Director May said that as asked last year, she checked about services in the southern end of the county. She noted that KARTS has cut some services due to the lack of drivers. She said she contacted Bradford Daniels, a private transportation driver, and he agreed to run services in the Butner/Creedmoor area on Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon for seniors to run errands. He was scheduled to start the first Friday in February. She said they did surveys and had only one (1) interested person and due to the cost of \$100 per day, it did not seem feasible to provide the service at this time. She said they will continue to do surveys to see how they can better meet the needs in that area. She reported that they spend approximately \$3,000 a month to bring seniors to the South Granville Senior Center and noted that everyone in Granville County has free medical transportation three (3) days a week to Durham, Raleigh, and Chapel Hill through a grant that the Kerr-Tar Council of Government provides. She said she will continue to evaluate the transportation needs in the southern end.

Commissioner May thanked Director May and said if Creedmoor City Manager Mike Turner, Mayor Bobby Wheeler, and the new South Granville Senior Center Director are made aware, maybe it will generate more interest.

With no one wishing to speak, Commissioner Cozart closed the public hearing.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Russ May, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution to submit the application for the NC DOT 5310 Transportation Grant funding for fiscal year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$161,000 and the 10% match of \$16,100 to be included in the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget:

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM RESOLUTION

FY 2024 RESOLUTION

Section 5311 (including ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307 and applicable State funding, or combination thereof.

Applicant seeking permission to apply for Public Transportation Program funding, enter into agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, provide the necessary assurances and the required local match.

A motion was made by David T. Smith and seconded by Russ May for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) as the agency responsible for administering federal and state public transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply for a grant from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance for rural public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for the provision of rural, small urban, and urban public transportation services consistent with the policy requirements of each funding source for planning, community and agency involvement, service design, service alternatives, training and conference participation, reporting and other requirements (drug and alcohol testing policy and program, disadvantaged business enterprise program, and fully allocated costs analysis); and

WHEREAS, the funds applied for may be Administrative, Operating, Planning, or Capital funds and will have different percentages of federal, state, and local funds.

WHEREAS, non-Community Transportation applicants may apply for funding for “purchase-of-service” projects under the Capital Purchase of Service budget, Section 5310 program.

WHEREAS, Granville County hereby assures and certifies that it will provide the required local matching funds; that its staff has the technical capacity to implement and manage the project(s), prepare required reports, obtain required training, attend meetings and conferences; and agrees to comply with the federal and state statutes, regulations, executive orders, Section 5333 (b) Warranty, and all administrative requirements related to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration, as well as the provisions of Section 1001 of Title 18, U. S. C.

WHEREAS, the applicant has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the State of North Carolina required for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Interim County Manager of Granville County is hereby authorized to submit grant application (s) for federal and state funding in response to NCDOT’s calls for projects, make the necessary assurances and certifications and be empowered to enter into an agreement with the NCDOT to provide rural, small urban, and urban public transportation services.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Mattocks, 510 Dabney Drive, Suite B, Henderson, NC 27536, stated that he was there on behalf of Vance Recovery in Henderson, NC and they are an Opioid Treatment

Program. He stated that he was there to talk about a vision that he feels would assist Granville County. He stated that the program serves many people from Vance, Granville, Warren, and Franklin Counties and that they have resources that are disconnected at present but that they do have recovery innovations that are now called "First Hope." He continued that they are great partners with Vance Recovery. He stated further that they also have Rural Health Group, Vision Behavioral Health, and Daymark, however, he would love if they could have a way of working together seamlessly where they could interact with people who are suffering from opioid use disorder. Mr. Mattocks stated further that their business is treating people who cannot be trusted with two doses of medicine. He stated that they hoped to move them to a different category but that fighting opioid use disorder is quite a task. He continued that he could see a person overdose on the side of the road and EMS bringing them to First Hope or Recovery Innovations; sitting in the 24-hour chair and the next morning coming to Vance Recovery and getting started with treatment. Once they step down from Vance Recovery, they could send them to an office-based provider. He stated that they do have all of the resources in their region ready to serve these people and stop the two epidemics - overdose deaths and opioid use disorders. Mr. Mattocks stated that he would love to have a conversation about that.

Chairman Cozart stated that he appreciated Mr. Mattocks coming to the Board meeting and offering that service. He noted that Commissioner Jimmy Gooch serves as Chair of Granville County's Opioid Advisory Committee, and he was able to hear Mr. Mattocks's comments.

Commissioner Gooch noted when the next meeting was scheduled for the Opioid Advisory Committee and invited Mr. Mattocks to come join that meeting so they can discuss it further. He thanked Mr. Mattocks for his comments.

Katelyn Sellgren, 1098 Lake Ridge Drive, Creedmoor, NC, stated that she has started a petition and she added all the Board members as decision makers on the petition and sent them an email that gives them direct access. She stated that this petition has garnered over 900 signatures in the last month and that she plans to keep it open. Ms. Sellgren provided the following document for the Board's review:

Up to 900 new construction homes are planned for South Granville County with a mixture of private and community wells. Many communities have concerns on the impact these new homes will have on water quantity and quality because the most recent water study was completed in 1972. Additionally, a 2010 USGS study, out of Raleigh, concluded both that aquifer levels had dropped from 15-50 ft below the surface to 100-200 ft below the surface between the 1980-1990s

time frame and the start of the study in 2008 and that community wells were the result of tangentially located private well failures. This study indicates the impact of growth on the overall quantity of water available in the local aquifer.

The Granville County governmental entities need to be proactive in promoting sustainable growth by ensuring sufficient groundwater resources for existing and new construction. We, the citizens of South Granville County, are petitioning the local policymakers including Tim Karan our Commissioner along with The Board of Commissioners and Barry Baker and the Planning Board to take the following actions:

1. Place a moratorium on all new construction in South Granville County until the completion of a comprehensive water study that assesses the current water quantity and quality in South Granville County and the publication of the results and conclusions in an appropriately peer-reviewed report.
2. Remove the provision for community wells from the Granville County ordinances and restore the 1-acre lot minimum within the watershed, regardless of the results of the water study.
3. To be paid for by the Developer: Pre (before housing is developed in subdivision) & Post (once the final lot in subdivision has been erected w/water services turned on) well testing of all adjacent property owners' wells within 2,000 LF of all the new community wells approved prior to the legislative reversal mentioned in point 2. Each well must be checked to meet health/safety standards for lead/sulfur/magnesium and to confirm each adjacent well owner continues to have the same recharge rate posted on their well heads prior to the drilling of a community well.
4. Provide a comprehensive government lead assistance plan for any individual whose well fails due to new construction including but not limited to technical and monetary coverage to locate and drill a new well or installation of a secondary water source to the resident.

Ms. Sellgren added that it was also recently brought to her attention that on the Environmental Affairs Committee, the person for District 6 actually lives in District 7, so she applied for the position since she does live in District 6, and she asked what qualifications she would need for that position. She continued that she does have a Ph.D. in Engineering as well as degrees in Chemical Biomedical and Tissue Engineering. She stated further that she has spent 15 years of leading and managing scientific and engineering projects; six of which are in water sanitation, hygiene, and infectious disease and she also holds multiple patents in that area. She stated that she would love to serve on that committee and serve her community.

Chairman Cozart thanked Ms. Sellgren and Mr. Mattocks for their comments.

**BOARD APPROVED LATE APPLICATION – DISABLED VETERAN
FREDERICK DIMON**

Chairman Cozart stated that the purpose of the next item was to consider the approval of the untimely filed application for the Disabled Veterans Exclusion, and he asked that Jenny Griffin, Tax Administrator come and share this item with the Board.

Tax Administrator Griffin presented a disabled veteran's late application to the Board. According to North Carolina General Statute 105-282.1(a)(1), upon a showing of good cause by an applicant for failure to make a timely application, an application for exemption or exclusion filed after the close of the listing period may be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. This subsection applies only to property taxes levied by the county or municipality in the calendar year in which the untimely application is filed. Tax Administrator Griffin continued that this application was started in February 2022, by Frederick Dimon. Mr. Dimon visited Veterans Services and he worked with former Veterans Services Officer Frazier. Mr. Dimon passed away unexpectedly on April 20, 2022, and his wife thought everything had been taken care of. She stated that Mrs. Dimon's husband had informed her that Veterans Services was going to take care of his application and send his paperwork to Winston-Salem and that was not done.

Chairman Cozart thanked Ms. Griffin and stated that they had had a similar situation last month. He continued that the Tax Administrator recommends approval of the late application for Disabled Veterans.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Russ May, and unanimously carried by 5-0, the Board approved the late application of Frederick Dimon for Disabled Veterans.

Commissioner May stated that he had spoken with Tax Administrator Griffin of streamlining the process with the Tax Office and the Veterans Services Office so that when we have a Veteran that is in need of assistance and maybe more than someone else because of their disability, that we would make the extra effort either through writing or some form of communications with them and to also ensure that they are provided that escort to the Veterans Office and to see that they get the attention that they have earned.

BOARD APPROVED TWO VEHICLES FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Chairman Cozart noted that the purpose of this item was to consider the purchase of two vehicles for the Granville County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit.

Sheriff John Hardy stated that this purchase was for two undercover vehicles for the Narcotics Unit with funding from the Asset Forfeiture Funds within a \$100,000 spending limit he noted that sample pricing from a local vendor was included in the agenda.

Chairman Cozart noted to the Board that in their agenda packet, the Sheriff made note that the department is in immediate need of replacing two of the existing undercover vehicles. Due to the possibility of price variances and vehicle availability between the time when quotes were received and approval is made for the purchase, the Sheriff requested authorization to expend up to \$100,000.00 on this purchase, utilizing U.S. Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture funds in support of the Narcotics Unit.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board approved the purchase of two (2) undercover vehicles for the Narcotics Unit up to \$100,000.00 from Oxford Car and Truck using U.S. Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture funds.

Interim County Manager Doug Logan noted that the Sheriff is looking at lease options for vehicles going forward so his department can make an easier swap out and any purchasing will fall in line with County purchasing policies.

PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Commissioner May stated that the Leandro Decision is still in discussion between the courts and the Legislature regarding \$780 million in funding for public education. He stated that whatever decision is made will affect county budgets.

BOARD APPROVED APPOINTMENTS OF LYNN ALLRED (DISTRICT 1), ANNE PAYNE (DISTRICT 5), AND MARTHA WRENN (DISTRICT 2) TO THE GRANVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Commissioner Smith said he would like to nominate Lynn Allred for the District 1 seat per Commissioner Jay's request.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board approved the appointment of Lynn Allred (District 1) to the Granville County Library System Board of Trustees.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board approved the appointment of Anne Payne (District 5) to the Granville County Library System Board of Trustees.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Russ May, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Martha Wrenn (District 2) to the Granville County Library System Board of Trustees due to the untimely death of Mrs. Helen Mitchell.

Commissioner Smith went on to say that the Board would like to thank Mrs. Mitchell and her family for her time and dedication to the Library System.

BOARD APPROVED THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF BOBBY E. TALLEY, JR. (DISTRICT 1), MARSHALL TANNER (DISTRICT 2), KATHRINE NOEL (DISTRICT 1 APPOINTED BY DISTRICT 3), WILMA MOORE (DISTRICT 2 APPOINTED BY DISTRICT 4), AND JOHN MARTIN (DISTRICT 5) TO THE GRANVILLE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried 5-0 per Commissioner Zelodis Jay's request, the Board approved the reappointment of Bobby E. Talley, Jr. (District 1) to the Granville County Economic Development Advisory Board.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board approved the reappointment of Marshall Tanner (District 2) to the Granville County Economic Development Advisory Board.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried 5-0, per Commissioners Sue Hinman and Zelodis Jay, the Board approved the reappointment of Kathrine Noel (District 1) to the Granville County Economic Development Advisory Board.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board approved the reappointment of Wilma Moore (District 2) to the Granville County Economic Development Advisory Board.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board approved the reappointment of John Martin (District 5) to the Granville County Economic Development Advisory Board.

BOARD APPROVED APPOINTMENTS OF CHRISTOPHER DETHMERS, VETERANS REPRESENTATIVE, DAVID REICHERT-ADDICTION TREATMENT REPRESENTATIVE, ANNETTE MEYERS-CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE, AND THE POSITION OF PEER-SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVE (PERSON TO BE NAMED AT A FUTURE MEETING) TO THE OPIOID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman Cozart noted that the purpose is to make appointments to the Opioid Advisory Committee. He stated that the Opioid Advisory Committee recommended approval of four new positions to serve on the committee to gain additional expertise and improve outreach to certain demographics. Chairman Cozart stated that the four positions to be added were in the agenda packets. He then asked Commissioner Jimmy Gooch if he had any comments to share before the Board entertained a motion.

Commissioner Jimmy Gooch stated that due to the Opioid Settlement, they had been advised that they needed to add additional members in certain areas.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board approved four additional positions and members as follows to the Opioid Advisory Committee:

Veteran Representative

Granville County Veterans Services Officer or designee – Christopher Dethmers

Addiction Treatment Representative

R.J. Blackley Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center Director of Outpatient Services or designee – David Reichert

Citizen Representative

Annette Meyers

Peer-Support Representative

To be named at a future meeting

BOARD APPROVED ANIMAL CONTROL CHANGE OF OPERATING HOURS

Chairman Cozart stated that the purpose of this item was to consider proposed public operating time changes for the Animal Shelter. He then asked Matt Katz, Animal Management Director, to share the background for this request.

Mr. Katz stated that it is his desire to close the shelter to the public on Mondays but obviously, they would still answer calls and have someone fielding calls to eliminate some of the foot traffic in the building. He stated that they are currently open six days a week. He stated further that they would like to expand their hours on Saturday as that is when most families and potential adopters can come in and look at the animals. Mr. Katz noted that it would also give his department an opportunity for training and for larger projects that would require the staff to not have to constantly run to the door to give rabies vaccines, take in stray animals, adoption counseling, etc. Ultimately, it would give them more time to better themselves and produce a better product for the county and the community. He then asked if there were any questions or concerns.

Commissioner May asked if this would net any additional costs not covered by the current budget.

Mr. Katz stated that there would be a few hours of time for one part-time employee that only typically works 15 hours per week but the money is in the budget. He stated that the remainder of the staff stay until 4:30 or 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays anyway to clean, feed and do any additional tasks, so it would be a normal day for them. He stated further that they would

not move any other staff around besides the individual who answers the phones so the normal staff would be in on Mondays to do larger projects such as deep cleaning.

Commissioner May also asked if additional vet services will be added on the weekends.

Mr. Katz stated that it was not so much veterinary services, but rather training as it is hard to get staff to come in and participate in training as they currently close one Wednesday per month to do that.

Commissioner Karan stated that it is difficult to get the family together on a weekday when you are at work to try and come adopt an animal so the expanded hours should be conducive to helping folks to come together as a family to adopt pets. He stated that he is fully in support of the request to change their hours.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board approved the recommendation by the Animal Management Director and the Animal Control Advisory Committee for modification to the public operating hours of the Animal Shelter as follows:

Saturday Hours – 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Monday – Closed to the public

Chairman Cozart stated that he appreciated Mr. Katz noting that calls will be answered on Mondays as that is very important to the public.

Chairman Gooch asked if Mr. Katz would be getting information out to the public regarding the change of hours.

Mr. Katz stated that he would work with the County Manager to schedule exactly when this change will be implemented so that everyone will have fair notice. He stated further during emergencies, they would still answer the door as his staff does not do this for the money, but they do it for their passion for the animals and to serve the public.

Interim County Manager Logan stated that he wanted to clarify that the office itself will not be closed, but just the public part of the shelter will be closed on Monday with extended hours on Saturday.

BOARD APPROVED NC STATE HIGHWAY PATROL GRANT

Chairman Cozart stated that the purpose was to consider authorizing Administration to receive a grant on behalf of the NC State Highway Patrol. He then asked Interim County Manager Logan to provide the background for this item.

County Manager Logan stated that the NC Department of Public Safety, NC Division of Emergency Management, and NC State Highway Patrol have requested that Granville County, as a user of the NC Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders (VIPER), receive an equipment and service grant in the amount of \$400,000.00 on their behalf. This a reversion grant, in which Granville County agrees to sign the Memorandum of Agreement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) and subsequently issue a letter of reversion of the funds to the NC State Highway Patrol to expend on behalf of Granville County and other entities in the State for the purposes stated in the forthcoming MOU. He explained that FEMA requires that a unit of local government be the recipient of the grant and that Granville County has served as recipient for similar pass-through grants in the past. There are no matching funds required and because of the reversion letter, no funding will be received or dispersed by Granville County.

Chairman Cozart stated that the Board is so happy to have done this in the past and that the County Manager recommends authorizing Administration to act as a recipient of the grant and immediately issue a letter to the granting agency for the funding to be reverred to the NC State Highway Patrol and asked for a motion to approve.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board approved authorizing Granville County Administration to act as the recipient of an equipment and service grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency on behalf of the NC State Highway Patrol in the amount of \$400,000 and immediately issue a letter to the granting agency for the funding to be reverted to the NC State Highway Patrol.

GRANVILLE COUNTY EMPLOYEE NC DOT FALL LITTER SWEEP EVENT

Chairman Cozart announced Granville County's participation in the "Fall 2022 Litter Sweep." Granville County has taken an active stance to help address litter issues in the County. twice each year. County staff and Commissioners are provided an opportunity to participate in a litter cleanup program in conjunction with the NCDOT (North Carolina Department of Transportation) Litter Sweep Program. He stated that this event is scheduled for Friday, September 16, 2022 and that the Board wanted to thank in advance any of Granville County's employees and board members that will be participating. He noted that this is for information purposes only.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- County Attorney Wrenn stated that he had property acquisition, economic development, personnel, and attorney-client privilege matters for closed session.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Smith stated that he missed last month's meeting because his oldest sister, Rebecca Lewis died. He thanked the Board publicly for their support during his loss.

DURING BOARD PRESENTATIONS, BOARD APPROVED SPONSORSHIP OF TABLE FOR THE CRIME STOPPERS BANQUET

Commissioner Smith stated that the Granville County Crime Stoppers Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, and in keeping with the past, he was making a motion that the County purchase a table for \$120 in support of our Granville County Crime Stoppers.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Russ May, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board approved purchasing a table in the amount of \$120 in support of the Granville County Crime Stoppers Awards Banquet to be held October 25, 2022.

Commissioner Smith also stated to the public that if anyone was interested in purchasing a table, please contact any Crime Stoppers member and noted that they do have a website that is in honor of our law enforcement and showing appreciation for them.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS CONTINUE

Commissioner May announced that the first Granville County Fire Commission meeting was held recently and that it was very informative. He reported that the consultant has basically concluded his work, noting that an extremely comprehensive study was conducted that consists of a 200-plus page document with a lot of underlying data and the commission was formed. He stated that they will have meetings coming forth at the end of the month and several meetings before the budget year begins as they continue to look at how those funds from the fire tax will be expended this next fiscal year.

Chairman Cozart stated that it was a very informative meeting and he enjoyed it. He appreciated all the leadership on that; it was well done.

Commissioner Jimmy Gooch did not have anything to report; however, he wanted to remind everyone that on September 17th the Creedmoor Music Festival will be held in Creedmoor.

Chairman Cozart noted that the Hot Sauce Festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, September 10th. He stated that this festival is well attended by people in and outside of Granville County and that the City of Oxford would love for everyone to come out and enjoy themselves. He also expressed his gratitude to the Board at the loss of his stepmother and noted that he really appreciated their kindness during that time. He shared that in times like these, it gives one an opportunity to reflect on life and put things into perspective.

Commissioner Russ May congratulated Sheriff Hardy on becoming a new grandfather.

BOARD WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, seconded by Commissioner David T. Smith, and unanimously carried, the Board went into closed session as allowed by G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), (4), (5), and (6) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged; to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations; to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract; and to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee.

*Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board returned to open session.

BOARD AUTHORIZED THE FINALIZATION OF NEW COUNTY MANAGER CONTRACT

Chairman Cozart asked for a motion regarding the new County Manager's contract.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, seconded by Commissioner David T. Smith, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board approved authorizing the County Manager, County Attorney, and Human Resources to finalize the contract for the new County Manager.

**BOARD DIRECTED THE COUNTY MANAGER AND HUMAN RESOURCES TO
WORK WITH THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL HOURS AND
FUNDING FOR STAFF FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS SURGE**

Chairman Cozart asked for a motion regarding Board of Elections matters.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried 5-0, the Board approved directing the County Manager and Human Resources to work with the Board of Elections for additional hours and funding for staff to cover the upcoming elections surge.

BOARD APPROVED

Chairman Cozart asked for a motion regarding the Interim County Manager, Doug Logan's hours.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, seconded by Commissioner David T. Smith, and unanimously carried, the Board approved lifting the 29.5 hours per week limit for Interim County Manager Douglas P. Logan.

BOARD ADJOURNED

Upon a motion by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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Clerk to the Board