

OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
August 2, 2021

The Members of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Granville Expo and Convention Center, 4185 US Highway 15 South, Oxford.

Present were:

Chairman: Sue Hinman

Commissioners: Tony W. Cozart Jimmy Gooch
Zelodis Jay Russ May
David T. Smith

Timothy Karan was absent.

County Manager: Michael S. Felts was absent.
Assistant County Manager: Korena Weichel
County Attorney: James C. Wrenn, Jr. entered the meeting via phone at 7:20 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m., Chair Sue Hinman called the meeting to order. She then recognized Commissioner Russ May for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, 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 | \$ | 180,000 |
| School Bond D/S Contingency | \$ | 100,000 |
| Environmental Disaster Contingency | \$ | 10,000 |
| General Fund Appropriated Fund Balance | \$ | 5,645,236 |
- (B) Approved the Emergency Services FY 2021-2022 Fee Schedule Revision for Fire Marshal fees as follows:
- The North Carolina Building Code size requirements for Temporary Membrane Structures and Tents have changed. These units will no longer require inspection unless they are more than 800 square feet (enclosed structure) or 1800 square feet (open structure). These changes to the current fee schedule are highlighted in blue on the attached document.
 - Emergency Services would like to add a \$10 flat rate Fire Department Inspection fee for routine inspections of a fire department. This addition to the current fee schedule is highlighted in yellow on the attached document.
 - Site Plan Review also needs to be reinstated since the department will be doing new tanks again. This addition to the current fee schedule is highlighted in yellow on the attached document.
- (C) Approved the final Order Granting Major Special Use Permit for 3142 Henry Wilson Road, Oxford as follows:

**GRANVILLE COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORDER GRANTING MAJOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

On the date listed below, the Board of Commissioners for Granville County (the “Board”) met and held a quasi-judicial hearing to consider the following application.

Applicant: Cellco Partnership, dba Verizon Wireless

Owners of record David and Gayle Cheek (as of date of hearing)

Property Location: 3142 Henry Wilson Road, Oxford, NC 27312, Granville County, NC 27565

Tax Parcel Id. Number: 191604614446

Legal Description: See attached Exhibit “A”

Proposed Use of Property: New Wireless Support Structure

Meeting Date: June 21, 2021

Having heard and reviewed all the evidence and arguments presented at the hearing, the Board finds that the application is complete and that, based upon the evidence presented, the proposed new wireless support structure complies with all of the applicable requirements of the Granville County Land Development Ordinance (the “Ordinance”) for the use proposed, specifically including, but not limited to, the standards in Chapter 32 of the Ordinance and the specific requirements for the proposed use set out in Article IX (Wireless Telecommunications Facilities) of Chapter 32 of the Ordinance. Therefore, the Board grants the application to make use of the above-described property for the purpose indicated herein and the same is hereby approved, subject to all applicable provisions of the Ordinance and the terms hereinafter set forth.

In making this decision, the Board reviewed the six standards in Ordinance § 32-1101, including the specific requirements for the proposed use set out in Article IX (Wireless Telecommunications Facilities) of Chapter 32 of the Ordinance. Having heard the evidence presented at this hearing, the Board makes the following **FINDINGS OF FACT** (collectively the “Findings of Fact”):

1. That the following documents and exhibits were submitted into evidence: (i) Applicant’s Granville County Major Special Use Permit Application dated on or around May 4, 2021, including all attachments and addendums thereto (the “SUP Application”); and (ii) Telecommunications Site Review report dated June 1, 2021 prepared by CityScape Consultants, Inc. consisting of nineteen (19) pages (the “Consultant’s Report”).
2. Josh Rotenstreich of the law firm of Teague, Rotenstreich, Stanaland, Fox & Holt PLLC represented the Applicant.
3. That the following persons provided sworn testimony to the Board concerning the application for major special use permit: (i) Josh Rotenstreich, attorney for Applicant; (ii) Susan Rabold, Consultant for CityScape Consultants, Inc., Granville County’s consultant (the “Consultant”); and (iii) Barry Baker, Granville County Planning Director.
3. That the Applicant is requesting a major special use permit to allow a new wireless support structure on property that is zoned AR-40, which use is allowed under the Ordinance but only with a major special use permit. Applicant proposes to construct a new one hundred ninety-nine (199)-foot monopole wireless communication tower with a fenced compound.

4. That the Applicant is seeking a major special use permit to develop a new wireless support structure on the Property herein described in accordance with the site plan attached to the SUP Application accepted into evidence.
5. The applicant signed a written acknowledgment and agreement accepting the following conditions on June 3, 2021, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B.
6. That based on the SUP Application, the Consultant's Report, and the testimony of the Consultant, the Applicant has (i) satisfactorily demonstrated why a site of a higher priority was not selected in accordance with Ordinance § 32-572; (ii) shown that requirements for a new wireless support structure as set out in the Ordinance have been met; and (iii) met, satisfied, and/or complied with the general requirements set out in Article IX (Wireless Telecommunications Facilities) of Chapter 32 of the Ordinance.
7. That no one appeared in opposition to the proposed new wireless support structure.

****Note-there are (2) number 3s on signed order. See above.****

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board makes the following conclusions as to each standard set forth in Section 32-1101 of the Ordinance:

1. All applicable specific conditions pertaining to the proposed use contained in Article IX of Chapter 32 have been or will be satisfied.

The Board unanimously finds, based on the testimony and other evidence presented, including but not limited to Findings of Fact set forth above, which are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein, that the applicant's proposed use of the property will conform to the standards set out above and in Article IX (Wireless Telecommunications Facilities) of Chapter 32 of the Ordinance. No competent evidence, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §160D-1402, was presented in opposition to this finding. The Board unanimously finds that the evidence shows that this finding has been met.

2. Access roads or entrance and exit drives are or will be sufficient in size and properly located to ensure automotive and pedestrian safety and convenience, traffic flow, and control and access in case of fire or other emergency.

The Board unanimously finds, based on the testimony and other evidence presented, including but not limited to the Findings of Fact set forth above, which are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein, that the proposed access and exit drives will be sufficient to meet this requirement. No competent evidence, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §160D-1402, was presented in opposition to this finding. The Board unanimously finds that the evidence shows that this finding has been met.

3. Off-street parking, loading, refuse and other service areas are located so as to be safe and convenient, allow for access in case of emergency, and to minimize economic, glare, odor and other impacts on adjoining properties in the general neighborhood.

The Board unanimously finds, based on the testimony and other evidence presented, including but not limited to the Findings of Fact set forth above, which are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein, that off-street parking, loading, refuse and other service areas, to the extent applicable, are located so as to be safe and convenient, allow for access in case of emergency, and to minimize economic, glare, odor, and other impacts on adjoining properties in the general neighborhood. No competent evidence, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §160D-1402, was presented in opposition to this finding. The Board unanimously finds that the evidence shows that this finding has been met.

4. Utilities, schools, fire, police, and other necessary public and private facilities and services will be adequate to handle the proposed use.

The Board unanimously finds that the evidence shows that this finding has been met. The Board unanimously finds, based on the testimony and other evidence presented, including but not limited to the Findings of Fact set forth above, which are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein, that utilities, fire, police, and emergency services, and other necessary public and private facilities and services, will be adequate to handle the proposed use. No competent evidence, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §160D-1402, was presented in opposition to this finding. The Board unanimously finds that the evidence shows that this finding has been met.

5. The location and arrangement of the use on the site, screening, buffering, landscaping and pedestrian ways harmonize with adjoining properties and the general area and minimize adverse impact.

The Board unanimously finds, based on the testimony and other evidence presented, including but not limited to the Findings of Fact set forth above, which are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein, that the location and arrangement of the use on the site, screening, buffering, landscaping and pedestrian ways harmonize with adjoining properties and the general area and minimize adverse impact. Specifically, the site is in a rural area with natural forest and vegetation surrounding the site. No competent evidence, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §160D-1402, was presented in opposition to this finding. The Board unanimously finds that the evidence shows that this finding has been met.

6. The type, size and intensity of the proposed use, including such considerations as the hours of operation and number of people who are likely to utilize or be attracted to the use, will not have significant adverse impacts on adjoining properties or the neighborhood.

The Board unanimously finds, based on the testimony and other evidence presented, including but not limited to the Findings of Fact set forth above, which are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein, that the type, size and intensity of the proposed use will not have significant adverse impacts on adjoining properties or the neighborhood. Traffic in and out of the site will be minimal and adequate setbacks exist to protect neighbors. No competent evidence, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §160D-1402, was presented in opposition to this finding. The Board unanimously finds that the evidence shows that this finding has been met.

Based upon the evidence presented, the Board unanimously finds that the proposed use meets the requirements set out in the Ordinance for the reasons stated above and, as a result, grants the Applicant's application for a major special use permit.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the application for major special use permit referenced herein be **GRANTED** with the conditions agreed to in writing by the Applicant and the same shall be binding on them and their respective heirs, successors in interest.

EXHIBIT A

The property upon which the proposed Wireless Telecommunications Facility is to be located is known as Granville County Tax Map Number 191604614446 consisting of approximately 71.5 acres as shown on Granville County GIS. For further reference see Deed Book 593, Page 320.

EXHIBIT B

Voluntary Conditions for Verizon Wireless Site #301011 Major Special Use Permit Application In Granville County, NC

Conditions:

1. Applicant shall provide a final set of construction drawings prior to permitting.
2. Applicant shall provide the necessary NEPA and SHPO documentation prior to permitting.
3. Applicant shall submit a new Determination of No Hazard from the FAA for a structure height of 199 feet above ground, stating that the structure does not require aviation obstruction marking and lighting prior to permitting.
4. The monopine shall utilize a denser faux branch configuration and antenna “socks” to make the pole and antennas visually blend with the surroundings.
5. All equipment feed lines shall be routed inside the monopine and all entry ports on the monopine shall be sealed to prevent wildlife intrusion.

Applicant hereby voluntarily accepts the stated conditions for the major special use permit application for a new monopine wireless tower for Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless Site #301011), and will abide by said conditions concerning the major special use application.

BOARD RECOGNIZED GRANVILLE COUNTY VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Chair Hinman recognized the following individuals and organizations for their efforts in delivering meals to homebound senior citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic in conjunction with Granville County Senior Services: Paul Smith, Kathy Ingandela, Vivian Reed, Abie Jeffries, Bess Adcock, Lisa Rains, Charlotte Watson, Ginny Hicks, Darlene Parrish, Nichelle Harris, Gayzelle Parker, Juanita Wilkerson, Shirley Harris, Keith Carrier, Kathy Lashley, Muriel Carrington, South Granville Rotary Club (represented by David Rosenthal), and Granville County Sheriff’s Office School Resource Officers (represented by Jessica Laws). Commissioner Smith and Senior Services Director Kathy May also thanked the volunteers for their service. May reported that 50,000 meals have been delivered in the past year, and the group being recognized this evening is responsible for about 50% of those deliveries.

BOARD HEARD A PRESENTATION FROM THE VIKING EXPERIENCE NC

Hanna Reid and Angela Reid, with The Viking Experience NC, presented the Board of Commissioners with a proposal to host a festival at the Granville Expo Center in March 2022. The festival would mostly utilize the grounds at the Expo Center property, as well as the bathrooms for staff, the kitchen for meal preparation, and the meeting room for a dinner theater event. Hanna Reid explained that a small inaugural event was held in 2021, but more space is needed. She has already received a commitment from the neighboring property owner for event parking. The space would be needed on a Friday for setup, Saturday and Sunday for the event, and The Viking Experience NC will not disturb or

displace the existing rental scheduled for each Sunday in March by a local church in the Expo Center Auditorium.

Commissioner Russ May requested additional information regarding event security. Hanna Reid stated that she will work with the Granville County Sheriff's Office to determine the proper amount of security and to ensure that any private security personnel are properly licensed. Reid also stated that parking attendants would help direct traffic within the parking area to reduce the workload on the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner May also requested information regarding restricting sale of alcoholic beverages to underaged individuals. Reid stated that vendors are responsible for verifying the age of everyone that is sold an alcoholic beverage, or risk losing their North Carolina ABC License. Commissioner Tony Cozart requested additional information regarding costs for attending the event. Reid explained that the general admission ticket would be \$15, and children 8 and under would be free. There would be an additional cost for special activities and events. County Attorney Wrenn asked if liability waivers would be required for attendees. Reid stated that liability waivers would only be needed for the "fight ring," axe throwing, and other similar activities.

Chair Hinman recognized Tourism Development Authority Director Angela Allen. Allen stated that she was in full support of The Viking Experience NC, and said it fits into Granville Tourism's mission to create unique experiences. Allen stated that this event will support local hotels, restaurants, and other businesses throughout the county.

Finally, Angela Reid closed by saying the event is open to people of all backgrounds and hopes that Granville County can be at the forefront of hosting Viking themed events. Assistant County Manager Korena Weichel confirmed that this event would be subject to a rental fee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board approved authorizing The Viking Experience NC to utilize the Granville County Expo Center facility and grounds for their festival planned for March 2022.

BOARD APPOINTED EDUARDO SOSA TO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, seconded by Commissioner Russ May, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Eduardo Sosa to the Human Relations Commission as a District 7 representative.

BOARD APPOINTED TANA CHAMBERLAIN AND REAPPOINTED SARA LLOYD, GORDON AGINGU, MONICA SATTERWHITE, AND REVERAND PHILLIP BETTS TO THE KERR-TAR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Upon motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Sara Lloyd (Higher Education), Gordon Agingu (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation), Monica Satterwhite (Division of Workforce Solutions), and Rev. Phillip Betts (Community-Based Organization), and appointed Tana Chamberlain (Business) to the Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board.

BOARD APPOINTED ANDRE OAKLEY, DAVID YANCEY, LISA HARRISON, MICHAEL FELTS, JIMMY GOOCH, TIM KARAN, RUSS MAY, BOBBY WHEELER, JOHN SNOW, SCOTT PHILLIPS, ELLIOT CLARK, AND DANIELLE HARRIS TO THE OPIOID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Upon motion by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board confirmed appointments to the Opioid Advisory Committee as follows: Andre Oakley (Sheriff's Designee), David Yancey (Law Enforcement Representative), Lisa Harrison (Health Director), Michael Felts (County Manager), Jimmy Gooch (County Commissioner), Timothy Karan (County Commissioner), Russ May (County Commissioner), Bobby Wheeler (Pharmacy Representative), John Snow (Medical/Hospital Representative), Scott Phillips (Family Member Representative), Elliot Clark (Cardinal Innovations Healthcare, Ex-Officio), and Danielle Harris (Drug-Free Coalition of Granville County, Ex-Officio).

BOARD APPOINTED APRIL SHAEFFER, WAYNE HUTSON, AND LAUREN ROBERSON AND REAPPOINTED ALLEN NELSON, GLENDA WILLIAMS, BETTY LOU DAVIS, JOSHUA AVERETTE, IVAN WASHBURN, MICHAEL MCFADDEN, MARILYN HOWARD, AND RICHARD ROTE TO THE PARKS, GREENWAYS, AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner David T. Smith, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Allen Nelson (District 1) to the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Wayne Hutson (District 2) to the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sue Hinman, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Glenda Williams (District 3) to the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner David T. Smith, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Betty Lou Davis (District 4) to the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Joshua Averette (District 5) to the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Ivan Washburn (District 6) to the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Michael McFadden (District 7) to the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed April Shaeffer as an at-large representative to the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Committee.

Upon a motion by Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner David T. Smith, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Marilyn Howard as an at-large representative to the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Richard Rote as an at-large representative to the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Committee.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Lauren Roberson as an at-large representative to the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Committee.

BOARD APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF TEN DODGE CHARGER POLICE VEHICLES

Assistant County Manager Korena Weichel reported that the Sherriff's Office is requesting the purchase of ten (10) Dodge Charger vehicles at a total cost of \$262,652.90 from Performance Automotive in Clinton, NC. These vehicles would be purchased under state contract, and funding was included in the FY 2021-2022 budget.

Commissioner Smith requested information on why the Sherriff's office would purchase 2019 vehicles. Weichel reported that this was a typo in the agenda packet, and the quote was for 2021 models.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of ten (10) Dodge Charger police vehicles from Performance Automotive under state contract pricing for a total cost of \$262,652.90 from the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget.

BOARD APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF TWO DODGE DURANGO PURSUIT VEHICLES AND TWO FORD E-350 TRANSIT CARGO VANS

Assistant County Manager Korena Weichel reported that the Sheriff's Office is requesting the purchase of two Dodge Durango pursuit vehicles and two Ford E-350 transit cargo vans at a total cost of \$119,275.68 from Performance Automotive in Clinton, NC. These vehicles would be purchased under state contract, and funding was included in the FY 2021-2022 budget.

Commissioner Zelodis Jay and Commissioner Russ May requested additional information on what these vehicles would be used for by the Sheriff's office. Major Edward Cash explained that these vehicles would be used for inmate transportation and comply with all federal guidelines in conjunction with the proposed contract with the US Department of Justice included for Board consideration later in this meeting.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of two (2) 2021 Dodge Durango pursuit vehicles and two (2) 2022 Ford E-350 transit cargo vans from Performance Automotive under state contract pricing for a total price not to exceed \$119,275.68 from the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget.

BOARD APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF TWO HAVIS PRISONER INSERTS FOR THE FORD E-350 TRANSIT CARGO VANS FROM DANA SAFETY SUPPLY, INC.

Assistant County Manager Korena Weichel reported that the Sheriff's Office/Detention Center is requesting approval to purchase two Havis prisoner van inserts from Dana Safety Supply, Inc. in Greensboro, NC in the amount of \$40,494.66. These inserts will be used for the Ford E-350 transit cargo vans previously approved. This equipment was not bid under state contract, so three quotes were solicited from Bob Barker Company, Batteries of NC & S.W.S., LLC, and Dana Safety Supply, Inc. Dana Safety Supply, Inc. was the lowest responsible bidder. Funding for this purchase was included in the FY 2021-2022 budget but is subject to Board approval as it exceeds \$10,000.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase of two (2) Havis prisoner van inserts for the Ford E-350 transit cargo vans from Dana Safety Supply, Inc. for a total price of \$40,494.66 from the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget. .

BOARD AUTHORIZED THE COUNTY MANAGER TO SIGN THE DETENTION SERVICES INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Assistant County Manager Korena Weichel reported that the Granville County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center staff have negotiated a contract with the U.S. Marshall Service to house Federal inmates at the Granville County Detention Center. Staff was able to negotiate a \$75 per inmate/per day rate for up to 50 male inmates. Additionally, the agreement includes a guard/transportation rate of \$27 per hour along with reimbursement at the current General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Travel Regulation Mileage Rate for each mile driven.

Commissioner Smith requested information about the contract term. Major Edward Cash responded that the contract term was four years and could be renewed at the same or a new negotiated rate.

Commissioner Cozart discussed the cost of medical care for Federal Inmates and the responsibility that Granville County would bear for these services. Major Cash reported that Granville County would be responsible for medical care on-site, but this was included in the negotiated contract rate. The U.S. Marshall Service would be responsible for outside medical care if an inmate was transported to a hospital. Commissioner Zelodis Jay asked if the Sheriff's Office would be responsible for guard services if an inmate was transported for outside care. Major Cash stated that this was the case, but the contract provides pay for transportation/guard services.

Commissioner Gooch asked if inmates would be transported to the Butner Federal Correctional Institute Hospital. Major Cash responded that the Butner Federal Hospital was only for convicted inmates, and inmates housed at the Granville County Detention Center would be transported to Granville Medical Center in Oxford.

Commissioner Russ May stated that he had spoken to Major Cash about this agreement and wanted to bring to the Board's attention that the Sheriff's Office has proper procedures in place to monitor mentally ill inmates. This was a prerequisite to receive this contract from the US Department of Justice.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the County Manager to sign the Detention Services Intergovernmental Agreement through the U.S. Department of Justice.

Chair Hinman recessed the meeting at 8:15 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

Chair Hinman asked Assistant County Manager Korena Weichel to inform the Sherriff's Office to not hire the two additional employees approved in the FY 2021-2022 budget until after the September 7, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting.

BOARD APPROVED SUBMITTING A FORMAL REQUEST FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (NCACC) TO CONDUCT A PEER REVIEW OF THE GRANVILLE COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Assistant County Manager Korena Weichel reported that the NCACC provides peer review services to its members to review current practices, operating procedures and policies, training needs, overall employee satisfaction, etc. The findings are then presented in a final report to the Board of Commissioners. In 2020, the Emergency Services Department participated in this peer review process, but other departments have not participated due to delays in the NCACC providing this service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Tax Administration Office has been identified as the next County department to participate, but the NCACC needs a formal request from the Board of Commissioners before the process may begin.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board approved submitting a formal request for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners to conduct a peer review of the Granville County Tax Administration Office.

BOARD APPOINTED CHAIR SUE HINMAN AS DELEGATE AND VICE CHAIR TONY W. COZART AS ALTERNATE DELEGATE FOR THE 2021 NCACC CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner David T. Smith, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Chair Sue Hinman as the voting delegate and Vice-Chair Tony Cozart as the alternate delegate for the 2021 NCACC Conference business session.

BOARD AUTHORIZED THE COUNTY MANAGER TO FINALIZE DOCUMENTATION TO TERMINATE THE GRANVILLE COUNTY AND OPEN BROADBAND, LLC MASTER AGREEMENT

Assistant County Manager Korena Weichel reported that due to challenges in timelines and delivery for fixed wireless service contracted by Granville County through Open Broadband, both parties mutually agree that the contract should be terminated. Weichel stated that this step is being taken so that the County may redirect resources to other rural broadband opportunities by utilizing Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. Weichel reported that both parties remain on good terms and are open to working together in the future if an appropriate opportunity presents itself. Weichel stated that the existing agreements for wireless service at the Oak Hill Tower, Granville Athletic Park, and the Expo Center will remain in effect.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner David T. Smith, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the County Manager to finalize documentation to terminate the Granville County and Open Broadband, LLC Master Agreement dated July 1, 2019, with a 60-day notice, or whatever shorter period as may be agreed upon, while allowing the current existing agreements for Oak Hill Tower and public Wi-Fi at the Expo Center and Granville Athletic Park to remain in effect, and further authorized the County Manager to terminate or continue the Wilton Tower Agreement depending on Open Broadband's commitment to finish the project.

Commissioner Cozart requested that the Assistant County Manager investigate opportunities to improve wireless service in the area on and near Fairport Road outside of Oxford. This area consistently has poor wireless service.

BOARD AUTHORIZED A LETTER BE SENT TO THE TAR RIVER LAND CONSERVANCY (TRLC) CONVEYING THE COUNTY'S AGREEMENT TO CONSTRUCT HIKING TRAILS ON THE SMITH CREEK TRACT

Assistant County Manager Korena Weichel reported that today, Granville County Administration received a request from Tar River Land Conservancy (TRLC) to grant permission to construct hiking trails on the Smith Creek Tract outside of Creedmoor. Granville County holds a conservation easement for this property, so TRLC must receive permission before doing any work. The hiking trails will eventually be a part of the Horseshoe Road Nature Preserve.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, the Board approved authorizing a letter or notice be sent to Tar River Land Conservancy to convey the County's agreement to begin construction of hiking trails on the Smith Creek Tract that will be named the Horseshoe Road Nature Preserve. .

BOARD RECOGNIZED BRIAN SHUPING OF VAYA HEALTH

Chair Sue Hinman recognized the Vaya Health Executive Director of Community Relations Brian Shuping, who was present in the audience. Cardinal Health Innovations has merged with Vaya Health, and they are making the rounds at local county commissioner meetings. Shuping requested an opportunity to formally present at a future meeting.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Cozart recognized the 275th Anniversary Committee for their work on the July 24th event at the Granville Athletic Park (GAP). Cozart also commended the NC Department of Transportation for the paving work they are doing in his district. Many constituents have praised how careful and considerate the contractors have been when working around private property. Cozart also reported that

the Granville Education Foundation is holding an event on August 9th at 5:30 p.m. and invited others to join him at this fundraiser. Finally, Cozart reported that Vance-Granville Community College (VGCC) is doing a lot of work to get students enrolled in classes and encouraged anyone interested to sign up for VGCC's very affordable classes.

Commissioner May reported on his attendance at the memorial service for K-9 Jaxson and sent condolences to Jaxson's family. May thanked Chair Sue Hinman and Commissioner Zelodis Jay for attending the service as well. May reported that he and Commissioner Jay are making progress on the Fire Services subcommittee and is pleased with the progress thus far. May hopes to have a proposal ready to be included in the FY 2022-2023 budget. Finally, Commissioner May thanked the parents that attended the public input sessions for Granville County Public Schools and stated that he values the feedback that parents have presented to the School Board.

Chair Hinman thanked everyone that attended the Phase III grand opening for the GAP, and all those that attended the 275th Anniversary event. Hinman noted how hard staff worked on both events and agreed with Commissioner Cozart that she would like to hold a large event at the GAP every year. Hinman also thanked everyone who attended the memorial service for K-9 Jaxson. Hinman reported on the service, and how moving and well done the entire program was for the family. Hinman spoke about K-9 Jaxson's service to the citizens of Granville County, and how loved he and the other K-9s are by their handlers and their families. Hinman reminded everyone that the Opioid Awareness Parade will be held on August 7, and requested all Commissioners attend if possible. Finally, Hinman reported on how successful the National Association of County Commissioners meeting was and looked forward to attending the NCACC Convention in August with her fellow Commissioners.

NOTICE OF BUDGET WORKSHOP

Chair Hinman stated that the Granville County Board of Commissioners will hold a Budget Workshop regarding the American Rescue Plan at the Granville Expo and Convention Center on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

COMMISSIONERS ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra A. Weary, NCCCC, CMC
Clerk to the Board