

OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
July 6, 2021

The Members of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 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 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: Amanda Dixon – Butner-Creedmoor News
Donna Perkins – Oxford Public Ledger

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, 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:

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 Authorizing Resolution for Project Home – Carolina Coops as follows:

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT
North Carolina Department of Commerce Building Reuse Program

WHEREAS, in June 2004, the North Carolina General Assembly passed House Bill 1352, authorizing funds to stimulate economic development and job creation in distressed areas through constructing critical water and wastewater facilities, addressing technology needs, renovation of vacant buildings, and implementation of research and demonstration projects; and,

WHEREAS, in July 2007, the General Assembly passed House Bill 1473 to expand the Economic Infrastructure Fund and to provide funding to facilitate economic transitions in rural communities; and,

WHEREAS, The North Carolina Department of Commerce’s Rural Economic Development Division’s Building Reuse Program was created to spur economic activity and job creation by assisting in the productive use of buildings in rural areas; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Granville is engaged in activities to assist in the productive use of buildings, specifically the renovation of the building for Carolina Coops located at 2144 E Lyon Station Rd., Butner, NC that will increase the number of jobs in the area; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Granville requested grant assistance from the North Carolina Department of Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division's Building Reuse Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GRANVILLE:

That the County of Granville will provide 50% match of the \$400,000 One NC grant award for the project,

That the County of Granville will provide for efficient administration, implementation, and operation/maintenance of the grant.

That the County Manager is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the North Carolina Department of Commerce may request in connection with the grant application and project; to make assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application and grant.

That the County of Granville has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to the grants pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 6th of July 2021.

****The match and resolution were approved at the June 7, 2021 Regular Meeting, but the resolution was not included in that agenda.**

- (C) Approved minor edits to the First Amendment to the Communications Site Lease Agreement between Granville County and USCOC of Greater North Carolina, LLC that was approved May 17, 2021. USCOC of Greater North Carolina, LLC rents space on the Oak Hill Tower and plan to upgrade the equipment. This will increase to rent payment from \$27,224.39 to \$35,948.69 effective July 1, 2021.

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO COMMUNICATIONS SITE LEASE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
GRANVILLE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA AND
USCOC OF GREATER NORTH CAROLINA, LLC**

This First Amendment to Communications Site Lease Agreement (this "Amendment") is made this ____ day of _____, 2021, by and between **GRANVILLE COUNTY**, a body corporate and politic of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter "Lessor", and **USCOC of Greater North Carolina, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company, hereinafter "Lessee". Lessor and Lessee are at times collectively referred to hereinafter as the "Parties" or individually as the "Party".

WHEREAS, Lessor and Lessee, or their predecessors in interest, entered into a certain Communications Site Lease Agreement on October 7, 2014, (the "Agreement"), pursuant to which Lessee leases from Lessor certain portion of Land (the "Land") and space on the Communications Tower (the "Tower Space") at 8362 Charlie Stovall Road, Oxford, North Carolina 27565, which is more particularly described in the Agreement and defined therein as the "Premises"; and

WHEREAS, Lessor and Lessee now desire to amend the Agreement for the purpose of modifying Lessee's equipment on the Premises, which will increase the Lessee's loading factor on the Tower; and

WHEREAS, Lessor is willing to permit Lessee to modify its equipment and increase the loading of the subject Tower in consideration of adjustments to the Rent payable under the Agreement and in conjunction with the modifications to the Agreement contained herein; and

WHEREAS, Lessor and Lessee desire to amend the Agreement to modify the address within the notice paragraph thereof; and

WHEREAS, the parties intend that all terms and conditions as stated in the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, subject to and superseded by the amendments contained herein in the First Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Lessor and Lessee have mutually agreed upon the terms and conditions as modified herein and as allowed by North Carolina law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree to be legally bound to this First Amendment as follows:

1. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference. Except as expressly set forth in this First Amendment, all defined terms herein used shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Agreement.
2. To clarify the lists and diagrams depicting Lessee's authorized equipment, the parties hereby agree that: Exhibit D to the Agreement, which sets forth the description of the equipment installed on the Premises by Lessee, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Exhibit D-1, attached hereto and made a part hereof. In the event of any discrepancy between Exhibit D and D-1, Exhibit D-1 shall control.
3. Section 22 (d) of the Agreement is amended in part to revise the Lessor and Lessee address for notices as follows:

Lessor:
Granville County
143 Williamsboro Street
Oxford, NC 27565
Attn: County Manager

Lessee:
USCOC of Greater North Carolina LLC,
8410 West Bryn Mawr Ave.
Chicago, IL 60631
Attention: Real Estate Department

With copies to:
CityScape Consultants, Inc.
2423 S Orange Ave. #317
Orlando, FL 32806
Attn: Contract Administration

With copies to:

County Attorney:
James C. Wrenn, Jr.
Hicks Wrenn, PLLC
P.O. Box 247 (mail)
111 Gilliam St. (delivery)
Oxford, NC 27565

4. Effective, July 1, 2021 ("Effective Date"), the new annual base rent ("Base Rent") amount shall be Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred One and 64/100 Dollars (\$34,901.64). Lessee shall pay to Lessor the difference between the new annual Base Rent amount and the sum paid on or about September 1, 2020 of Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Four and 39/100 Dollars (\$27,224.39) for Annual Rent, the amount to be prorated as of the Effective Date of this First Amendment (the "Rent Adjustment Payment"). The Rent Adjustment Payment shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the execution of the First Amendment. All remaining provisions of Section 4 of the Agreement, including the annual percentage rent increases, shall remain in full force and effect. For example, On September 1, 2021, the annual rent for the year ending August 31, 2022, shall be Thirty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Eight and 69/100 Dollars (\$35,948.69), which is 103% of the Annual Rent amount payable the immediately preceding year ending August 31, 2021.
5. Lessee acknowledges and agrees that it shall reasonably cooperate with any other Lessees on the Tower in coordination of its proposed modifications. Lessee further acknowledges and agrees that this First Amendment shall not become effective until the Lessor's approval of the modifications and confirmation that the improvements do not adversely affect the structural stability and wind-loading capability of the Tower.
6. Lessor and Lessee each hereby warrant to the other that the person executing this First Amendment on behalf of the warranting party has the full right, power and authority to enter into, and execute, this First Amendment on that party's behalf, and that no consent from any other person or entity is necessary as a condition precedent to the legal effect of this First Amendment, or that such consent has been given.
7. All remaining provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to all other terms and conditions, and shall remain binding on the Parties hereto. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of this First Amendment and the terms and conditions of the Lease, the terms and conditions of this First Amendment shall govern.

8. The Agreement and this Amendment contain all agreements, promises or understandings between Lessor and Lessee and no verbal or oral agreements, promises or understandings shall be binding upon either the Lessor or Lessee in any dispute, controversy or proceeding at law, and any addition, variation or modification to the Agreement and this Amendment shall be void and ineffective unless made in writing and signed by the Parties. In the event any provision of the Agreement and this Amendment is found to be invalid or unenforceable, such a finding shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of the Agreement and this Amendment.
9. Any contractor or sub-contractor hired by Lessee in association with the Agreement as amended by this Amendment shall comply with E-Verify, the federal E-Verify program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies, or any successor or equivalent program used to verify the work authorization of newly hired employees pursuant to federal law and as in accordance with N.C.G.S. §64-25 et seq.
10. Any contractor or sub-contractor hired by Lessee in association with this Agreement as amended by this Amendment shall not be included on the Final Divestment List created by the North Carolina State Treasurer pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 147-86.58 or the list of restricted companies determined to be engaged in a boycott of Israel created by the North Carolina State Treasurer pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 147-86.81.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have set forth their hand and seal as of the date indicated above.

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LESSOR:

Attest:

GRANVILLE COUNTY

Debra Weary, Clerk
Granville County Board of Commissioners

By: _____ (Seal)
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

LESSEE:

Witness for Lessee:
LLC

USCOC OF GREATER NORTH CAROLINA

Signature

Print
Name

By:
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATION

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Stephen M. McNally
Finance Director, Granville County

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To the First Amendment dated _____, 2021, by and between
GRANVILLE COUNTY, a body corporate and politic of the State of North Carolina, as Lessor,
and **USCOC OF GREATER NORTH CAROLINA, LLC**, as Lessee.

The list of all antennas and appurtenances are described and/or depicted as follows:

RAD CENTER – 245 FEET AGL
MOUNT TYPE (3) SABRE HD V-BOOM MOUNT

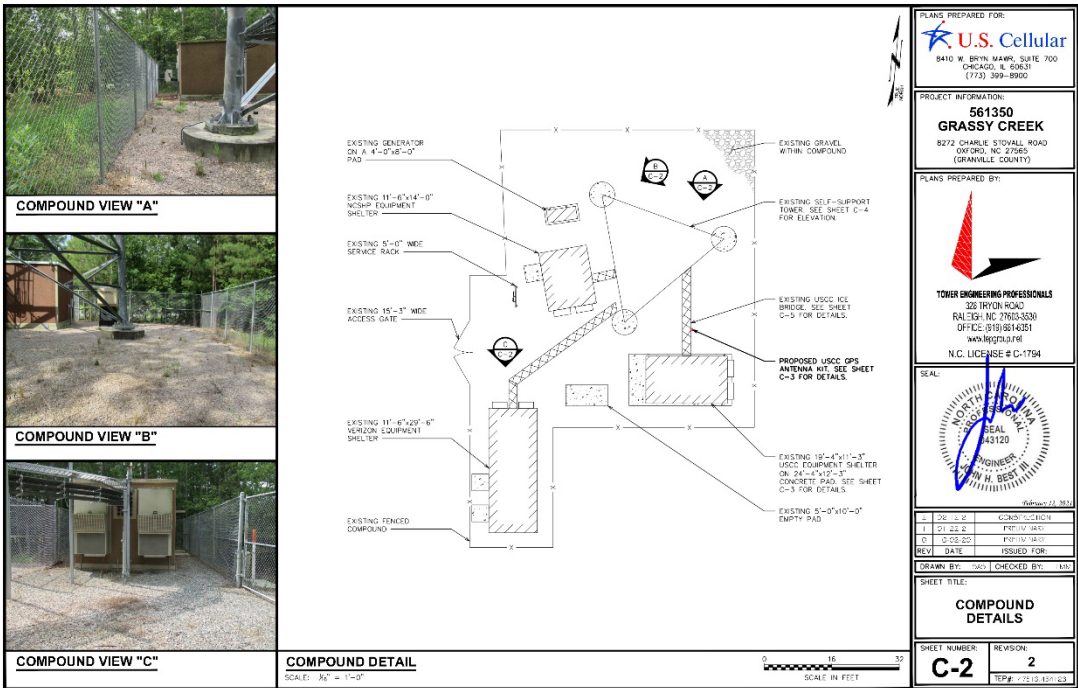
- Antenna(s):
Six (6) KMW AM-X-CW-18-65-OOT-RET;
Three (3) Dengyo OCT8-2LX2HX-BW65
(2) Ericsson RRUS 4449
(3) Ericsson RRUS 4415
(3) Ericsson RRUS 11
(2) Raycap RUSDC-6267-PF-48
(1) RFS PAD6-W57BC (microwave dish antenna at 200 feet)

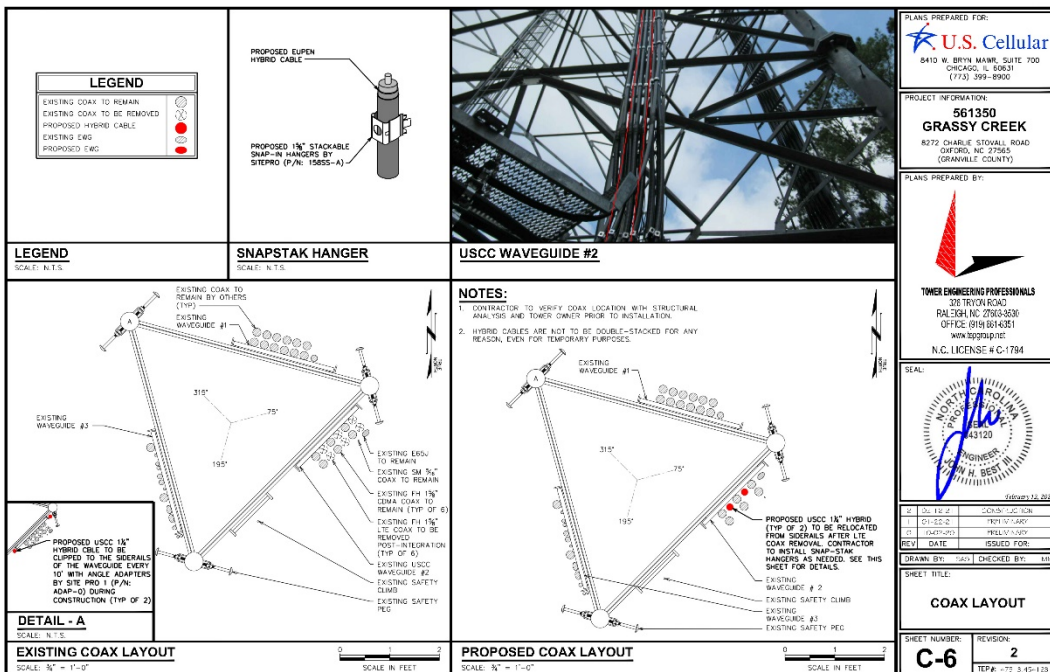
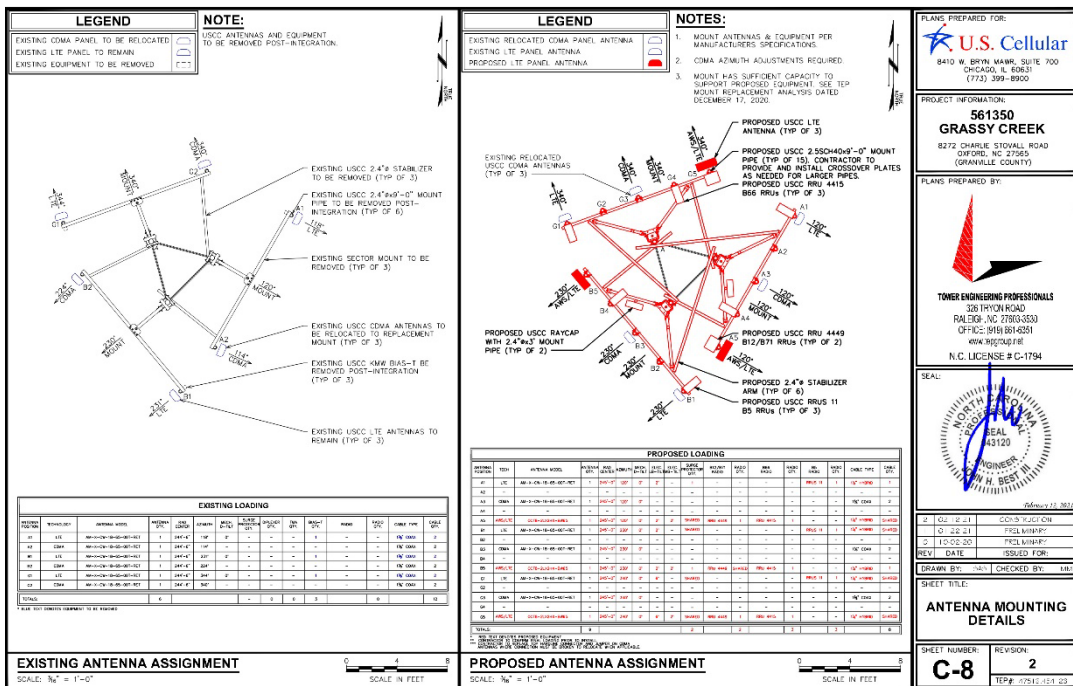
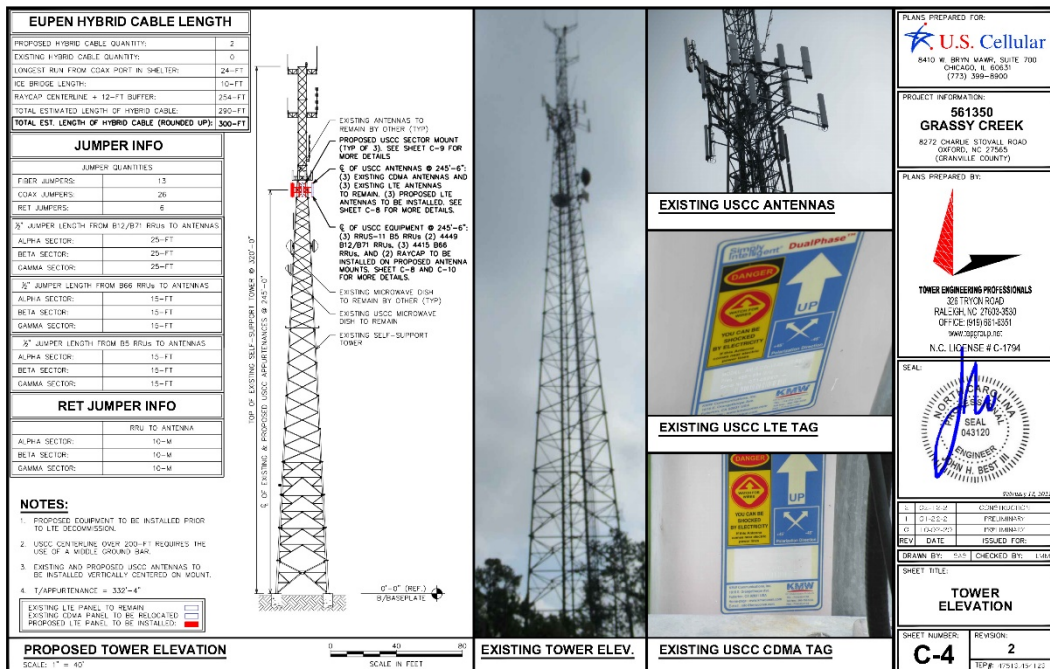
- Cables/Feedlines:
Six (6) 1 5/8” lines
One (1) 5/16” line
Two (2) 1.25” Hybrid

The frequencies assigned to Lessee by the FCC for use on the Premises are listed below. Any future frequencies anticipated may be listed as “Future” however no changes shall occur in any frequencies without the written approval of Lessor.

- Approved Frequencies Ranges:
TX: 869-880; 890-891.5 MHZ / 728-734 MHZ
RX: 824-835; 845-846.5 MHZ/ 698-704 MHZ

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BOARD RECOGNIZED THE OXFORD COMMUNITY TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Chair Sue Hinman recognized Commissioner David T. Smith. Commissioner Smith mentioned the passing of Nancy Lee Currin and her work with the Oxford Community Tennis Association (OCTA). He then presented Betty Lou Davis, Ronnie Davis, Marvin Davis and Tina Clayton, members of the OCTA, with 275th Anniversary coins and a certificate that read:

Certificate of Recognition
Presented to the
Oxford Community Tennis Association
for their partnership and generous donations
for the tennis court project at
Granville Athletic Park – Phase III.

Betty Lou Davis then thanked the Board and announced that they will have organized tennis at the 275th Anniversary Event on July 24th. She also mentioned upcoming tournaments that will be held at the new tennis courts and remarked that the new courts are a nice addition for the schools.

BOARD AUTHORIZED COUNTY MANAGER TO WORK WITH DOWNTOWN OXFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ON TEMPORARY ART PROJECT

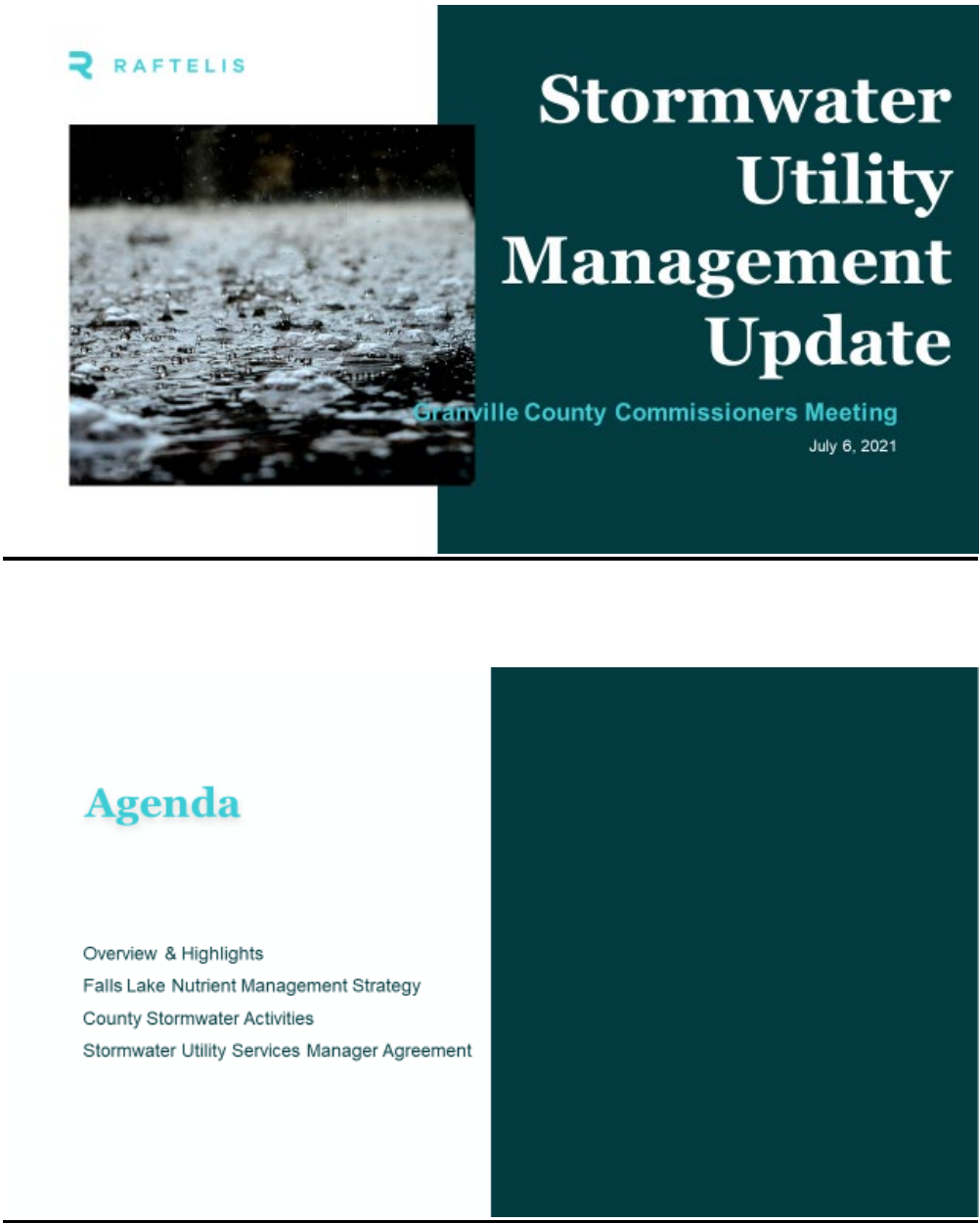
Pierre Gingue, President of the Oxford Economic Development Commission (DOEDC), presented the City of Oxford and the DOEDC's Public Art Project. He explained that the "temporary" Public Art Project is a public/private group of partners who want to start a deeper conversation around public art. The thought is to use "temporary – rented" art, allowing the community to start conversations and begin formulating ideas of what Oxford needs and/or wants when ready for permanent art. Gingue said that the committee selected two areas for art that would be on County property and requested permission to utilize space at the Richard H. Thornton Library and the courtyard area between the Granville County Planning Office and Courthouse on Williamsboro Street. Installation will require a poured concrete base that will be paid for by the City of Oxford/DOEDC. Each of the art pieces will cost about \$1,000 to \$1,500 per piece with a 12-month contract and noted that they will incur these costs as well.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved authorizing the County Manager to work with the Downtown Oxford Economic Development Commission on the project for art placement at the Richard H. Thornton Library and the courtyard area between the Granville

County Courthouse and Planning Department, and requested that when the art is changed out at county properties this will be brought back to the Board.

BOARD HEARD PRESENTATION ON STORMWATER UTILITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

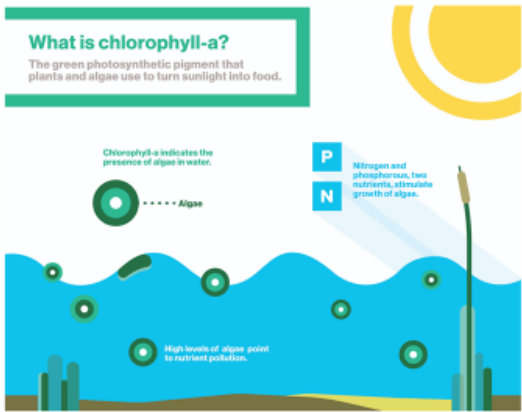
Jennifer Tavantzis, Manager with Raftelis who serves as the Stormwater Utility Manager, spoke from the following presentation to give an update on the Stormwater Management Program:



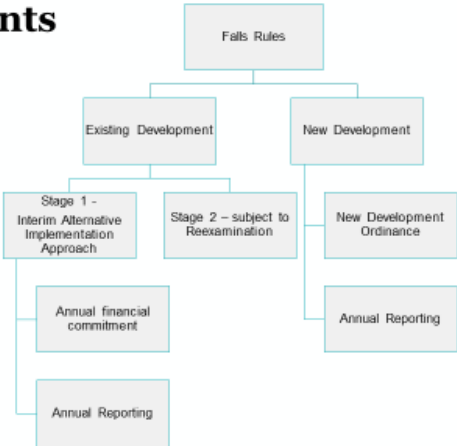
Overview & Highlights

- 2010: State passes the Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy
 - 2012:
 - › Granville County creates Stormwater Utility;
 - › Adopts local program for New Development
 - › Enters into interlocal agreements with Butner, Creedmoor, Stem, and Person County
 - › Raftelis begins serving as Stormwater Utility Services Manager
 - 2018: Work begins on revised approach to Falls Rules Stage 1 (IAIA)
 - 2020: GC removed from proposed communities subject to the Tar-Pamlico Rules when readopted in 2020
 - 2021: Implementation of IAIA program
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Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy



Falls Lake Nutrient Management Strategy Components



County Stormwater Activities

- Interim Alternative Implementation Approach (IAIA) Investment- to satisfy Existing Development Phase I requirements
- Stormwater Administration activities
 - › Plans Review/Coordination
 - › Stormwater Permitting
- Participation in Upper Neuse River Basin Association
- Floodplain Development Review
- Support Cooperative Extension Staff



Stormwater Utility Services Manager: FY2021-2022 Scope of Work	
A. Stormwater Fee Customer Relationship Management Assistance	
B. Credit Application and Appeals Review	
C. Attendance at Meetings as SUSM and Advocacy for Governments	
D. Resources Coordination	
E. Interim Alternative Implementation Approach (IAIA) Support and Reporting	
F. New Development Rules and Existing Development Stage I Program	
G. Development-Related Services	
H. Billing Database Update and Preparation of Tax Year 2021 Bill File	
I. New Development Plans Review	
J. NPDES Program Assistance	



Thank you!

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919 475 5257 / jtavantzis@raftelis.com

AFTER HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING, BOARD APPROVED THE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT (REZONING) PETITION FROM AIMAN AND MARY BOROS TO REZONE THREE PARCELS FROM AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL 40 DISTRICT (AR-40) TO NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT (NB) LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF US HIGHWAY 96 AND CORNWALL ROAD, OXFORD SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP #190402877891, TAX MAP #190402878687, AND TAX MAP #190402878891 AS WELL AS THE PLAN CONSISTENCY & REASONABLENESS STATEMENT AND SMALL-SCALE REZONING ANALYSIS AND DENIED THE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT PETITION FOR TAX MAP #190402877216.

Chair Sue Hinman stated that the matter on the agenda was a public hearing to receive public comments on a rezoning petition (Z-3-2021) from Alman and Mary Botros by Attorney Lori Dutra. The petition is requesting to rezone three parcels from AR-40 to HB on NC Highway 96 and Cornwall Road north of Oxford.

Chair Hinman opened the public hearing and requested that anyone else who wished to speak please come forward.

Barry Baker, Planning Director, 122 Williamsboro Street, Oxford, NC, stated that all public notices had been properly published and posted in advance of this hearing. Baker reported that the application was filed by Attorney Lori Dutra on behalf of Alman and Mary Botros for three parcels either having frontage on NC Highway 96 or Cornwall Road plus one landlocked parcel. Baker reported that the Planning Board held a public hearing in May 2021, at which this item was tabled and then recommended for approval in June 2021 rezoning the three parcels on the eastern side of Highway 96 to Neighborhood Business and recommended denial of the rezoning request of the 2.61 acre lot on the west side of Highway 96.

The agenda packet includes meeting minutes from the two Planning Board meetings, a small-scale zoning analysis, rezoning petition and map, and Planning Board Consistency and Reasonableness Statement. The Planning Board requested that staff research traffic information for the NC Highway 96 and Cornwall Road intersection, and NC Department of Transportation (NC DOT) provided traffic counts for Board consideration. Staff also included a petition showing signatures of those that were against the rezoning.

Commissioner Smith discussed the NC DOT traffic count report with Planning Director Baker, which showed 5,800 vehicles travel this road per day. The anticipated travel volume by the year 2045 is 11,500 per day. Baker stated that the road capacity is 15,000 vehicles per day. The DOT report also shows 25 crashes from 2011 – 2016.

Attorney Lori Dutra, 118 Main Street, Oxford, NC, stated that she was speaking on behalf of the applicants, Alman and Mary Botros. Dutra stated that this intersection has been

slated for commercial development in the Granville County Future Land Use Map. Dutra stated that this will be an important commercial sector for citizens of rural northern Granville County. Dutra reported that the Botros' already own adjacent parcels, and this rezoning will complement the commercial development that is already present at the intersection of NC Highway 96 and Cornwall Road. Dutra reported that the Granville County Planning Board supported rezoning the parcels as Neighborhood Business (NB), but Dutra and the Botros' are requesting that the Board of Commissioners consider rezoning to Highway Business (HB) as reflected in the rezoning application. Dutra also stated that though the properties are currently zoned for agricultural uses and are too small to serve that purpose. Dutra believes that most neighbors that are opposed to the rezoning have based their opposition on traffic concerns and not concerns for what the property owners plan to do with the property. Dutra stated that commercial development will lead DOT to improve the roads in the area to deal with added traffic volume. The Botros' support any improvements that DOT is willing to do to improve the safety of the intersection of NC Highway 96 and Cornwall Road. The Botros' started a petition for DOT to add a traffic light and within two days have garnered 256 signatures. Dutra presented the petition to the Clerk to the Board for consideration for the Board of Commissioners to forward to DOT officials. Dutra explained that the Botros' have established roots in northern Granville County and are invested to improving the area where they live and run their business.

Annette Myers, 6587 Alvis Brooks Road, Oxford, NC, stated that though she does not live in the immediate vicinity of the parcels in question, but she does drive through the area several times a week. She is against the requested zoning change. Myers stated that this is already a dangerous intersection in a quiet country community. The property owners purchased these properties with the full understanding of how they were zoned, and a change will permanently change the lives of the adjacent neighbors. Myers stated that local government has the biggest impact on the daily life of citizens and asked the Board to carefully weigh their decision.

Brenda Yancey, 7512 Shep Royster Road, Oxford, NC, spoke against the proposed rezoning application. Yancey stated that though she lives several miles away from this area, she drives through this intersection on her daily commute and is concerned about the increased

traffic that will come from commercial development. Yancey believes this will change the lives of those that live around the intersection of Cornwall Road and NC Highway 96.

Ray Elliott, 3011 Sterl Carrington Road, Oxford, NC, spoke in favor of the proposed rezoning application. Elliott lives on property that has been owned by his family for many years. Elliott stated that the applicants have become a part of the community and spend a great deal of time volunteering and improving the community. Elliott asked the Board to grant the rezoning.

Jorge Velazquez, 6179 NC Highway 96, Oxford, NC, spoke against the proposed rezoning application. His parents live beside one of the properties in question and believes the traffic will be unsafe for children to be in the yard. Velazquez stated that many people in this community are of retirement age, traffic is already making it unsafe to go in and out of driveways. Velazquez believes that NC DOT should reduce the speed limit in this area to 45 mph.

Lue Thornton, 6177 NC Highway 96, Oxford, NC, spoke against the proposed rezoning application. Thornton stated that he believes rezoning to commercial will be a big mistake for the community. Traffic is already getting dangerous and will only get worse with more commercial development in the area. Thornton would like the neighborhood to stay quiet and safe as it is now.

Ronald Fields, 6151 Cornwall Road, Oxford, NC, spoke against the proposed rezoning application. Fields talked about the petition turned in at the Planning Board meeting signed by members of the community. Fields is concerned about increased commercial development bringing crime to the area and is also concerned about the increased traffic and light pollution that could result from additional development. Fields would rather see these properties used for future residential development.

Laverne Jones Martin, 6163 NC Highway 96 North, Oxford, NC, spoke against the proposed rezoning application. Martin was born in this community, and is against the added noise, traffic, and pollution that commercial development would bring. Martin believes that the area is already losing its quiet atmosphere, and this will only increase with more commercial development.

Abanoub Botros, 7678 US Highway 15 North, Oxford, NC, spoke in favor of the rezoning application. Botros stated that he grew up in Oxford and is a graduate of J.F. Webb

High School. Botros stated that he is honored to take part in this public hearing and learning the opinions of the people that will be affected by the rezoning. Botros spoke about the need for a traffic light at the corner of NC Highway 96 and Cornwall Road. Botros also spoke about how this area doesn't get the attention it needs from NC DOT and gave examples of how the family's store has stayed open during snowstorms when power is out in the area.

Monica Botros, 7678 US Highway 15 North, Oxford, NC, spoke in favor of the rezoning application. Botros grew up in Oxford and is also a graduate of J.F. Webb High School. Botros stated that even without new development, traffic is increasing each year. She believes that the community needs more commercial development to serve those that live here.

Attorney Lori Dutra, 118 Main Street, Oxford, NC, stated that she understands the concerns of the neighboring property owners. She reminded the Board that the Zoning Ordinance has protective buffers and other safeguards that address the concerns of those living next to commercial properties. The applicants will comply with all ordinance requirements if approved. Dutra stated that commercial development will make it more likely for NC DOT to make improvements at this intersection with the addition of turn lanes and traffic lights.

Ronald Fields, 6151 Cornwall Road, Oxford, NC, stated in response to an earlier speaker that he believes that the property in question is better suited to residential development.

Chair Hinman requested that anyone else who wished to speak please come forward. With no one else coming forward to speak, Chair Hinman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Jay talked about how he lives further up NC Highway 96 and passes this intersection regularly. Jay said he listens to the community's concerns and believes the biggest issue is traffic. Jay has attempted to get a warning light at this intersection for years from NC DOT. When traffic is heading southbound it is very dangerous with the fast-moving traffic and cars coming off Cornwall Road. Jay requested that County staff continue pushing DOT to install a traffic light at this intersection.

Commissioner Karan talked about traffic at this intersection, and how he witnessed a traffic crash. He said traffic on NC Highway 96 is not related to the current commercial development and that he doesn't think the two issues should be conflated. The orientation of the intersection is what makes it dangerous, and DOT may change the layout of the intersection itself if there is more commercial development.

Commissioner Cozart and Planning Director Barry Baker discussed the zoning of the other neighboring parcels. Baker stated that the current zoning was put in place about 30 years ago.

Upon a motion from Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning) Petition from Aiman and Mary Boros to rezone three parcels from Agricultural Residential 40 District (AR-40) to Neighborhood Business District (NB) located at the intersection of US Highway 96 and Cornwall Road, Oxford specifically identified as Tax Map #190402877891, Tax Map #190402878687, and Tax Map #190402878891 as well as the plan consistency and reasonableness statement and small-scale rezoning analysis, and denied the zoning map amendment petition for Tax Map #190402877216.

AN ORDINANCE THAT APPROVES THE AMENDMENT TO THE GRANVILLE COUNTY ZONING MAP FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY AIMAN AND MARY BOTROS PETITIONED BY LORI DUTRA, ATTORNEY IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP #190402877891, #190402878687 AND #190402878891 FROM AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL 40 DISTRICT (AR-40) TO NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT (NB) AND DENIES THE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FOR TAX MAP #190402877216 AND SERVES AS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WRITTEN PLAN CONSISTENCY AND REASONABLENESS STATEMENT AND SMALL-SCALE REZONING ANALYSIS

Whereas, a zoning map amendment petition has been filed for a change to the Granville County Zoning Map by Lori Dutra, Attorney for property as follows:

Z-3-2021 Aiman and Mary Botros by Attorney Lori Dutra, Applicant, Three Parcels either having frontage on NC 96 HWY and Cornwall Road or having frontage on NC 96 HWY and One Parcel is land-locked with no frontage on a public road. All parcels north of Oxford

Aiman and Mary Botros by Attorney Lori Dutra is requesting to rezone three parcels from Agricultural Residential 40 District (AR-40) to Highway Business District (HB), and one parcel that is currently zoned partially Neighborhood Business District (NB) and Agricultural Residential 40 District (AR-40) to Highway Business District (HB). Three parcels either have frontage on both NC 96 HWY and Cornwall Road or have frontage on NC HWY 96 only, and one parcel is land-locked with no frontage on a public road. The four parcels proposed for rezoning are more specifically identified as Tax Map #190402877891, Tax Map #190402878687, Tax Map #190402878891, and Tax Map #190402877216. The properties are owned by Aiman and Mary Botros.

Whereas, the Granville County Planning Board held a legislative hearing on May 20, 2021, and made a recommendation concerning the petition to the Board of County Commissioners on June 17, 2021; and,

Whereas, a notice of legislative hearing has been given as provided in North Carolina General Statute 160D-601&602 and the Granville County Land Development Code for a Zoning Map Amendment and a legislative hearing was held by the Board of Commissioners on July 6, 2021, at which, evidence was presented at the legislative hearing.

Whereas, the Granville County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following Plan Consistency & Reasonableness Statement and Small-Scale Rezoning Analysis:

GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' WRITTEN CONSISTENCY & REASONABLENESS STATEMENT:

The Granville County Future Land Development Map contained within the Granville County Comprehensive Land Use Plan classifies the future land use of the properties on the eastern side of Hwy 96 as Commercial, and the western side of Hwy 96 as rural. Goal 2, Objective 2B of the Comprehensive Plan encourages "increas[ing] opportunities for commercial development." A further recommendation is to "encourage commercial and mixed use development in key areas." The proposed lots being considered for rezoning on the eastern side of Hwy 96 are located on a major highway in an area recommended by the future land use plan to be commercial. The proposed lot on the western side of Hwy 96 is shown on the Future Land Use Map contained within the Comprehensive Plan to remain rural. A commercial rezoning of the parcels on the eastern side of Highway 96 and keeping the existing zoning for the lot on the western side of Highway 96 is consistent with the recommendations of the adopted land use plan, and is reasonable from the standpoint that the properties are located on a major highway where commercial development already exists, is consistent with the future land development map contained in the Comprehensive Plan, and is in the public interest as it encourages commercial along a major highway in the County, and keeps area on the western side of HWY 96 at the intersection rural.

GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SMALL-SCALE REZONING ANALYSIS:

The recommended rezoning of the three lots on the eastern side of Highway 96 and the recommended denial of the rezoning for the lot on the western side of Highway 96 is consistent with the Granville County Future Land Development Map contained within the Granville County Comprehensive Land Use Plan as it classifies the future land use of the property on the eastern side of Hwy 96 as Commercial, and classifies the future land use of the property on the western side of HWY 96 as rural. A major recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan is to "encourage commercial and mixed use development in key areas." Existing commercial zoning is adjacent on the eastern side of Hwy 96 and the zoning of the property on the western side of HWY 96 is residential-agricultural. A commercial rezoning of the three lots on the eastern side of HWY 96 is consistent with the recommendations of the adopted land use plan and is not an example of spot-zoning.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

The zoning district for properties owned by Aiman and Mary Botros identified as Tax Map #190402877891, Tax Map #190402878687 and Tax Map #190402878891 are hereby changed and amended from Agricultural Residential 40 District (AR-40) to Neighborhood Business District (NB) on the Granville County Zoning Map and the zoning map amendment petition for the

property owned by Aiman and Mary Botros identified as Tax Map #190402877216 is denied.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina has caused this zoning map amendment petition for Tax Map #190402877891, Tax Map #190402878687, and Tax Map #190402878891 to be approved and that the zoning map amendment petition for Tax Map #190402877216 to be denied as well as the Plan Consistency & Reasonableness Statement and Small-Scale Rezoning Analysis to be approved and adopted.

This ordinance duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Granville, North Carolina, this the 6th day of July, 2021.

BREAK

Chair Sue Hinman called for a brief recess at 8:31 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

REQUEST TO STUDY INTERSECTION OF NC HIGHWAY 96 AND CORNWALL ROAD

Commissioner Smith requested that Granville County submit a formal request to NC DOT to study the intersection of NC Highway 96 and Cornwall Road.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Hinman announced that no one signed up for public comments.

BOARD APPROVED HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT

County Manager Felts explained that North Carolina General Statute 143B-181.1(a)(11) establishes a Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults to be administered by the North Carolina Division of Aging. The block grant is comprised of funding for in-home and community based services currently available through the Division of Aging as well as a portion of funding targeted for in-home and community based services previously administered by the North Carolina Division of Social Services. The block grant gives County Commissioners maximum discretion in deciding how aging funds will be administered and budgeted in the county. By endorsing a local Funding Plan, Boards of County Commissioners will define the services to be provided, determine funding levels for services, and identify the community service providers to be involved with providing Home and Community Care Block Grant services. He referred to the agenda packet for more information and noted that the Aging Funding Plan Committee voted unanimously to approve the plan as presented and that Senior Services Director Kathy May recommended approval also. It was clarified that “pc” on page 104 of the agenda packet stood for personal care.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board approved fiscal year 2021-2022 Home and Community Care Block Grant in the amount of \$464,230 and the required County match of \$51,582 from the Senior Center Department budget.

BOARD APPROVED LETTER OF SUPPORT

County Manager Felts said the next item was to consider providing a letter of support for the Kerr-Tar Regional Planning Organization grant application for a feasibility study for a trail near the S-Line in Granville, Vance, and Warren counties. The Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments is working with our Regional Planning Organization (RPO) to apply for a grant currently available from the United States Department of Transportation, the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant. Our Regional Planning Organization is applying for funding for a feasibility study for a trail near the S-Line in Granville, Vance and Warren Counties. A map of the study area and a draft copy of a letter of support were included in the agenda packet. The Kerr-Tar RPO is asking each member organization to consider providing a letter of support to be included with the grant application. Justin Jorgensen, Granville County Senior Transportation Planner, will provide this information to the Greenway Advisory Council at their meeting on Thursday, July 8th and the application deadline is July 12th. He noted that at time of preparing the agenda, he was told that there was not a request for matching funds. He did get an email later asking for a grant match between \$35,000- \$40,000.

County Manager Felts and Jorgensen recommended a letter of support. Felts said there are available funds up to \$50,000 but he did not recommend grant match at this time.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a letter of support on behalf of the Board for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application and to look at funding at a later date.

BOARD APPOINTED RENZO ANCHIRAYCO WITH REVLON TO THE RESEARCH TRIANGLE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Renzo Anchirayco, Senior Director of Operations at Revlon, to the Research Triangle Regional Partnership Board (RTRP).

BOARD MADE APPOINTMENTS TO THE SOUTH GRANVILLE MEMORIAL GARDENS

Upon a motion by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Darlene Beck as a regular member and Vickie Smoak as an alternate on the South Granville Memorial Gardens Board of Trustees.

BOARD APPROVED 275TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKS FOR AUTHOR LEWIS BOWLING

County Manager Felts said the purpose of this item was to release ten copies of the book titled “Looking Back – 275 Years of Granville County History” to the author Lewis Bowling. It is believed that Mr. Bowling was to receive 10 copies of the book when published. After a review of both the authorship contract and the publishing contract it was discovered that this language was not included in either agreement. County Administration confirmed with BW&A Books that it is a fairly common practice to include some “free” copies to the author and it is typically included within the authorship contract. He noted that final production run included 2,526 copies of the book (correction from 2,626 in agenda packet) and that County Administration has worked over the last several weeks to distribute and mail out books which were pre-sold. Currently, we are still honoring the pre-order price of \$49.95, however book prices may increase in the coming weeks.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Russ May, and unanimously carried, the Board releasing ten (10) copies of the book titled “Looking Back – 275 Years of Granville County History” to the author Lewis Bowling.

BOARD APPROVED TERMINATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE COUNTY OF GRANVILLE

County Manager Felts stated the next item was to consider terminating the Granville County State of Emergency effective July 12, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. On March 10, 2020, Granville County declared a state of emergency to coordinate response to and take protective actions regarding the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 within the County. With the local improvements and the reopening efforts of businesses and governmental facilities in Granville County, it is believed that the local landscape no longer constitutes a state of emergency. He noted that a copy of a draft declaration to terminate Granville County’s State of Emergency effective July 12, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. was included in the agenda packet for the Board’s consideration. The July 12, 2021 date will allow time to notify departments and will coincide with the Library returning to regular hours.

Commissioner May asked how the termination of the State of Emergency impacts the schools as far as children wearing masks.

County Manager Felts answered that this does not affect the school system as the Board of Education can implement measures for the schools that they deem appropriate.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Termination of a State of Emergency for the County of Granville effective July 12, 2021 at 12 noon as recommended by the County Manager and Emergency Management Director as follows:

**TERMINATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
FOR
THE COUNTY OF GRANVILLE**

The following Declaration is issued by the Chair of the Granville County Board of Commissioners:

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans which can spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has warned of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally and in the United States and has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict travel to areas designated by the CDC; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19 under Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, due to the spread of COVID-19, declared a national emergency under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and corresponding regulations of the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"); and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of North Carolina by Executive Order No. 116 declared a state of emergency to coordinate response to and take protective actions regarding the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 within the State of North Carolina and has since issued Executive Orders 117-122, 124-125, 129-131, 133-136, 138-144, 146-153, 155-157, 161-165, 169-173, 176-177, 180-181, 183-185, 188-193, 195, 197-198, 200, 204-207, 209-212, 215-217, 219, and most recently 220 dealing with the COVID-19 emergency and may issue additional Executive Orders in the future; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with health care professionals and based upon guidance from the CDC and NCDHHS, arrangements must be made immediately to take such actions that are deemed necessary and appropriate to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents in Granville County remain safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, on March 23rd, 2020, the County of Granville Declared a State of Emergency in Granville County to coordinate response to and take protective actions regarding the prevention of the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the people in Granville County have been and continue to exhibit remarkable care, concern, and common sense to minimize the spread and overall impact of COVID-19 in Granville County; and

WHEREAS, despite real loss to life, health, property, revenue, and various other impacts, the voluntary care, concern, and common sense exhibited by residents and businesses throughout Granville County have helped and continue to help minimize the overall impact of COVID-19 on Granville County

WHEREAS, Granville County-specific COVID-19 data, statistics, and trends coupled with ongoing reopening efforts at the Local, State and Federal levels render Granville County's local landscape one that no longer constitutes a state of emergency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority contained in Article IA of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes, Article 36A of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and Chapter 20 of the Granville County Code of Ordinances, I, Sue Hinman, Chair of the Granville County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim, effective July 12th at 12:00 p.m.:

- A. A State of Emergency no longer exists within the County of Granville.
- B. The State of Emergency that was issued on the 23rd day of March at 4:30 p.m. is Terminated.
- C. I direct that copies of this Termination of the Granville County State of Emergency be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast, Web-EOC, and that a copy of this Declaration be posted in Granville County Courthouse and other public buildings as appropriate.

Proclaimed this the 6th day of July 2021.

**BOARD APPROVED THE GRANVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
EMERGENCY CAPITAL NEEDS REQUEST**

County Manager Felts said the purpose of this item was to consider a request from the Granville County Public School System for emergency capital needs funding to replace fire alarm systems at Butner-Stem Middle School (BSMS) and West Oxford Elementary School (WOES). In 2018, the school system replaced the fire alarm system at J.F. Webb High School for approximately \$100,000 which led staff to set aside approximately a quarter million dollars to fund the needed fire alarm replacements at BSMS and WOES. Bids received on June 8, 2021, came in at \$560,000, about \$300,000 over available funding. Projects need to be completed this summer while the facilities are not in full operation. The School System requested the use of the \$100,000 in school facility contingency and the remaining \$200,000 as a one-time general capital outlay appropriation. Felts said he was amending his recommendation included in the agenda and recommending funding \$100,000 from the contingency line item and requesting that the school system use \$200,000 from their existing capital outlay provided by the County. He mentioned that he anticipates an American Rescue Plan budget workshop to be held in August or September to discuss how that funding can be used. He noted that it is believed that the cost of the fire alarm increase is related to the rising cost of construction and equipment seen due to COVID.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Russ May, and unanimously carried, the Board approved one-time funding of \$100,000 from School Facility Contingency and requested that the school system use \$200,000 from fiscal year 2021-

2022 Capital Outlay funding provided to the school system to replace fire alarm systems at Butner-Stem Middle School and West Oxford Elementary School.

COMMENTS AND DIRECTION FOR STAFF REGARDING FUNDING TO THE GRANVILLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM FROM CHAIR HINMAN

County Manager Felts said that he handed out a summary of school funding for the last five years.

Chair Hinman noted the County Manager provided a summary of school funding for the past five years and then she made the following comments:

You can see that over the past five to six years the State's funding has increased just about eight percent while the County's funding has increased over thirty-one percent. County funding to the school system for operating in 2016 was a little more than twelve million dollars and in 2022 it is over seventeen million dollars.

As noted by the Board of Education, the school system continues to lose students to the charter school system which results in decreased funding from the State to the school system, yet the County continues to increase funding each year. We know the Board of Education has difficult decisions to make and the County will continue to support them the best we can with the resources that are available.

The Granville County Board of Commissioners and Granville Board of Education have enjoyed a great working relationship over the past several years which is one of the best in the State. We plan to continue this great relationship going forward.

Chair Hinman then made the following statement and direction to staff:

"In the future County Manager, to provide better clarity to citizens, County Commissioners, School Board members, and others around the local school funding, I would like the Board of Commissioners to direct County Administration and Finance not to include any increase in the continuation budget and show the Board of Education's full budget increase request in the Service Expansion portion of the budget. This will allow for any approved increase to be fully transparent to the public."

BOARD APPROVED REQUEST FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Fire Needs Subcommittee has been actively gathering and researching data to aid in the development of a structure and funding recommendation to provide fire protection services throughout Granville County in a manner which will meet the firefighters and the County's needs. While the group is to be commended for the dedicated efforts to advance the fire and rescue services into the future, the task, as many understand, is very technical in nature. The Group has identified the potential need for some expert counsel regarding this issue.

County Manager Felts explained that County Administration is requesting authorization to develop and release, in conjunction with the Fire Needs Subcommittee's input, a Request for Proposal (RFP) for consulting services to assist in the development and implementation of a service district or service districts for fire protection and possibly

ambulance and rescue service for Granville County. It is anticipated that the services to meet the “draft” Scope of Services included in the agenda packet would potentially range between \$40,000 - \$80,000. He said funding was not needed at this time but would be needed when brought back for protentional award recommendation possibly in August or September. He then clarified his recommendation in the agenda packet with the removal of the word “possibly.”

Commissioner Russ May made a motion to develop and release a Request for Proposal for Consulting Services to assist in the development and implementation of a service district or service districts for fire protection and possibly ambulance and rescue service for Granville County.

Commissioner Smith asked for clarification as the County Manager left out the word “possibly” out of his recommendation

Commissioner May said he would take the word “possibly” out as they wanted this to be a comprehensive package as the Fire Needs Subcommittee is working with the volunteer and full-time fire departments and the Emergency Services Committee is working the other route.

Commissioner Zelodis Jay seconded the motion.

When Chair Hinman called for a vote on the matter, it passed unanimously to approve authorizing County Administration, working with the Fire Needs Subcommittee, to develop and release a Request for Proposal for Consulting Services to assist in the development and implementation of a service district or service districts for fire protection, ambulance and rescue services for Granville County.

**BOARD APPROVED FILING A PROOF OF CLAIM IN THE PERDUE PHARMA
BANKRUPTCY CASE REGARDING OPIOID LITIGATION**

County Manager Felts said that the next item was regarding the Opioid Litigation Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). He noted that the Board received a copy of the Litigation Attorney’s recommendation to not take action tonight, but perhaps at a future meeting. He said this item was in the agenda to review, discuss, and consider the North Carolina Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which would govern how NC would use the proceeds of any future national settlement related to the litigation around opioid manufacturers and distributors. He then referred to the agenda packet that included the one-page summary of the MOA, the final draft Opioid MOA as it exists today, and a sample Resolution Approving the

MOA. He said the recommendation before receiving the recommendation from the Litigation Attorney was after reviewing the material, discussing, and receiving input from the County Attorney; to consider adopting the attached draft resolution approving the MOA. He said that he would recommend treating this as information only for tonight and asked if the Board had any questions.

County Attorney Jim Wrenn said he did not see any urgency to act on the MOA at this time. He reported that he did receive a proof of claim in the bankruptcy case by Perdue Pharma and that the Litigation Attorney was recommending its approval. He said he did not have a strong feeling about acting on the MOA tonight until things are worked out about the settlement, but that the Board should act on the Perdue Pharma matter to meet the deadline of July 9th. County Manager Felts concurred with Attorney Wrenn.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board approved authorizing the County Attorney and County Manager to file a proof of claim in the Perdue Pharma bankruptcy case.

County Manager Felts said this item will be put on the next agenda for consideration.

CLOSED SESSION FOR ATTORNEY-CLIENT MATTERS PULLED FROM AGENDA

County Manager Felts asked that item #22, closed session for attorney-client matters, be pulled from the agenda as it was not needed.

BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Jay reported that KARTS had ten vehicles vandalized, three that were brand new, and the catalytic convertors were removed. He said the same thing happened with his church van and reminded staff to keep check on County vehicles. He thanked Commissioner Smith for the request to send a letter to NC DOT regarding the intersection at NC Highway 96 and Cornwall Road as a man was recently killed there when he pulled out in front of a transfer truck.

Commissioner Smith commended Parks and Grounds Maintenance Manager Raymond Allen and staff for their hard work during this busy season and noted that the monument rock has been installed at the Granville Athletic Park Phase III.

Commissioner Cozart said he was encouraged by the report of tennis tournaments at the Granville Athletic Park and knows that is a sign of many good things to come. He said that

he saw Ernestine Howard, former Social Services employee, in attendance and was hoping she was going to tell him she is ready to come back to work.

Commissioner May thanked NC DOT for the installation of a four-way stop at US Highway 15 and Hester Road. He commended the Board for the stipend for the firefighters for their retirement that was included in the budget for each Volunteer Fire Department. He also thanked the Board for approval of the RFP and moving forward as the Fire Department Needs Subcommittee is working vigorously to find avenues and means to put together a solid strategic plan for the next five years for Granville County's volunteer and full-time fire departments and working on funding streams. He said he was saddened by some of the statements regarding Independence Day and then made the following comments and provided a copy to the Clerk, noting this was his statement and not that of the Board of Commissioners:

First of all, I want to acknowledge July 4, 2021 – I hope all enjoyed and celebrated Independence Day. It is a solemn and celebratory day for my family. We have a long history of military and law enforcement service to which we have served proudly for generations to defend the constitution and greatness of America. I see America as the greatest and most exceptional nation in the world. I stand proudly as a public servant in the past and present to defend and support our constitution and the freedoms and liberties provided to all Americans. I believe our Constitution is not an arbitrary document to be interpreted upon political whim or by one's world view.

On Independence Day we celebrate the "Declaration of Independence which states that the United States of America is a country, independent of England, and included a list of grievances against the king of England, while the U.S. Constitution formed our federal government and set the laws of the land." By nature, we are a people who gain freedom by destroying a King and his tyranny over common men. These patriots believed our liberties, freedom and self-determination are derived from the All Mighty.

I hold fast to the Declaration of Independence and we all should be reminded of: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." These unalienable Rights are for all, endowed by our Creator. No political agenda or political ideology should have the fiat to dictate a view contrary to the Declaration of Independence or our Constitution. Let there be no misunderstanding, should any matter come before this Board that promotes divisiveness or by nature contrary to these age hold truths, I will oppose them with vigor and resolve. God Bless America

Chair Hinman reported that most of the County Commissioners attended the Community Initiative Engagement meeting recently regarding a seven-week initiative that is being worked on to keep our children safe. She reported that it was good to attend a North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Board meeting last week in person. She noted that the food system report is out and that she serves as Co-Chair of the Food

Resilience Initiative Task Force with NCACC. She said she looks forward to attending the National Association of Counties conference in Maryland with the Board and other commissioners from other counties. She thanked those that stayed for the meeting until the end.

BOARD ANNOUNCED THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND EVENT AND APPROVED A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE EVENT

Chair Hinman announced that Granville County will celebrate its 275th Anniversary on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at the Granville Athletic Park located at 4615 Belltown Road, Oxford. The event will be from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and there will be speakers, music, food and fun. Commemorative coins and a book by Lewis Bowling entitled “*Looking Back – 275 Years of Granville County History*” will be for sale. Mr. Bowling will be there to sign the books and if you have already purchased one you can bring it to have it signed.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following resolution titled *A Resolution Commemorating the 275th Anniversary of the County of Granville*:

**A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 275TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE COUNTY OF GRANVILLE**

WHEREAS, the “County of Granville” was formed in 1746, thirty years before the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the County of Granville was named in honor of the second Earl of Granville, Lord John Carteret, after King George II had given him land as part of the Granville Grant of the 1660s; and

WHEREAS, notable residents of Granville County include John Penn (signer of the Declaration of Independence), John Chavis (the first African-American known to attend college in the U.S.), Henry Plummer Cheatham (one of only five African-Americans elected to Congress during the Reconstruction era), Tiny Broadwick (the first woman to jump from an airplane and inventor of the rip cord), James Webb (head of NASA from 1961 through 1968) and many others; and

WHEREAS, Granville County has a long history of agriculture and industry which once centered around tobacco and the railroad. Today, agriculture, industry, and the county’s proximity to major transportation routes continue to be economic assets; and

WHEREAS, Granville County has grown to include the five municipalities of Oxford (county seat), Butner, Creedmoor, Stem and Stovall and is now home to more than 60,000 people; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Granville County is observing 275 years of history and progress, and will host a county-wide celebration on July 24 at the Granville Athletic Park to mark this significant milestone

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Granville County Board of Commissioners, that the 24th day of July, 2021, be declared a day of celebration to commemorate the 275th Anniversary of the County of Granville.

This the 24th day of July, 2021.

Commissioner Karan mentioned the email circulating for volunteers for the 275th Anniversary Celebration and asked if volunteers were still needed.

Chair Hinman said that volunteers are still needed.

Assistant County Manager Weichel said that the volunteer portal sign-up expired today. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Administration Office and sign-up in order to get a tee-shirt.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Commissioner Smith asked for an update on the airport. County Manager Felts said he would try to coordinate a presentation for the September meeting.

Commissioner Jay asked municipalities to try to stagger events such as for Memorial Day and Veterans Day so they will not overlap with other municipalities as County Commissioners like to attend them. He said he was asked why there were not any County Commissioners at a recent Memorial Day event, but they were at an event in Butner that was scheduled at the same time.

BOARD ADJOURNED

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

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