

GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 19, 2023  
GRANVILLE EXPO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
4185 US Highway 15 South, Oxford, North Carolina

PRESENT:

Chair Russ May  
Vice Chair Timothy Karan  
Commissioner Zelodis Jay  
Commissioner Robert Williford  
Commissioner Sue Hinman  
Commissioner Tony W. Cozart  
Commissioner Jimmy Gooch

County Manager Drew Cummings  
Assistant County Manager Korena Weichel  
County Attorney James C. Wrenn, Jr.

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m., Chair Russ May called the meeting to order. Commissioner Jimmy Gooch had the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Robert Williford, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

A. Approved budget #8 for fiscal year 2022-2023:

Budget Amendment #8  
06/19/2023

Be it ordained, the FY 2022-2023 Annual Budget Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND

|                                        |  |          |
|----------------------------------------|--|----------|
| Expenditures:Increase/(Decrease)       |  |          |
| General Government                     |  |          |
| IT                                     |  | (12,523) |
| Board of Elections                     |  | (17,600) |
| Finance                                |  | 23,223   |
| Human Resources                        |  | 500      |
| Internal Auditor                       |  | 1,000    |
| Register of Deeds                      |  | 20,462   |
| General Services                       |  | 1,000    |
| Public Safety                          |  |          |
| Sheriff's Department                   |  | 130,572  |
| Detention Center                       |  | (50,000) |
| Emergency Management                   |  | 7,000    |
| 911 Operations                         |  | (50,000) |
| Addressing / GIS                       |  | 1,000    |
| Animal Control                         |  | 19,000   |
| Community Services                     |  |          |
| Soil Conservation Program              |  | 2,000    |
| 4-H Best                               |  | 1,800    |
| County Library System                  |  | 8,600    |
| Jonesland Park Operation               |  | 5,700    |
| Planning                               |  | 5,500    |
| Inspections                            |  | 7,000    |
| Human Services                         |  |          |
| Social Services                        |  | (25,000) |
| Veterans Services                      |  | 2,000    |
| Oxford Senior Center                   |  | 2,600    |
| Senior Center - South                  |  | 4,200    |
| Area Projects and Other Appropriations |  |          |
| Non-Departmental                       |  | 163,695  |

|                                              |         |         |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Revenues: Increase/(Decrease)                |         |         |
| Investment Earnings & Operating Transfers In | 251,729 |         |
| <i>Total Revenues</i>                        |         | 251,729 |

#### LANDFILL

|                                   |       |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Expenditures: Increase/(Decrease) |       |       |
| Landfill Operations               | 4,000 |       |
| <i>Total Expenditures</i>         |       | 4,000 |

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| Revenues: Increase/(Decrease) |       |       |
| Appropriated Fund Balance     | 4,000 |       |
| <i>Total Revenues</i>         |       | 4,000 |

|                                    |     |          | Budget Amendment #8 |  | Balance   |
|------------------------------------|-----|----------|---------------------|--|-----------|
| (For reference only)               |     |          |                     |  |           |
| General Fund/Multiple departments  |     |          |                     |  |           |
| Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease) |     |          |                     |  |           |
| 10 4110                            | 121 | Salaries | 2,200               |  | 85,220    |
| 10 4125                            | 121 | Salaries | 500                 |  | 146,729   |
| 10 4130                            | 121 | Salaries | 1,200               |  | 310,262   |
| 10 4135                            | 121 | Salaries | 1,000               |  | 79,610    |
| 10 4260                            | 121 | Salaries | 1,000               |  | 160,121   |
| 10 4330                            | 121 | Salaries | 7,000               |  | 255,933   |
| 10 4350                            | 121 | Salaries | 7,000               |  | 574,099   |
| 10 4380                            | 121 | Salaries | 19,000              |  | 415,579   |
| 10 4396                            | 121 | Salaries | 1,000               |  | 64,966    |
| 10 4910                            | 121 | Salaries | 5,500               |  | 312,430   |
| 10 4961                            | 121 | Salaries | 2,000               |  | 54,246    |
| 10 5820                            | 121 | Salaries | 2,000               |  | 89,356    |
| 10 5831                            | 121 | Salaries | 1,800               |  | 46,825    |
| 10 5860                            | 121 | Salaries | 2,600               |  | 346,757   |
| 10 5870                            | 121 | Salaries | 4,200               |  | 59,726    |
| 10 6110                            | 121 | Salaries | 8,600               |  | 648,978   |
| 10 6130                            | 121 | Salaries | 1,000               |  | 223,936   |
| 10 5300                            | 121 | Salaries | (25,000)            |  | 4,581,872 |
| 10 4122                            | 121 | Salaries | (15,000)            |  | 252,011   |
| 10 4120                            | 121 | Salaries | (10,000)            |  | 454,353   |
| 10 4170                            | 121 | Salaries | (17,600)            |  | 189,506   |

*Description: Reallocate salary funds between departments to cover the four day overlap in pay, as part of the payroll conversion from monthly to bi-weekly so that no department will exceed its salary budget.*

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| General Fund/Sheriff               |     |          |          |  |           |
| Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease) |     |          |          |  |           |
| 4310                               | 122 | Overtime | 100,000  |  | 182,500   |
| 4320                               | 121 | Salaries | (50,000) |  | 1,752,490 |
| 4390                               | 121 | Salaries | (50,000) |  | 910,000   |

*Description: Reallocate salaries funds between public safety departments to cover overtime expenditures incurred the Sheriff department.*

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|------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-------|--|-------|
| General Fund/IT                    |     |                            |       |  |       |
| Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease) |     |                            |       |  |       |
| 10 4122                            | 845 | Expenditure: Subscriptions | 2,477 |  | 2,477 |

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|--------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|---------|--|-------|
| Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease) |     |                                       |         |  |       |
| 10 3800                        | 000 | Other Financing Sources: Subscription | \$2,477 |  | 2,477 |

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|------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|----------|--|--------|
| General Fund/Register of Deeds     |     |                            |          |  |        |
| Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease) |     |                            |          |  |        |
| 10 4180                            | 845 | Expenditure: Subscriptions | \$20,462 |  | 20,462 |

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| Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease) |     |                                       |          |  |        |
| 10 3800                        | 000 | Other Financing Sources: Subscription | \$20,462 |  | 22,939 |

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| General Fund/Recreation            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease) |  |  |  |  |  |

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|------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 10 6130                            | 845 | Expenditure: Subscriptions            | \$6,065   | 6,065     |
| 10 6130                            | 853 | Initial Implementation Stage Outlay   | (1,365)   | (1,365)   |
| Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)     |     |                                       |           |           |
| 10 3800                            | 000 | Other Financing Sources: Subscription | \$4,700   | 27,639    |
| General Fund/Sheriff               |     |                                       |           |           |
| Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease) |     |                                       |           |           |
| 10 4310                            | 845 | Expenditure: Subscriptions            | 29,290    | 29,290    |
| Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)     |     |                                       |           |           |
| 10 3800                            | 000 | Other Financing Sources: Subscription | \$29,290  | 56,929    |
| General Fund/Finance               |     |                                       |           |           |
| Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease) |     |                                       |           |           |
| 10 4130                            | 845 | Expenditure: Subscriptions            | 22,023    | 22,023    |
| Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)     |     |                                       |           |           |
| 10 3800                            | 000 | Other Financing Sources: Subscription | \$22,023  | 78,952    |
| General Fund/Sheriff               |     |                                       |           |           |
| Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease) |     |                                       |           |           |
| 10 4310                            | 845 | Expenditure: Subscriptions            | 1,282     | 1,282     |
| Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)     |     |                                       |           |           |
| 10 3800                            | 000 | Other Financing Sources: Subscription | \$1,282   | 80,234    |
| General Fund/Non-Departmental      |     |                                       |           |           |
| Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease) |     |                                       |           |           |
| 10 8540                            | 845 | Expenditure: Subscriptions            | 338,305   | 338,305   |
| 10 8540                            | 853 | Initial Implementation Stage Outlay   | (166,810) | (168,175) |
| Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)     |     |                                       |           |           |
| 10 3800                            | 000 | Other Financing Sources: Subscription | \$171,495 | 251,729   |

*Description : Per GASB 96 requirements, recognize the expenditure and corresponding funding for the creation of Subscription Based Information Technology Agreement (SBITA) assets for the following agreements:*

| Department             | Arrangement                    |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Information Technology | KnowB4                         |
| Register of Deeds      | Indexing System                |
| Parks and Grounds      | CivicRec                       |
| Sheriff                | RMS                            |
| Finance                | DebtBook                       |
| Sheriff                | BioMetric Scanning             |
| Non-Department         | Tyler - Software - HR -Payroll |

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|------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------|---------|-----------|
| Landfill                           |     |                       |         |           |
| Expenditures: Increase/ (Decrease) |     |                       |         |           |
| 60 4725                            | 121 | Salaries              | 2,000   | 179,842   |
| 60 4729                            | 121 | Salaries              | 2,000   | 49,058    |
| Revenues: Increase/ (Decrease)     |     |                       |         |           |
| 60 3991                            | 991 | Appropriated Fund Bal | \$4,000 | 1,944,000 |

*Description: Provide funding to cover the four day overlap in pay, as part of the payroll conversion from monthly to bi-weekly.*

## **INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **Board Recognized Jonathan David “JJ” Hayes, Jr.**

The Board recognized Jonathan David “JJ” Hayes, Jr. for achieving Eagle Scout's rank and his academic and community accomplishments. Jonathan “JJ” Hayes was found worthy of the rank of Eagle Scout on April 20, 2023. The Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held on June 24, 2023. Chair May invited Mr. Hayes, Jr. to come forward where he was met by Chair May and Commissioner Karan. Chair May read the following proclamation and presented it on behalf of the Board:

#### **Proclamation Honoring Eagle Scout Jonathan David Hayes, Jr.**

**WHEREAS**, rising high school senior Jonathan David Hayes, Jr., took the old Steve Miller Band’s song “Fly Like an Eagle” to heart. His strong integrity and humility can be attributed to him being a member of the Scouts at an early age, but it began with the insight of his parents Jon and Danielle Hayes, noticing and nurturing his talents; and

**WHEREAS**, ten years of service in Troop 416, Jonathan worked his way up to serve in many leadership positions, including Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Chaplain’s Aid, all while in the same decade, he was also serving his community by working on different community projects; and

**WHEREAS**, with his sense of community, JJ as he is so lovingly called, worked on projects such as: helping with replacing one of the roofs at the Oxford Masonic Home for Children, helping build a horse shelter at the Shepherd Youth Ranch in Creedmoor, NC, and assisting in collecting

and retiring hundreds of American Flags in the Creedmoor, Butner and Stem communities, and lending a hand in many other beautification and clean-up projects, but this by no ways eclipse his achievements as a Scout in Troop 416; and

**WHEREAS**, JJ has been awarded the National Outdoor Achievement Award for Camping and the National Outdoor Achievement Award for Hiking; and with at least 25 nights of camping, hundreds of trekked miles behind him, community service, and good citizenship, Jonathan David Hayes, Jr., achieved the Rank of Eagle Scout. He, of course, went above the required 21 Merit Badges to achieve the Eagle Scout rank. He acquired 56; and

**WHEREAS** JJ's way of excellence filtered over into his academics as a member of the National Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society. He is also a Scholar Athlete and is graduating in the top 10 of his 2024 senior graduating class at South Granville High School, and along the way, he played JV Football and Soccer; and

**WHEREAS**, as Captain of the Varsity Wrestling team, he led his team to two consecutive conference tournament championships, and represented South Granville at the NCHSAA Individual 2A Regional Tournament and the 2A State Tournament, placing him in the top 16 wrestlers in the state of NC in his weight class; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Granville County Board of Commissioners, extends its sincere congratulations to Jonathan David Hayes, Jr. for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and for his academic and community accomplishments.

#### **Board Recognized Keegan Rapp, Lead For North Carolina Fellow**

Assistant County Manager Korena Weichel commented on Keegan Rapp's contribution to Granville County during his 2022-2023 Lead for North Carolina Fellowship. She said that it is hard to believe it has been almost a year since the county office introduced Keegan to the Board; however, the Lead for North Carolina fellowship program year ends on June 30, 2023, and Keegan will be leaving Granville County to pursue certification to teach English as a foreign language and begin teaching abroad at a rural high school in Japan for one year. She provided the following additional biographical information. Keegan's next educational goal is to attend the UNC-Chapel Hill MPA program. During his time with Granville County this past eleven months, Keegan worked with Administration, Library, and Cooperative Extension on various assignments. He managed the request for proposals process for the Granville Athletic Park ADA transition plan, provided research and editorial content for the strategic plan updates and other county projects, persevered to eventually sign on 29 partners for the Library System's Farm to Fridge program, and assisted with numerous teen leadership initiatives.

Chair May made comments and presented a certification to Mr. Rapp on behalf of the Board that read:

This certificate of recognition awarded to Keegan Rapp from 2022-2023, lead for North Carolina Fellow in appreciation for your outstanding service during your fellowship at Granville County, North Carolina, presented this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

Board members thanked Mr. Rapp.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Paul Blalock, 1593 Tally Ho Road, Stem**, spoke against the Stem ETJ. He said it is an important issue to him and that he guessed most are at the Stem meeting tonight to voice their opposition, but he chose to come before the Board as it will eventually come to this Board for approval or denial. He said most feel it is a stepping stone to annexation. Citizens have received a letter from the Kerr Tar Council of Government regarding a public hearing which states that if the ETJ is passed, residents will have to follow Stem's zoning ordinances. He said he thinks we all understand growth is needed but he prefers controlled growth because of the challenges we may face if we grow too fast. He said they feel like they are in better hands if Granville County keeps control of zoning.

**Michaela Wilkins, 3145 Tump Wilkins Road, Stem,** said that her great-great-grandfather Thaddeus Tump Wilkins bought enough land to ensure that his family would forever have a home and that their road was named after him. She said that the family has been on the land for five generations and that they would like to continue to stay for generations to come. She emphasized that even those family members who had left have since returned. She said that she went to Durham Academy and then to Meredith College in Raleigh, where she received a double major and graduated with honors, then came back home to Granville County because it is home, and it is where she wanted to be. She, along with her brother, have inherited their land from their father and they have plans to build a homestead and farm on it. She said the ETJ, if passed, jeopardizes their dreams and calls into question the goals that she has had her entire life. She has traveled the world, and there is no place she'd rather call home. She said the people of Stem are not opposed to sustainable growth, but that the ETJ would call their way of life into question, and that they know what is sustainable is the way that they have lived on the land for 100 years.

**Cheryl Blawusch, 3109 Tump Wilkins Road, Stem,** opposed the ETJ. She said she has reviewed the UDO and sent emails to the commissioners about her opposition. She said she appreciates the work and knows the Board has many decisions to make and she thanked them. She said that the Stem ETJ is personal to so many citizens as they will be directly impacted. The residents are saying loud and clear they do not want Stem ETJ. She said the Board can vote no as the residents are saying they do not want it. She said she hopes that Granville County will still manage the rural areas in addition to its plan for growth. She said they understand there will be growth and asked that the county retain jurisdiction over the rural properties to protect our desired lifestyle, free from unnecessary restrictions.

**Carsyn Woelk, 2047 Stoneridge Drive, Stem,** made the following comments and presented a copy to the Board:

I am a 22-year-old land and homeowner. 3 years ago, I was blessed to be given land by my husband's parents to put a house on for when we get married to live and raise a family in. My father-in-law's dream was to buy enough land for all his children and grandchildren to live on. Very sadly and suddenly both of my parents passed away a year and a half ago and left us to deal with everything. We vowed to protect their home and honor it. As a 20-year-old with this responsibility I did not know what to do but I learned. Standing here today I will be overlooked and judged for my age, but I have learned that I have a voice. Even as a 22-year-old, I understand what is going on around me and of the threat the Stem ETJ has on not just mine but my late parent's property. Between me being a preschool teacher, and my husband running a lawn care business and the expense of our parents passing we don't bring home much. Therefore, if the Stem ETJ were to be established this would threaten our land, home and finances which we go to bed nightly worrying about. And this is not just my household but every person sitting behind me is faced with the same. From 20 to 40 to 60 to 80 we are all in the building for the same reason, to protect our properties. I don't know your situation, but I do know you have a home you're going to after this. You will wind down and rest in your bed tonight. Just know as you lay in your bed thinking about tomorrow, we are stressing and going to bed worried about our future of the very place we call home.

**Larry Eaton, 4688 Belltown Road, Oxford,** said that he attended the Special Joint Meeting of the Granville County Parks, Greenways and Recreation and Board of Commissioners. He said that during the presentation, he was asked to move by Assistant County Manager. He was told that the seats were reserved. He said he was embarrassed and humiliated. He said he wrote a letter and took it to give to Mr. Cummings. He then read a timeline for delivering his complaint to the Administration office.

## **GRANT MATTERS**

### **Board Approved the Home and Community Care Block Grant**

Senior Services Director Kathy May asked the Board to consider approving the Local County Funding Plan for the fiscal year 2023-2024 Home and Community Care Block Grant. She said the Housing and Community Care Block Grant is the largest outside funding source for the Department of Senior Services, and it is allocated yearly for special services such as congregate and home-delivered nutrition, transportation, and in-home aid services as well as a few other services. Allocations for the upcoming fiscal year were stated at \$511,231, which is the current year budget. They have not received an updated amount for the next fiscal year. They do believe that amount will be larger, but they are using it as a placeholder until they can get the exact figure and noted that this is a combination of federal and state money that is distributed to them through the Area Agency on Aging, which is under the umbrella of the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments; the local match was already included in the budget. She said on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, she met with their funding plan committee, which is a committee that is appointed by this Board, and that Commissioner Gooch attended that meeting. The committee distributed the \$511,000 between allowable services in the way that would best serve our senior population. She referenced the list of services and the recommended distribution of funds in the agenda packet, stating that money can be moved around throughout the year as needed. She requested Board approval of the county funding plan in the agenda packet.

Motioned by Commissioner Sue Hinman, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the distribution of the fiscal year 2023-2024 Home and Community Care Block Grant in the amount of \$511,251 and the required County match of \$56,806.

## **SHERIFF MATTERS**

### **Board Approved Appointment of Robert David Fountain, III as a Detention Officer**

Rob Bailess spoke on behalf of Sheriff Fountain who was at home celebrating his son's birthday and Juneteenth. Mr. Bailess explained that the Sheriff's Office was requesting that the Board of Commissioners approve the hiring and appointment of Robert David Fountain III, the son of Sheriff Fountain, as a Detention Officer. He explained that pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 153A-103 the Board of Commissioners must approve the appointment by such an officer of a relative by blood or marriage of nearer kinship than first cousin. He presented the following background and qualification information on Robert Fountain III. Robert Fountain III is the son of Sheriff Robert Fountain and seeks employment as a Detention Officer with the Granville County Sheriff's Office. Robert Fountain III is currently attending Greensboro College and is projected to graduate in December 2023 with a degree in criminal justice. Additionally, from April through August of 2022, he served as a seasonal police officer with the Ocean City Maryland Police Department where he received a provisional law enforcement certificate. When he served as a seasonal police officer, he was duly sworn and had full law enforcement authority. He attended six weeks of Consolidated Criminal Justice training at the Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy in Maryland, where he went over such topics as policy, ethics, use of force, firearms, criminal code, and arrest powers for law enforcement officers. Mr. Bailess personally recommended Mr. Fountain III to the Board, stating that in his experience serving on hiring boards at the county and federal level, Mr. Fountain III is highly qualified for the position of Detention Officer.

Commissioner Williford asked if Mr. Fountain III would finish school and then be hired, or if he would be hired right away. Mr. Bailess responded that the Sheriff's Office is looking for immediate employment and that Mr. Fountain III will be finishing up the remainder of his studies online and then will be graduating at the end of the term in December.

Commissioner Karan asked to clarify if this is an open competitive hiring process with standards.

Mr. Bailess replied, yes, that it is his understanding that Mr. Fountain III filled out an application with personnel, meeting all the requirements of such for the position. He further added that Mr. Fountain III's appointment with Ocean City was very rigorous as they did a full background psych test and polygraph, and it was very competitive and that to gain such an appointment is impressive.

Commissioner Karan stated that he was making sure that our hiring process was an open competitive process.

Chair May then asked if there are current openings and Mr. Bailess confirmed that there are current openings in both detention and deputy roles.

Chair May asked, being that Sheriff Fountain alone can hire and fire, if the Sheriff is or will take all appropriate steps to ensure that after this Detention Officer is hired, he will remove himself from that process.

Mr. Bailess confirmed that this would be handled in a different manner and then referred to Chief Buster for further clarification.

Chief Buster stated that the Sheriff would not have any direct supervision of his son, that Mr. Fountain III would be transferred to the Detention Chief Jailer, and the Sheriff would not take place in any personnel matters pertaining to his son.

Commissioner Gooch asked if we had this situation before with previous Sheriffs.

County Attorney Wrenn stated that it is his understanding that previous Sheriffs have employed relatives, but that that he is not aware of any previous Sheriffs coming before the Board as required by statute. He stated that at least one previous sheriff had a son who was employed as a deputy and that he did not recall the matter coming before the Board but suggested that the Clerk could speak about what is in the minutes.

Commissioner Cozart concurred with Attorney Wrenn, saying that he recalled relatives who were next of kin working for the Sheriff but does not recall them coming before the Board.

Chair May summarized that Robert Fountain III is highly qualified, will soon have a college degree, completed 251 hours of law enforcement training as a provisional police officer in Ocean City, Maryland, and had a thorough background conducted which included a polygraph exam in the previous employment.

Motioned by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the hiring and appointment of Robert David Fountain, III as a Detention Officer pursuant to NC General Statute §153A-103 as follows:

*Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §153A-103, each sheriff and register of deeds elected by the people has the exclusive right to hire, discharge, and supervise the employees in his office. However, the board of commissioners must approve the appointment by such an officer of a relative by blood or marriage of nearer kinship than first cousin.*

## **SOCIAL SERVICES MATTERS**

### **Board Approved the Approval of Purchase of DSS Support Furniture**

Interim Social Services Director Dana Mustain-Lyles gave the following background information on furniture for the move to 143 Williamsboro Street, Oxford. The Department of Social Services Child Support Services is in the process of relocating to a new facility that will provide an updated work structure and environment for the public and staff. The furniture and office are needed to ensure adequate needs of the staff and to serve the clients. She referenced the price quotes, adding that Uline provided the furniture for the Creedmoor office, but did not provide any

assembly or cleaning services and neither does Office Depot nor National Business. She noted that Taylor Business was hired for assembly and cleanup for the Creedmoor office.

|                   |                                                               |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| ULINE             | \$38,800.00 before taxes (assembly and clean-up not included) |
| OFFICE DEPOT      | \$31,443.00 before taxes (assembly and clean-up not included) |
| NATIONAL BUSINESS | \$38,800.00 before taxes (assembly and clean-up not included) |
| TAYLOR BUSINESS   | \$33,884.17 before taxes (assembly and clean-up included)     |

She explained that they initially did not make a budget request for this as they thought the Child Support incentive funding could be used, but they were informed by the State Controller’s office that those funds could not be used because the furniture and equipment could not be personalized for sole use by Child Support as sometimes county furniture and office equipment is recycled and used for other departments.

County Attorney Wrenn asked to clarify if the funds would be all county funds, or if there would be any sort of federal funding. Ms. Mustain-Lyles confirmed that the funds would be all county funds.

Motioned by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved furniture and office items for the new DSS Child Support location at 143 Williamsboro Street from Taylor Business Products in the amount of \$33,884.17 that includes assembly and removal of debris, from county funds upon review of the County Manager and County Attorney.

**SOLID WASTE MATTERS**

**Board Awarded and Approved the Brush Grinding Contract**

Environmental Services Director Jason Falls asked the Board to approve the brush grinding award and contract. Mr. Falls provided the following information. Granville County receives wood and yard wastes at the Oxford and Butner multi-material facilities from residents and commercial businesses. Grinding is typically done once per year for each location and the majority is resold back to the public as mulch. However, there are times when a surplus of mulch is available causing issues such as fires and leachate seepage. He noted that included in this bid was an option to transfer ground mulch to an end user. The current contract for brush grinding services expires this year. Staff rebid the contract for brush grinding services for both the Oxford and Butner Landfill for a term of 5 years and received a handful of interest with two submitted bids. He read the following summary of bids which was listed in the agenda packet.

| Fiscal Years | Simmons and Simmons                     | Wilson Logging and Grading              |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| FY2023-24    | Grinding \$20/ton; Transport \$10.50    | Grinding \$28/ton; Transport \$30.00    |
| FY2024-25    | Grinding \$21/ton; Transport \$10.50    | Grinding \$29.12/ton; Transport \$31.20 |
| FY2025-26    | Grinding \$21.75/ton; Transport \$11.50 | Grinding \$30.28/ton; Transport \$32.45 |
| FY2026-27    | Grinding \$22.84/ton; Transport \$11.50 | Grinding \$31.49/ton; Transport \$33.74 |
| FY2027-28    | Grinding \$23.90/ton; Transport \$12.00 | Grinding \$32.75/ton; Transport \$35.09 |

Mr. Falls provided the following funding information. This RFP (request for purchase) was advertised per the informal bidding guidelines specified by both Granville County policy and state law. Proposals were reviewed by both the County Attorney and County Manager. Funding is available for one grinding event/location for fiscal year 2023-2024 and in subsequent years funding will be presented as a budget line item in the continuation budget each year after for approval. He then gave his recommendation.

Motioned by Commissioner Sue Hinman, seconded by Commissioner Robert Williford, and unanimously carried, the Board approved awarding the brush grinding contract to Simmons and Simmons Management, Inc. at the below-quoted rates for the upcoming budget year as well as subsequent fiscal years.



| Fiscal Year | \$/Ton                                   |
|-------------|------------------------------------------|
| FY2023-24   | Grinding Cost \$20.00; Transport \$10.50 |
| FY2024-25   | Grinding Cost \$21.00; Transport \$10.50 |
| FY2025-26   | Grinding Cost \$21.75; Transport \$11.50 |
| FY2026-27   | Grinding Cost \$22.84; Transport \$11.50 |
| FY2027-28   | Grinding Cost \$23.90; Transport \$12.00 |

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Board Approved Reappointment to the Aeronautics Authority of the City of Henderson, City of Oxford, County of Granville, and County of Vance**

After clarification about term limits being none for this board, the Board voted.

Motioned by Commissioner Robert Williford, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the reappointment of Jonathan Carver to the Aeronautics Authority of the City of Henderson, City of Oxford, County of Granville, and County of Vance.

**Board Approved Reappointments to the Granville County Fire Department Commission**

Chair May said that the purpose is to make appointments or reappointments to the Granville County Fire Commission. Chair May amended the record to reflect that the terms of Andy Culbreth [Northern Region SME (Subject Matter Expert) – Fire & Emergency Services Representative], Chip Fudge [Central Region-Citizen At-large] and Richard Ray [Southern Region SME (Subject Matter Expert) - Fire & Emergency Services Representative] expire in July.

Motioned by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Andy Culbreth [Northern Region SME (Subject Matter Expert) – Fire & Emergency Services Representative], Chip Fudge [Central Region-Citizen At-large] and Richard Ray [Southern Region SME (Subject Matter Expert) - Fire & Emergency Services Representative] to the Granville County Fire Commission.

**Board Held Jury Commission Appointment**

Chair May said that the purpose is to make an appointment to the Granville County Jury Commission. He read the background information. Chair May confirmed that Commissioner Gooch may have an appointee but has not received a commitment and asked the Board to hold this time.

**Board Approved Reappointment to the Granville County Planning Board**

Chair May said that the terms of Adam Brewer (District 2), Howard Tyler (District 4), and Justin Milstein (District 7) have expired. He explained that Mr. Brewer was appointed to fill an unexpired term, Mr. Milstein resigned, and Mr. Tyler retired after 28 years of service and needs to be replaced. There were no applications on file.

Commissioner Cozart (District 4) and Commissioner Williford (District 7) did not have any nominations at this time. Commissioner Williford explained that Mr. Brewer would like to be reappointed.

Motioned by Commissioner Robert Williford, seconded by Commissioner Timothy Karan, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the reappointment of Adam Brewer (District 2) to the Granville County Planning Board.

**Board Approved Reappointments to Kerr-Tarr Workforce Development Board**

Chair May said that the terms of Sara Lloyd (Higher Education), Gordon Agingu (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation), Monica Satterwhite (Wagner-Peyser Act representative), Pastor Phillip Betts (Community-Based Organization), and Tana Chamberlain (Private Industry) have been endorsed by Workforce Development Director Lou Grillo for reappointment. He referred to a recommendation letter received from Lou Grillo that was included in the agenda packet.

Motioned by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Robert Williford, and unanimously carried, the Board reappointed Sara Lloyd (Higher Education), Gordon Agingu (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation), Monica Satterwhite (Wagner-Peyser Act representative), Pastor Phillip Betts (Community-Based Organization), and Tana Chamberlain (Private Industry).

#### **Board Approved Appointments to Vance-Granville Community College Board of Trustees**

Chair May said that the purpose is to make an appointment to the Board of Trustees of Vance-Granville Community College. He provided the following background information. The trustees of each Community College institution shall constitute the local administrative board of such institution, with such powers and duties as are provided in General Statute 115D-20 and as delegated to it by the State Board of Community Colleges. The term of Deborah Butler expires June 30, 2023 and she does not wish to be reappointed. There are two applications on file – Victoria Bradsher (District 2) and Keith Shearon (District 6).

Commissioner Williford stated that Ms. Bradsher had applied for several appointments and has since been appointed to the Board of Adjustment.

Motioned by Commissioner Timothy Karan, seconded by Commissioner Robert Williford, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Keith Shearon (District 6) to the Vance-Granville Community College Board of Trustees.

#### **Board Approved Appointments to NACo Voting Delegate**

Chair May said that the purpose is to select a NACo (National Association of Counties) Voting Delegate. He provided the following background information. The NACo Annual Conference is scheduled for July 21-24, 2023, in Travis County, Texas. A voting delegate needs to be selected to represent Granville County at the annual business meeting. During the meeting, credentialed NACo members elect NACo officers, set our national policy agenda, and conduct other association business.

Commissioner Cozart said that Commissioner Jay and Commissioner Hinman are attending the conference, that Commissioner Hinman did a good job previously, and he recommended Commissioner Sue Hinman.

Motioned by Commissioner Tony W Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and carried by a vote of 6-1, Commissioner Sue Hinman opposed, the Board selected Commissioner Sue Hinman as the NACo (National Association of Counties) Voting Delegate.

### **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

#### **Board Approved Amplifund Grant Management Software Contract**

County Manager Drew Cummings requested approval to purchase access to the Amplifund grant-seeker and grant-management platform, approve the associated service contract, and authorize the County Manager to execute it. Mr. Cummings provided the following background information. Granville County has utilized eCivis to search for grants for much of the past decade and it has started not to meet our needs in a variety of ways. County Administration staff spent several months evaluating grant management platforms that may be capable of meeting the county's needs. Amplifund was identified as the only other comparable platform providing a grant management solution to city, county, and state governments. As an additional benefit, Cherry Bekaert (whose services were recently contracted by Granville County to evaluate county financial practices associated with federal and state funding) highly recommends Amplifund and will provide best practices to utilize this software to protect the county from liability and remain in compliance with federal and state regulations.

During user tests, Administration staff determined that Amplifund offered easier import of financial data directly from the county's financial management software. This will provide a more automated and seamless financial reporting and tracking system. The grant-seeking side of the Amplifund platform provides a more advantageous pricing structure of unlimited licenses

available under one fee. This pricing model will allow the county to provide grant management system access to all departments easily without changing the total cost. Amplifund will allow as many department contacts as needed, plus the easy addition of external grant managers at a cost of \$14,500 per year (price is guaranteed for 3 years). He recommended approval of the purchase of this software and authorizing him to execute the purchase contract.

Motioned by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart and unanimously carried, the Board approved purchasing access to the Amplifund grant-seeker and grant-management platform and approval of the associated service contract for a total cost of \$66,100 that includes a yearly subscription of \$14,500 per year for four years and a one-time implementation cost of \$8,100 with funds in the 2023-2024 budget.

#### **Board Approved Fire Department Contract**

County Manager Cummings said that this item is for approval of the template Fire Department contract. He explained that this is the culmination of approximately nine months of work. He explained that this is a template contract, and there may be final tweaks and that our municipal or quasi-municipal departments may also have slightly different contracts based on their different situations. He said he thinks that the completion of this contract represents a critical step forward towards organized and efficiently funded fire protection in Granville County. He explained that if the Board approves this, then it will be put back in the in the hands of each department for final review and signature and we can move forward into next fiscal year with signed fire contracts and, hopefully, use of the additional fire tax funds that are available for daytime fire drivers and other enhancements.

Motioned by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a Fire Department Contract template for fire protection in Granville County and authorized the County Manager and County Attorney to make minor tweaks if necessary before distributing the contracts to departments for execution.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

#### **Board Approved the Final Order Granting Major Special Use Permit**

County Attorney Wrenn said that this item is for approval of the final order granting the major special use permit. He provided the following background information. At the regular meeting held on June 5, 2023 the Board approved a Major Special Use Application for Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless to place a 199-foot lattice wireless communication tower with a fenced equipment compound on property owned by Lawrence and Anita Dixon specifically identified as tax parcel map number #096600067049, on property located at 7133 Lester McFarland Road. The final Order Granting Major Special Use Permit document needs to be approved. A final order drafted by the County Attorney's office evidencing the Board's decision to grant a Special Use Permit has been provided to the Board, and it has been reviewed by the Planning Director and by Tom Johnson, attorney for the applicant.

Motioned by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Robert Williford, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the final order granting the major special use permit for Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless.

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 an evidentiary hearing to consider the following application.

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| Applicant:       | Cellco Partnership, dba Verizon Wireless                     |
| Owners of record | Lawrence R. Dixon and Anita G. Dixon (as of date of hearing) |

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| Property Location:        | 7133 Lester McFarland, Oxford, NC 27565 |
| Tax Parcel Id. Number:    | 096600067049                            |
| Legal Description:        | See attached Exhibit "A"                |
| Proposed Use of Property: | New Wireless Support Structure          |
| Meeting Date:             | June 5, 2023                            |

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 April 12, 2023, including all attachments and addendums thereto (the "SUP Application"); (ii) Telecommunications Site Review report dated April 25, 2023 prepared by CityScape Consultants, Inc. consisting of eighteen (18) pages (the "Consultant's Report"); (iii) Affidavit from David Brown, Senior Network Performance Manager and Engineer with Verizon Wireless; (iv) Letter dated May 18, 2023 from Amy R. Herbst, Senior Design Engineer with Sabre Industries (the "Sabre Industries Letter"); and (v) Letter dated June 2, 2023 from David Brown, Senior Network Performance Manager and Engineer with Verizon Wireless addressed to Barry Baker, County Planning Director.
2. The SUP Application, included but without limitation, the following: (i) numerous engineered and construction drawings from Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. and others for Project # 20212222004; Site No. 678584; Site Name: Jaguar; (ii) Ordinance Compliance Statement and Narrative for Site Name and Number – Jaguar # 678584 submitted by Faulk & Foster o/b/o Applicant (the "Ordinance Compliance Statement and Narrative"); (iii) Affidavit dated January 26, 2023 from John Yeagley, Site Acquisition Manager with Chase Real Estate Services (the "Yeagley Affidavit"); (iv) FAA 1-A Survey Certification dated April 16, 2021 completed by Summit Design and Engineering Services; (v) Inability to Collocate Statement submitted by Chase Real Estate Services; (vi) Fully Executed and Redacted Lease Agreement with Underlying Property Owner; (vii) Report of Title issued by Fidelity National Title, including attachments thereto; (viii) Impact Study for Proposed Telecommunications Facility completed by Faulk & Foster dated November 29, 2021 containing approximately 44 pages (the "Real Estate Impact Study"); (ix) NEPA Review and Approval Documents prepared by Terracon Consultants, Inc. containing approximately 148 pages; and, (x) Additional Miscellaneous Documents, including but not limited to: Photo Simulation Images; Radio Frequency Report prepared by Pramira; NCDOT Driveway Permit; Published Balloon Test Notices; Neighborhood Community Meeting Notifications; Response to Conditions for Permit Approval submitted by Faulk & Foster o/b/o Applicant; and Zoning Vicinity Map.
3. At the evidentiary hearing, an oral amendment to the SUP Application was made on behalf of the Applicant requesting to change from a lattice construction to a monopole construction and said amendment was accepted by the Board. Pursuant to said oral amendment, the Applicant proposes to construct a new one hundred ninety-five (195)-foot monopole wireless communication tower with a fenced compound.
4. Thomas H. "Tom" Johnson, Jr. ("Tom Johnson") of the law firm of Williams Mullen represented the Applicant.
5. That the following persons provided sworn testimony to the Board concerning the application for major special use permit: (i) Tom Johnson, attorney for Applicant; (ii) Elizabeth Herrington-Smith, Consultant for CityScape Consultants, Inc., Granville County's consultant (the "Consultant"); (iii) David Brown, Senior

Network Performance Manager and Engineer with Verizon Wireless; and, (iv) Barry Baker, Granville County Planning Director.

6. 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.
7. 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.
8. That based on the SUP Application and other documents submitted into evidence, the Consultant's Report, and the testimony of witnesses, 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.
9. That the Applicant has consented and agreed in writing that before final permitting can occur that the following conditions be met and satisfied (the following conditions, specifically subsections (a)-(e) set out below, are hereafter collectively referred to as the "SUP Conditions").
  - a. Applicant shall provide a final construction-ready set of Construction Drawings, signed and sealed by a North Carolina Professional Engineer;
  - b. Applicant shall provide a structural analysis report signed and sealed by a North Carolina structural Professional Engineer, confirming that the tower will support the Applicant's tower-mounted equipment and similar equipment for at least three (3) wireless carries in accordance with applicable EIA/TIA-222 structural standards;
  - c. Applicant shall provide a letter from a structural Professional Engineer with the manufacturer of the tower stating that the tower will be engineered for a fall radius of less than or equal to 150 feet, and;
  - d. The 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, and;
  - e. Applicant shall submit a signed letter from a qualified person from Verizon stating that in the event that interference is caused to another telecommunications service, Verizon agrees to fully cooperate with the entity experiencing interference to identify and correct, to the extent reasonably possible, any issues caused by the Verizon installation.
10. That no one appeared in opposition to the proposed new wireless support structure.

**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. Specifically, the Board notes the testimony given and the information set forth in the Ordinance Compliance Statement and Narrative, the Consultant's Report, the Yeagley Affidavit, the Sabre Industries Letter, and the SUP Application. 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. Specifically, the Board notes the testimony given and the information set forth in the Ordinance Compliance Statement and Narrative, the Consultant's Report, and the SUP Application. 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. Specifically, the Board notes the testimony given and the information set forth in the Ordinance Compliance Statement and Narrative, the Consultant's Report, the Real Estate Impact Study, and the SUP Application. 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. Specifically, the Board notes the testimony given and the information set forth in the Ordinance Compliance Statement and Narrative, the Consultant's Report, the Real Estate Impact Study, and the SUP Application. 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 Board notes the testimony given and the information set forth in the Ordinance Compliance Statement and Narrative, the Consultant's Report, the Real Estate Impact Study, and the SUP Application and in addition thereto, the Board notes that 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. §160B-393, 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. Specifically, the Board notes the testimony given and the information set forth in the Ordinance Compliance Statement and Narrative, the Real Estate Impact Study, and the SUP Application. 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, subject to the SUP Conditions hereinabove set forth.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the application for a major special use permit referenced herein be **GRANTED, SUBJECT TO THE SUP CONDITIONS SET OUT ABOVE**, and the same shall be binding on them and their respective heirs and 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 096600067049 and being that certain tract or parcel of land more particularly described at deed recorded at Deed Book 1361, Page 219 of the Granville County Registry, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof.

#### **Board Approved Amendment to Substitute Equipment on Charlie Stovall Road Tower**

County Attorney Wrenn said that this item is to consider approval of an amendment to substitute equipment on the Charlie Stovall Road tower. The request has been reviewed and approved by the County's consultant, Cityscape, and the Planning Director. Attorney Wrenn's office has reviewed and approved it and Verizon has reviewed and approved it as well.

Motioned by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board an amendment to Communications Site Lease Agreement between Granville County and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon to substitute equipment on the Charlie Stovall Road Tower.

#### **County Attorney's Report**

County Attorney Wrenn said that he had matters for closed sessions that included a personnel matter.

#### **BOARD PRESENTATIONS**

Commissioner Cozart acknowledged Keegan Rapp and JJ Hayes. He said that he attended J.F. Webb and South Granville graduations and that it never gets old to see young people have their day. He said that he appreciated the teachers, parents, and administrators who made it all possible. He expressed excitement for what the Auction Direct opportunities will do for our whole community, particularly the CTE auto mechanics program and for the young people who are interested in that work. He added that to have that facility with those salaries is very exciting for Granville County. He thanked Economic Development, and everyone who had a hand in it, for their hard work.

Commissioner Karan acknowledged Keegan Rapp. He said that he has two outstanding appointments on the Human Relations Commission and one on the Economic Development Commission and encouraged interested persons to forward their applications to the clerk's office and noted that applications are available on the website. He also mentioned openings on the Butner Planning Board ETJ (extraterritorial jurisdiction) member and Butner Board of Adjustment ETJ member, which are not his appointments but appointments by the Board from the county. He said he could not find a difference between the current county zoning and what is proposed in the ETJ of Stem and asked that if somebody can find where there is a difference to please let him know. He emphasized that with the ETJ it would not be incumbent upon people to come up

to the standard, the time that would happen would be when they wanted to do a project of some sort. He said he understands people have fears and encouraged them to reach out to him.

Commissioner Gooch acknowledged Keegan Rapp. He congratulated all the high school graduates in all schools within the county. He said that we would likely experience rapid growth in the future. By comparison, he referenced the rapid growth that Wake Forest experienced when it went from just over 5,000 people in the 90s to 50,000 in 2021 and commented that watching Wake Forest grow over 30 years has been scary.

Commissioner Jay said that starting July 1, Randy Cantor will be the new director at KARTS. He acknowledged Keegan Rapp. He said that the Environmental Affairs Board is asking the Board of Commissioners what they would like them to start studying, and he said he would appreciate an answer by the next meeting in July. He offered a happy-belated Father's Day to all the fathers.

Commissioner Williford acknowledged Keegan Rapp and the Hayes family.

Commissioner Hinman acknowledged Keegan Rapp and JJ Hayes. She said that she was at the elder abuse awareness meeting the prior Thursday, and she learned a lot. She urged everyone to remember that elder abuse is against the law, and if we see or hear any of any type of elder abuse and we do not report it, we could be in just as much trouble as the abuser. She said she attended the Webb, South Granville, Granville Central, and Granville Academy high school graduations and that it is good to see young people graduate, and that hopefully they will come back and be a part of this community.

Chair May said he is thankful for our volunteer fire departments and that on this date they fought a significant fire on Tom Hunt Road involving four or five departments. He emphasized that about 98 or 99 counties have already initiated a fire tax to improve their fire departments and that we have a lot of ground to cover but we are going to do everything we can to help our volunteers. He acknowledged Keegan Rapp and the Hayes family. He commended the South Granville boy's baseball team for being a state runner-up this year. He said that he is very happy with our economic development team and Auction Direct USA and added that it is incredible to bring high-paying, high-skilled jobs to Granville County. He acknowledged Keegan Rapp and the Hayes family. He said that he, along with Commissioner Cozart and Ms. Hayes, visited Janie Preddy who is not feeling well, and noted that she is a retired educator. He said they presented her with a proclamation acknowledging the fantastic work she has done on behalf of the citizens around the county to educate our children. He addressed Planning Director Barry Baker regarding CAMPO and the Highway 56 meeting and said he hopes that they can get the study from Butner to Louisburg and get that approved so that they can identify what they can do to get that corridor date moved up because 2025 is too late. He thanked the people who attended with ETJ concerns and said that the Board was listening, and noted they are not dismissive of anything that they were saying. He added that the matter has not formally come before the board and that until it does it would be inappropriate for them to discuss it in a manner that would be unfair to either body. He explained that is why they do not have a commitment from the board at this point.

#### **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

There are no other matters.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Upon a motion by Commissioner Robert Williford, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board went into closed session as allowed by N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (3) and (6) for attorney-client and personnel matters.



**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Upon motion by Commissioner Sue Hinman, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board returned to open session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Sue Hinman, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Gooch, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

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Russ May, Chair