

GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 20, 2025
GRANVILLE EXPO AND CONVENTION CENTER
4185 US Highway 15 South, Oxford, North Carolina
Regular Meeting

PRESENT:

Chair Jimmy Gooch
Vice-Chair Zelodis Jay
Commissioner Robert Williford
Commissioner Mark Griffin
Commissioner Tony W. Cozart
Commissioner Russ May
Commissioner Timothy Karan

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

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:03 p.m., Chair Jimmy Gooch called the meeting to order. Commissioner Russ May delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Gooch noted that the first item of business was the approval of the agenda. Commissioner Robert Williford requested to add an item to the 'Any Other Matters' section of the agenda.

Motioned by Commissioner Robert Williford, seconded by Commissioner Russ May, and unanimously carried, Board approved the October 20, 2025 regular meeting agenda as amended.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Robert Williford requested clarification on number four on the consent agenda, Resolution to Reduce Salary of Elected Official.

County Manager Drew Cummings explained that this is a standard procedure required by state statute to reduce the salary for certain elected offices to the minimum of the established range before the opening of the election filing period. This action preserves the Board's authority to set the salary for the newly elected official at an appropriate level based on experience, as an elected official's salary cannot be reduced once they are seated. He noted that the only office included for this adjustment at this time is the Sheriff, as the Register of Deeds is on a different election cycle.

Motion

Motioned by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Robert Williford, and unanimously carried, Board approved the consent agenda as follows:

A. Approved Budget Amendment 5 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

BUDGET AMENDMENT 5
October 20, 2025
Legal Document

Be it ordained, the FY 2025-2026 Annual Budget Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Expenditures	Increase	Decrease	Total
General Government			\$ -
Education			\$50,000
Granville County School System	\$ 50,000	\$ -	
Contributions to Other Funds & Contingencies			(\$50,000)
Contingencies	\$ -	\$ 50,000	
		Total Expenditures	\$ -

Reclassification Amendment

[No change to total budget. This is an internal movement of funds.]

				Budget Increase	Budget Decrease	Approved Budget After Amendment
Social Services						
<i>Expenditures</i>						
10	9910	991	General Contingency		\$50,000	\$1,544,498
10	5911	580	GCPS - Capital Outlay	\$50,000		\$0

During the Oct. 6 BOCC regular meeting, the Board approved allotting \$50,000 to South Granville High School Training/Weight Room Building Renovation Project. The project consists of a turnkey renovation of a single existing building for a training and multi-use facility primarily for athletic and physical education purposes. This amendment reallocates funds from General Contingency to GCPS Capital Outlay budget.

Appropriation Modification Amendments

[These amendments reflect an increase or decrease to fund balance or to the total budget.]

				Budget Increase	Budget Decrease	Approved Budget After Amendment
OTHER FUNDS						
Sheriff's Special Account						
<i>Expenditures</i>						
54	4000	000	Supplies & Materials	\$5,000		\$20,000
54	4000	212	Uniforms	\$2,000		\$3,000
54	4000	312	Travel	\$2,000		\$11,000
54	4000	354	Fleet (R&M)	\$6,000		\$6,000
<i>Revenues</i>						
54	3990	991	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$15,000		\$40,000

To appropriate available Sheriff's Special Fund fund balance to cover the cost of upfitting a K9 vehicle, uniforms, and duty gear. Remaining Sheriff's Special Fund fund balance after this amendment will be approximately \$20,000.

B. Approved Triangle North Capital Project Ordinance Amendment 5 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

**Capital Project Ordinance
Triangle North - Water and Sewer
Budget Amendment 5
October 20, 2025
LEGAL DOCUMENT**

Be it ordained, the Triangle North - Water and Sewer Project Budget Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

Expenditures	Increase	Decrease	Total
SelectSite Grant	1,007,860	\$	1,007,860
	Total Expenditures		\$ 1,007,860
Revenues	Increase	Decrease	Total
SelectSite Grant	1,007,860	\$	1,007,860
	Total Revenues		\$ 1,007,860

C. **Approved *Reimbursement Resolution for School Projects.***

REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the County intends to initiate the Project described herein, utilizing its own funds to cover initial expenditures, with the intent to subsequently reimburse such costs from the proceeds of future financing arrangements.

WHEREAS, the Manager and the Finance Officer have advised the Board to adopt this resolution to document the County's plans for reimbursement, so as to comply with certain federal tax rules relating to reimbursement from financing proceeds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina, as follows:

1. **Overview:** The Project consists of capital improvements for public schools.
2. **Initial Funding Plan:** The County will pay invoices for initial Project costs using its unassigned capital reserve fund, which currently has a balance of \$2,466,217.
Expected Expenditures: These early expenditures are expected to include payments for architectural, engineering, and other preliminary costs necessary to initiate the Project.
Reimbursement Strategy: Once financing is secured, the County intends to reimburse the capital reserve fund from the loan proceeds.
Finance & Budget: The anticipated primary method of financing (subject to change) is installment financing under Section 160A-20. The estimated maximum amount of financing for the Project, including reserves and financing costs, is approximately \$16,100,000.
Final Determination: The final amount borrowed will be determined based on final project design, construction bids, and market conditions at the time of financing.
Clarification: This resolution does not obligate the County to borrow any funds for any component of the Project.
3. **Alternative Funding Sources:** Funds for the early Project expenditures may come from the County's unassigned capital reserve fund, the General Fund, or any other appropriate County fund.
4. **Intent to Reimburse:** The County intends for the adoption of this resolution to serve as a declaration of its official intent to reimburse itself from future financing proceeds for Project cost expenditures advanced from the capital reserve fund or other County funds.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that any actions taken by the authorized signatories in connection with the above matters are hereby ratified and approved.

D. **Approved *Resolution of Notice to Reduce Salary of Elected Official.***

Resolution of Notice to Reduce Salary of Elected Official

WHEREAS, the Granville County Board of Commissioners is charged with setting the salaries of elected, salaried department managers; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. §153A-92 provides that during the year of a general election, the Board of Commissioners may reduce the salary, allowances, and other compensation of an officer to be elected at the general election only in accordance with this statute; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution provides the required notice of intention to make such a change within the statutory 14-day notice period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the salary for the elected Sheriff of Granville County, effective at the start of the next term of office, shall be set at the minimum of the approved salary range, or \$94,380.

E. **Approved the following tax refunds, releases, & write-offs:**

• Refunds	September 25, 2025 – October 8, 2025	\$146,209.46
• Releases	September 25, 2025 – October 8, 2025	\$175,247.96
• Write-offs (\$2.00 and less)	September 25, 2025 – October 8, 2025	\$ 10.68

F. **Approved the following minutes:**

- October 6, 2025 Regular Meeting

INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Introduction of Assistant Facility Maintenance Director

Facility Maintenance Director Gary Bowen introduced Joshua Roberson as the new Assistant Facility Maintenance Director.

- Director Bowen noted that Roberson has approximately 20 years of experience in commercial facility maintenance and wastewater management, most recently with Highwoods Properties in Raleigh.
- Roberson, a Henderson native and Franklinton resident, stated he was looking forward to working closer to home and serving the county. He thanked staff for the opportunity.

Proclamation Recognizing Amanda Dixon for Excellence in Journalism

Commissioner Russ May presented a proclamation recognizing Amanda Dixon, reporter for *The Ledger News*, for excellence in journalism.

- The proclamation honored Dixon for her 15 years of service to Granville County as a reporter and sports editor for the *Butner-Creedmoor News*, which merged with the *Oxford Public Ledger* and formed *The Ledger News* in 2025.
- It highlighted her 2025 North Carolina Press Association award for sports coverage and praised her talent, passion, and dedication to high-quality local journalism.
- Dixon thanked the Board for the recognition.

Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

Veterans Affairs Officer AJ Spiess presented a resolution in support of Operation Green Light, a national initiative to show support for veterans by lighting buildings green from November 4-11. Spiess explained the program’s history and importance, particularly for veterans who did not receive a warm welcome home.

Spiess also announced several upcoming veterans' events in the community:

- **Military History Show**
 - Date: Saturday, October 25
 - Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 - Location: Henderson Oxford Airport
- **Military Health and Resource Fair**
 - Date: November 1
 - Time: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 - Location: Vance-Granville Community College
 - Note: Four counties are invited to participate
- **Creedmoor Veterans Breakfast**
 - Time: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
 - Location: Willow Oak Room
- **Oxford Veterans Program (Post 90)**
 - Date: November 11
 - Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 - Location: Oxford Theater, Oxford City Hall

- **Butner Veterans Program**
 - Date: November 11
 - Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 - Location: Soldiers Memorial Sports Arena, Butner
- **Quarterly Art Program for Veterans**
 - Date: December 13
 - Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
 - Location: Granville County Library
 - Partners: Joel Fund and Granville County Arts Council

Motion

Motioned by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner Mark Griffin, and unanimously carried, Board adopted the *Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans*.

Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Granville County hold deep respect and gratitude for the men and women who have served our nation and community in the Armed Forces, whose sacrifices preserve the freedoms and way of life we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Granville County seeks to honor those who have placed themselves in harm's way for the good of all and who continue to serve our community through organizations such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and as County Veterans Service Officers assisting former service members in accessing federal benefits; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian life each year, many facing challenges that place them at increased risk during this transition period; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO) have launched Operation Green Light for Veterans, now in its fifth year, encouraging counties nationwide to show visible support for veterans by lighting buildings green;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Granville County designates November 4-11, 2025, including Veterans Day on November 11, as a time to honor and support veterans as they transition from active service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Granville County encourages residents, businesses, and organizations to display green lights during this period as a visible symbol of appreciation and support for all who have served.

Recognition of Human Relations Commission Members

Board recognized Bessye McGee and John Wimbush for their long and dedicated service on the Granville County Human Relations Commission (HRC).

- Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, HRC Commissioner Liaison, presented a certificate to Bessye McGee for 20 years of service, praising her contributions to the school system, her community service, and her role as an author. McGee thanked the commission for its past support of her book and expressed her continued dedication to the group's mission.
- Commissioner Zelodis Jay, HRC Commissioner Liaison, presented a certificate to John Wimbush for 30 years of service, recognizing him as a founding member and commending his commitment to promoting peace and harmony in the county. Wimbush shared his appreciation and recounted his long history with the commission.
- Rev. John Gooch, Chair of the Human Relations Commission, thanked both members for their foundational leadership and years of service.
- Chair Gooch thanked both honorees and recommended to the Human Relations Commission that they be made honorary or legacy members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fred Johnson, 311 9th Street, Butner, NC, spoke about the need for better public transportation in Granville County. He noted that Granville is the only region in the state without a subsidized inter-city bus system. He presented a map from the N.C. Department of Transportation illustrating this gap and shared a QR code for a survey to gather data on residents' interest in such a service. He asked the Board to post the survey on the county website and to add a transit category to the website.

Landon Tate, 1664 Jack Clement Road, Stem, NC, co-owner of Granville Auction Company, expressed his disappointment with the county's Planning and Zoning department. He stated his business was "zoned out of business" after receiving a notice of violation. He described feeling misled, dismissed, and belittled by the Planning Director, stating he was given conflicting information about online auctions and was advised not to file an appeal, which prevented him from legally operating during the process.

Larry Adcock, 1699 Julian Oakley Road, Rougemont, NC, yielded his time to Landon Tate.

Landon Tate continued his remarks, stating that after trying to comply, the business was blindsided by a list of 10 new requirements from the Planning Director, including a potential traffic analysis, with only a three-day deadline to respond. He said this led to their decision to withdraw their special use permit application and move the business out of Granville County. He stated that no commissioner reached out after they announced their departure.

Kayleigh Blackburn, 3667 Chewning Road, NC, yielded her time to Landon Tate.

Chair Gooch noted that the rules only allow a speaker to receive one yielded time period.

Perry Enlowe, 5091 Gooch's Mill Road, Oxford, NC, began by finishing Landon Tate's prepared statement, which questioned the commissioners' commitment to economic growth and called for changes to ensure no other business is negatively impacted by zoning regulations. Enlowe then gave his own remarks, focusing on the sales tax revenue the auction company generated for the county, which he stated was over \$100,000 in the last year. He questioned the Board's understanding of sales tax collection in relation to the recently approved referendum for a quarter-cent sales tax increase.

PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS

Board Approved Resolution of Support for the "Faith in Mental Health" Certificate Program

Former State Representative Frank Sossamon presented the "Faith in Mental Health" Certificate program, a collaborative initiative between the public health department, mental health providers, and local churches in Vance and Granville counties. The program provides free training to help faith communities better respond to mental health, behavioral health, and substance use needs. Sossamon explained that the program aims to connect residents with available services and reduce the stigma surrounding mental illness.

Motion

Motioned by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner Robert Williford, and unanimously carried, Board adopted the *Resolution of Support for the "Faith in Mental Health" Certificate Program*.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE "FAITH IN MENTAL HEALTH" CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Granville County recognizes the ongoing challenges that residents face related to mental health, behavioral health, and substance use disorders, and the critical role of community-based initiatives in addressing these needs; and

WHEREAS, the "Faith in Mental Health" Certificate Program- developed collaboratively by Pastor Frank Sossamon, Granville Vance Public Health, Vaya Health, and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services - aims to equip area churches to better respond to individuals and families impacted by these issues; and

WHEREAS, the program offers *free training and certification* to local churches at three levels (Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced), providing education, resources, and practical tools to create supportive and informed faith-based environments that promote mental and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, more than 30 churches across Granville and Vance Counties have already enrolled in or expressed support for this initiative, demonstrating significant community interest and engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that strengthening partnerships among public health, faith-based, and community organizations is essential to advancing mental health awareness, reducing stigma, and expanding access to support services for all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granville County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its full support for the "Faith in Mental Health" Certificate Program and commends the collaborative efforts of local leaders and organizations working to improve mental and behavioral health outcomes throughout Granville County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board encourages local churches, faith-based organizations, and community partners to explore participation in the "Faith in Mental Health" program as part of the County's broader commitment to building a healthier and more resilient community.

TAX ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

Board Approved Refund Request for Robert and Sherrill Murray

Tax Administrator Jenny Short requested a tax refund for Robert and Sherrill Murray. Due to a clerical error in the Tax Office, an incorrect parcel was transferred to the Murrays following a deed transfer. The Murrays subsequently paid the 2023 and 2024 tax bills on the wrong property. The error was discovered by a local attorney. The refund will be issued to the Murrays, and the correct taxpayer will be billed.

Motion

Motioned by Commissioner Robert Williford, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, Board approved a tax refund to Robert and Sherrill Murray in the amount of \$493.80, in accordance with N.C.G.S. §105-381(a)(1), for 2023 and 2024 taxes (\$55.85 and \$437.95, respectively) that were paid on another taxpayer's parcel due to a clerical error.

Board Approved Present Use Value Late Application

Tax Administrator Short presented a request to approve a late application for Present Use Value on behalf of Milton and Ezra Satterwhite. Following a change in ownership characteristics, a new application was required, but was not submitted within the 60 days due to a medical condition that prevented one of the owners from completing the paperwork. Tax Administration staff recommended approval based on medical documentation demonstrating good cause.

Motion

Motioned by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, Board approved the late Present-Use Value (PUV) application submitted on behalf of Milton and Ezra Satterwhite, finding that good cause was demonstrated in accordance with the County's Late Application Policy and N.C.G.S. §105-277.4(a1), based on medical documentation verifying circumstances that prevented timely filing.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Board Approved Contracts for On-Call Engineering Services for Economic Development

Economic Development Director Charla Duncan presented a request to approve on-call engineering contracts. Duncan explained that her department issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQs) to establish a pool of pre-qualified firms to provide engineering, architectural, and surveying services. This allows the county to act more quickly on economic development projects and grant opportunities while complying with the N.C. Mini-Brooks Act and federal procurement requirements. After reviewing 22 responses and interviewing five firms, staff recommended awarding three-year on-call contracts to four firms.

Motion

Motioned by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Robert Williford, and unanimously carried, Board approved three-year on-call engineering services contracts with Kimley-Horn, KCI, Kittelson & Associates, and Thomas & Hutton for economic development projects, in compliance with the North Carolina Mini-Brooks Act (N.C.G.S. §143-64.31), and authorized the County Manager to execute the contracts once finalized by the County Attorney.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MATTERS

Board Approved Contract Negotiations for Courthouse Access Control and Security System Upgrade

Information Technology Director Chris Brame requested approval to begin contract negotiations with Security 101 for a comprehensive upgrade to the access control and security camera system at the Granville County Courthouse. The IT department, in conjunction with Development Services, reviewed 11 proposals and determined that the solution offered by Security 101 provided the greatest overall value, despite being the highest of the three shortlisted bids. The selection was based on their advanced technology, reliable service, and robust support.

Motion

Motioned by Commissioner Robert Williford, seconded by Commissioner Mark Griffin, and unanimously carried, Board approved initiation of contract negotiations with Security 101 for the design and implementation of an upgraded access control and security camera system at the Granville County Courthouse in an amount not to exceed \$160,000, and authorized the County Manager to execute the contract once finalized by the County Attorney.

SHERIFF'S MATTERS

Board Approved Governor's Highway Safety Program Grant

Deputy Chief Kevin Buster presented a request to accept a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP). The grant provides \$15,000 in reimbursable overtime funds for deputies to conduct highway traffic safety enforcement.

Motion

Motioned by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, Board approved adopting the fiscal year 2025-2026 Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) Overtime Grant Resolution authorizing acceptance of \$15,000.00 in reimbursable grant funds to support traffic safety enforcement initiatives, and authorized the County Manager to execute the contract once finalized by the County Attorney.

Board Approved Termination of MOU for Opioid Treatment Program

Sheriff Robert Fountain requested the termination of the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Sheriff's Office Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program, which was executed on July 1, 2024. The termination was necessary to restructure the program and align funding before entering into a new agreement.

Motion

Motioned by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Mark Griffin, and unanimously carried, Board approved Termination of Memorandum of Understanding between Granville County and the Granville County Sheriff's Office for the Addiction Treatment for Incarcerated Persons Program, effective October 31, 2025, and authorized the County Manager to execute the termination document once finalized by the County Attorney.

Change in Agenda Order

County Attorney Wrenn recommended changing the order of agenda items to improve the logical flow of discussion. Specifically, he suggested that the Board consider Item 20, Resolution to Direct Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds, before Item 19, Approval of Amended Memorandum of Understanding. Chair Gooch agreed to the change.

Board Approved Resolution Directing Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds

Cathy Hazlett, Substance Use Prevention & Treatment Program Manager for Granville Vance Public Health (GVPH) and facilitator for the Granville County Opioid Advisory Committee (OAC), presented a resolution to direct the expenditure of opioid settlement funds for the Sheriff's Office Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program. The resolution appropriates \$252,330 for fiscal year 2026 and \$252,330 for fiscal year 2027. This funding realigns the previously approved budget to include \$60,000 for a dedicated nurse from Southern Health Partners to support the MAT program.

Motion

Motioned by Commissioner Robert Williford, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, Board approved adopting a resolution to direct the expenditure of opioid settlement fund for the Sheriff's Office Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program, authorizing use of \$504,660 in opioid settlement funds to support Strategy #11 – Addiction Services to Incarcerated Persons for the period November 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, and authorized the County Manager and County Attorney to take all necessary actions to execute associated agreements and file the resolution (*A Resolution by the County of Granville to Direct the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds*) in CORE-NC within 90 days of approval.

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF GRANVILLE TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

WHEREAS Granville County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids.

WHEREAS the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and bankruptcy resolutions ("Opioid Settlement Funds") are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA"), the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation ("SAAF"), and SAAF-2;

WHEREAS Granville County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA;

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states that, before spending opioid settlement funds, the local government's governing body must adopt a resolution that:

- (i) indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and,

- (ii) states the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy; and,
- (iii) states the amount dedicated to each strategy for a specific period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA, SAAF, and SAAF-2, Granville County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

- 1. First strategy authorized
 - a. Name of strategy: Addiction Services to Incarcerated Persons
 - b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
 - c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Strategy #11
 - d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$504,660
 - e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
 - Start date November 1, 2025, through End date June 30, 2027
 - f. Description of the program, project, or activity: For November 1, 2025-June 30, 2026, an allocation of \$252,330; and for July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027, an allocation of \$252,330 to provide medication to treat opioid use disorders and mental health counseling on a voluntary basis to inmates of the Granville County Detention Center. Two contracted positions will be supported by the opioid settlement funding, a Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist (LCAS) as the Program Coordinator, working up to 30 hours a week, will be responsible for the overall program's implementation, and a MAT Nurse position provided by Southern Health Partners for up to 24 hours per week to assist with data input, dosing of medication, and to work in collaboration with the Program Coordinator. Induction of opioid addiction treatment will be provided to up to 20 detainees from Granville County for up to 25 weeks. Participants in the MOUD program will be connected to community services upon release based on their person-centered plan developed by program staff and peer support specialists.

g. Provider: Granville County Sheriff's Office

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$504,660.

Board Approved Amended MOU for Sheriff's Office Medication-Assisted Treatment Program

Sheriff Fountain presented an amended Memorandum of Understanding (MAT) for the Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program for fiscal years 2026-2027. This new agreement reflects the restructured program, including the addition of the dedicated nurse funded by the opioid settlement funds.

Motion

Motioned by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Robert Williford, and unanimously carried, Board approved the amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Granville County and the Granville County Sheriff's Office for the Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program in the Detention Center for fiscal year 2026-2027, in the total amount of \$504,660, and authorized the County Manager to execute the contract (*Second Memorandum of Understanding*) once finalized by the County Attorney.

Board Approved Amended Contract with Southern Health Partners

Sheriff Fountain requested approval of an amended contract with Southern Health Partners, the inmate healthcare provider. The amendment adds \$60,000 to the existing contract to fund the 24-hour-per-week nurse position for the Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program, with the cost covered entirely by opioid settlement funds. Sheriff Fountain confirmed that Southern Health Partners has agreed not to renegotiate the base contract this fiscal year, despite the average daily inmate population being slightly above the contracted level.

Motion

Motioned by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, seconded by Commissioner Robert Williford, and unanimously carried, Board approved the amended fiscal year 2025-202 contract with Southern Health Partners, Inc. to provide medical care for the Detention Center inmate population, increasing the annualized contract amount to \$471,632.64 to include additional staffing support

for a Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Nurse, and authorized the County Manager to execute the contract once finalized by the County Attorney.

Board Approved Contract for New Commissary Vendor for Detention Center

Sheriff Fountain recommended awarding the Detention Center commissary contract to Keefe Commissary Services. After issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP), staff determined Keefe offered the best combination of product and customer service. County Attorney Wrenn confirmed the procurement process complied with county policy and that the final contract was being negotiated by his office, the County Manager, and the Sheriff.

Motion

Motioned by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner Mark Griffin, and unanimously carried, Board approved the Keefe Commissary Services Agreement for operation of the Detention Center commissary, effective November 3, 2025, for a three-year term with automatic one-year renewals thereafter, and authorized the County Manager to execute the contract once finalized by the County Attorney.

APPOINTMENTS

Board Appointed Commissioner Cozart to the Vance-Granville Community College Board of Trustees

Motioned by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Robert Williford, and unanimously carried, Board appointed Commissioner Tony W. Cozart to the Vance-Granville Community College Board of Trustees.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager's Third Work Anniversary

County Manager Drew Cummings noted that he recently marked his third anniversary with Granville County. He expressed his honor and pleasure in serving the Board, the organization, and the community, and stated he is optimistic about the county's future.

County Manager's Report

County Manager Cummings had no further items to report.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

County Attorney Jim Wrenn addressed the public comments made by the owners of Granville Auction Company.

- He stated that he has known Planning Director Barry Baker for 22 years and has always known him to be a gentleman who performs his duties with honor and integrity.
- He clarified the timeline of events, noting that the County received a formal complaint in June 2025 about a large-scale commercial auction operating on a 14.3-acre parcel zoned Agricultural-Residential (AR-40), a use not permitted in that district.
- A notice of violation was issued on June 11, 2025. The company applied for a special use permit on September 9, 2025, nearly three months later.
- Wrenn explained that the planning department's September 25th letter requesting additional information was a standard part of the review process. He detailed each of the 10 items in the letter, explaining they were routine requests for clarification on setbacks, screening, traffic, and site plan details needed to ensure compliance with the

ordinance. He stated the department did not advise the applicant against filing an appeal.

- He also explained that he had instructed the Board not to discuss the matter with the applicants while the quasi-judicial special use permit application was active to ensure the applicants' right to an impartial hearing.

County Attorney's Report

County Attorney Wrenn had no further items to report.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Board Directed Staff to Prepare Budget Amendment for Courthouse Maintenance

Commissioner Robert Williford raised concerns about the maintenance and upkeep of the Granville County Courthouse, describing its condition as "appalling." Having toured the facility, he cited issues with worn carpeting, old furniture, and cleanliness. He stated that while security upgrades were being addressed, the general state of the building had been neglected. A discussion followed, with Development Services and Facility Maintenance staff noting budget limitations, challenges with the current cleaning contractor, and difficulties accessing courtrooms for maintenance work.

Commissioner Williford made a motion to allocate funds of \$150,000 and later amended the motion to \$135,000 to account for \$15,000 already appropriated.

Motion

Motioned by Commissioner Robert Williford, seconded by Commissioner Mark Griffin, and unanimously carried, Board approved the appropriation of an additional \$135,000 from the contingency fund for courthouse maintenance, repairs, and furnishings, and directed the Finance Department to prepare a budget amendment for the November 3, 2025 meeting.

PRESENTATIONS BY COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS

Commissioner Jay

- Requested that Commissioners be informed about potentially contentious agenda items before meetings.
- Announced that the annual Crimestoppers banquet would be held the following evening at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Creedmoor, NC, on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

Commissioner Cozart

- Congratulated Xavier Wortham on receiving a Presidential Lifetime Service Award.
- Shared positive news about Granville Health System, including the upcoming opening of the Endoscopy Center and expansion of the CAT scan area.

Commissioner Karan

- Announced that the Town of Stem will hold its combined Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas parade on November 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

Chair Gooch

- Addressed the comments from the Granville Auction Company owners, stating he wished them the best and that the County would work with them if they chose to rezone a suitable property in the county for their business in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Commissioner Robert Williford, seconded by Commissioner Mark Griffin, and unanimously carried, Board adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Evans
Clerk to the Board