

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALAMANCE COUNTY BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS FOR ALAMANCE COUNTY**

**November 20, 2023, 6:30 PM  
Commissioners' Meeting Room  
124 West Elm Street  
Graham, NC 27253**

Board Members Present: Chairman John Paisley Jr  
Vice-Chair Steve Carter  
Commissioner William "Bill" T. Lashley  
Commissioner Pamela Thompson  
Commissioner Craig Turner

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**CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN PAISLEY**

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -COMMISSIONER THOMPSON**

**RECOGNITIONS**

**RECOGNITION OF THE 2023 COUNTY GOVERNMENT ACADEMY GRADUATES**

Chairman Paisley and the Board of Commissioners recognized the 2023 County Government Academy graduates who completed the 10-week course: Veronica Bellamy; Jessica Mooty; Scott Stirling; Rose Watlington; Sue Watson; David Woody; Anna Workman; and George Workman.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Paisley advised there were some amendments to this agenda. He referred to County Attorney Stevens for his request for a Closed Session to be added to the agenda for later in the meeting. The motion to add the closed session was unanimously approved.

Chairman Paisley, seconded by Vice-Chair Carter, moved to defer agenda items #7B & #7C to the December 4th regular meeting due to the lack of information not being in the agenda packet. He continued that the materials from the school system was received Thursday afternoon which was after the agenda had been published and distributed. He thought it was important for the county residents to be able to view what was being considered on their agenda.

Commissioner Thompson inquired if ABSS had posted this same information on the ABSS website. She confirmed with Greg Hook, ABSS Chief Operations Officer that the information

was posted on the ABSS website. Commissioner Thompson said the public would have had access to that information.

Commissioner Turner said he understood if other Board members did not want to take a vote that night, but he wanted to hear ABSS's presentations. Vice-Chair Carter said that he did not have a problem with hearing the presentation if they did not take a vote.

Commissioner Thompson said if it was on ABSS's website then some of the general public knew about it. She said as important as it was then maybe it needed to be discussed twice.

Chairman Paisley reiterated that there was a motion and a second to defer those items. That motion failed 4-1 with Vice-Chair Carter, Commissioners Lashley, Thompson, and Turner voting in opposition to the motion. Chairman Paisley voted in favor of the motion.

**Moved by:** Vice-Chair Carter

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Thompson

**APPROVED AS AMENDED**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Henry Vines, Snow Camp resident, spoke about the changes to the Planning Board and reducing the number of members. Mr. Vines thought 13 members was an adequate representation of the communities in the county. He said he was disturbed that there was no extension of maintenance or a maintenance program in the school system's request.

Marienla Moreno Garcia, a Board of Health member, said the Board of Health fully supported the Health Department's request to apply for the RFA A409 Grant, Partnerships for Overdoses Prevention and Harm Reduction (POPHR). She continued that the county's overdose death rate was 28.3 per 100,000 which was slightly higher than the state average which was 27.6 per 100,000. Ms Garcia explained that if the grant is awarded then it would help the Health Department expand its efforts help those that struggle with drug abuse within our communities.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Moved by:** Vice-Chair Carter

**Seconded by:** Chairman Paisley

**APPROVED UNANIMOUS**

### **APPOINTMENTS/ REAPPOINTMENTS**

**Local Emergency Planning Committee for Hazardous Chemicals (LEPC)- Mark Primm, Monica Brailsford, and Keldon Spicher**

**Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC)- Leah Podolle, Jocelyn Williams, Amanda Farris, Tony Lo Giudice, Steven Stadler, Sandra Reid, Robyn Hayes, and Tabitha Brown**

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Budget Amendment SCIF Fund**

**Grant Approval – Public Health (RFA A409)**

**Grant Approval – Public Health (RFA A411)**

**Tax Refunds, Releases and Exemption-Extensions Oct-Nov 2023 - TAX-2023-027**

Approval of tax refunds and releases; a copy of the tax refunds are set forth hereafter.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Closed Session Minutes of November 6, 2023

**PRESENTATIONS/OTHER BUSINESS**

**Burlington-Alamance Airport Authority Appointments**

Vice-Chair Carter, seconded by Commissioner Turner, moved to reappoint Joe Murray and Randolph Cary, Jr. to the Burlington-Alamance Airport Authority.

**Moved by:** Vice-Chair Carter

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Turner

**APPROVED UNANIMOUS**

**Alamance-Burlington School System Capital Projects Funding Request - Greg Hook, ABSS Chief Operations Officer**

Greg Hook, ABSS Chief Operations Officer, requested funding for two projects. The first project was for the second phase of the Graham Middle School roofing project in the amount of \$124,881. The second project was for the Eastern High School roofing design fees in the amount of \$177,880.

County Manager York clarified that some of the funding would be allocated from the school system's Capital Reserve Funds and the other source of funding would be interest-earned on the bond proceeds.

Chairman Paisley stated that one of the projects was not on the Top 10 List. He said, in addition, they had hired engineers to look at roofs and that request was in progress. Chairman Paisley asked if they had received the report from the engineers. County Manager York responded they had not received the report, they hoped to have it by the end of January.

Commissioner Thompson asked what did it look like in the schools. Mr. Hook said Eastern High School had leaks in the gym building that housed the band equipment. He mentioned in other buildings, the roofs were between 28-30 years old.

Commissioner Turner asked if Graham Middle School was still on the Top 10 List. Mr. Hook answered it just came out of design before they were able to bid it out. Commissioner Turner asked would the \$124,000 fund the completion of the Graham Middle School roof project. Mr. Hook answered it would except for the library building which was never part of the design. Commissioner Turner asked when would the roof be completed. Mr. Hook estimated it would be two to three months after the punch list.

Vice-Chair Carter asked which company did the last repairs. Mr. Hook responded they split the roof repairs between Triangle Roofing and Mitchell Roofing.

Chairman Paisley asked why was this project not included in the budget. Mr. Hook replied he was not aware the roof was as bad as it was until he had been there for a while. Chairman Paisley stated that the Alamance taxpayers and citizens could not give them funds past their budget every month.

Commissioner Lashley asked about the funding source. County Manager York responded that they would transfer \$85,783.06 from the existing school system's Capital Reserve Funds, and \$216,977.94 would be the interest earned from 2021 bond proceeds.

Commissioner Turner said he did not think any more information was needed on this item.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Turner

**Seconded by:** Vice-Chair Carter

Commissioner Turner, seconded by Vice-Chair Carter, moved to allocate \$216,977.94 of interest earned on the series 2021 bond proceeds and transfer \$85,783.06 from the school's Capital Reserve to fund the Graham Middle School roofing project and Eastern High School roofing design. The motion was unanimous.

**APPROVED UNANIMOUS**

**Alamance-Burlington School System Mold Remediation Update - Greg Hook, ABSS Chief Operations Officer**

Greg Hook, ABSS Chief Operations Officer, provided updates on the mold remediation. He gave a timeline and background information.

**The Total PayGo Expenditures as of 8/31/2023**

Total Expenditures \$2,515,213.09

Planned Spending and Unplanned spending \$1,247,371.70

Unplanned Mold Remediation Spending \$1,267,841.39

Remaining PayGo Balance \$784,786.91

**BOC Redirection of PayGo Funds as of 9/1/2023**

Unplanned Mold Remediation Spending \$1,267,841.39

BOC Reallocated Spending of 2,032,158.61

Remaining PayGo Balance \$0

Mr. Hook reminded the Board that they had previously approved during the joint meetings redirecting Paygo Funding. He said that the motion did not account for encumbered planned spending and unplanned spending of \$1,247,371.70 from the Paygo Funds. Vice-Chair Carter asked if they already knew some of the funds were spent. Mr. Lowell Rogers, ABSS Deputy Superintendent, explained that he would take responsibility for not being prepared. He said after the Board of Commissioners voted during that meeting, staff had mentioned to him about the spent Paygo Funds.

Mr. Hook discussed the encumbered Paygo Funds projects that were planned and unplanned for the months of July 5- August 24, 2023.

**ABSS Revised Request**

Reinstatement of PayGo Funds	\$3,300,00.00
Remaining Mold Remediation Invoices	\$5,234,458.96
Total Request	\$8,534,457.96

Mr. Hooked requested that the Board consider reallocation of the full Paygo funding to cover necessary projects.

Commissioner Thompson commented that both boards needed to work together to get things done. She explained during the 3-day joint meeting, they were able to move around the school funds to get the mold remediation paid. Commissioner Thompson stated they could not spend \$20 million on mold and not take care of the roofs. She said it was easy to fuss about a situation but hard to do something about.

Vice-Chair Carter commented that they needed to find a solution. He said they would ask the administration to take a look at the request and come back with ideas on how to solve the problem. Vice-Chair Carter recommended tabling 7.C (ABSS Mold Remediation Update) for final discussion and vote at the first meeting in December.

Commissioner Lashley said other people's decisions had made the problems they were facing now. He continued that a process would need to happen over the next 6 months to help move

them forward. Commissioner Lashley agreed with Vice-Chair Carter that the subject should be tabled because there were a lot of facts and figures that needed to be reviewed.

Chairman Paisley reiterated some of the issues that had led to the school system's problems.

Vice Chair Carter, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, moved to table the discussion and vote until the first meeting in December. The motion carried without opposition.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

No report given.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

No comments were given.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

8:18 p.m County Attorney Stevens under the approval of the agenda, previously asked that the Board move into Closed Session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3), to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body. The attorney will advise the Board on ongoing legal matters, including the Clyde Albright EEOC claim.

County Attorney Stevens did not anticipate any action after the closed session.

Vice-Chair Carter, seconded by Chairman Paisley, moved to enter into a closed session. The motion carried without opposition.

9:04 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Carter, seconded by Commissioner Lashley, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

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John Paisley, Jr., Chairman

Alamance County Board of Commissioners

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Tory M. Frink, Clerk to the Board