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**MINUTES OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH  
CAROLINA BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, met in Informal Session in the Meeting Chamber Conference Room of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center located at 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, North Carolina at 5:00 p.m. and in Formal Session in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Chairman Trevor M. Fuller and Commissioners Karen Bentley, Dumont Clarke, Patricia Cotham, George Dunlap, Bill James, Vilma Leake, Kim Ratliff and Matthew Ridenhour  
County Manager Dena Diorio  
County Attorney Marvin Bethune  
Clerk to the Board Janice S. Paige

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**Absent:** None

**-INFORMAL SESSION-**

***Commissioners Clarke and Dunlap were absent when the meeting was called to order and until noted in the minutes.***

***The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fuller, after which the matters below were addressed.***

**REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT**

The Board identified the following item(s) to be removed from consent and voted upon separately: 14-1623, 14-1632, and 14-1654.

**STAFF BRIEFINGS - NONE**

**(14-1634, 14-1640) CLOSED SESSION – CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY AND LAND ACQUISITION**

It was noted that there was no Consult with Attorney matter to be discussed in Closed Session.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Bentley and carried 7-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Cotham, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to go into Closed Session for the following purpose: Land Acquisition.

***The Board went into Closed Session at 5:10 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 5:16 p.m.***

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**Commissioner Clarke was present when the Board came back into Open Session. He entered the meeting during Closed Session.**

**Commissioner Dunlap entered the meeting.**

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**The Board then proceeded to the Meeting Chamber for the remainder of the meeting.**

**-FORMAL SESSION-**

*Chairman Fuller called this portion of the meeting to order which was followed by introductions, invocation by Commissioner James, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; after which, the matters below were addressed.*

**AWARDS/RECOGNITION - NONE**

**(14-1618) PUBLIC APPEARANCE**

The following persons appeared to speak during the Public Appearance portion of the meeting:

Wendy Pascual, Pastor Rusty Price and Pat Martinez addressed services provided by the Camino Community Center. The Camino Community Center is an organization that serves the needs of low income individuals and families in the Greater Charlotte by providing services to help them meet basic needs during a time of crisis in the following four areas: Bethesda Health Center, Food Pantry-Pan de Vida, Camino Community Store, and Homeless Ministry-Camino de Esperanza. They thanked the Board for its support.

**A copy of their handout is on file with the Clerk to the Board.**

Marc Phillips with Autism Services of Mecklenburg County, Joanne Kelley (son is a consumer of services), and Don Ferris (son is a consumer of services) addressed the need for maintaining residential services for persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

**(14-1644) APPOINTMENTS**

**BICYCLE COMMITTEE**

The vote was taken on the following nominees for appointment to the Bicycle Committee:

Tyteen Humes	None
Peter Noris	Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour

Kurt Robinson

*Voting Ceased*

Chairman Fuller announced the appointment of Peter Noris to the Bicycle Committee to fill an unexpired term expiring March 31, 2015.

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*He replaced Devin Chidester.*

**CITIZEN'S CAPITAL BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The vote was taken on the following nominees for appointment to the Citizen's Capital Budget Advisory Committee:

William Foster	None
Jeff Jackson	Commissioners Clarke, Dunlap, Fuller, Leake, Ratliff and Ridenhour

*Voting Ceased*

Anu Prakash  
William Rakatansky

Chairman Fuller announced the appointment of Jeff Jackson to the Citizen's Capital Budget Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired term expiring July 31, 2014.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS - NONE**

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

County Manager Diorio noted the following as part of the Manager's Report:

- The Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners/Mecklenburg County Legislative Delegation annual breakfast will be held April 28, 2014. The purpose of the meeting is to present the County's Legislative Agenda to the Delegation. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and the Court System will also present their respective legislative agendas.
- Staff will present the County's proposed legislative agenda for the Board's consideration at the Board's April 1, 2014 Regular meeting.
- Dr. Thomas Owens has been selected as the new Chief Medical Examiner/Director of the Mecklenburg County Medical Examiner's Office effective May 1, 2014. County Manager Diorio shared Dr. Owens' credentials. The current director, Michael Sullivan, is retiring.

**(14-1656) CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

The Board received an update on the efforts that were being undertaken by the County to enhance Land Use & Environmental Services Agency (LUESA) - Code Enforcement's customer service and permitting and inspection process.

Assistant County Manager Leslie Johnson and LUESA Director Ebenezer Gujjarlapudi gave the update. The following was noted:

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*Note: At the February 4, 2014 Board of County Commissioner meeting, the County Manager reported that the County would undertake the following actions to address concerns expressed about the building permitting and inspection process.*

- 1. Independent Review of Process - Hire an expert to conduct an independent review of the County's current process to identify potential inefficiencies and/or inconsistencies as it relates to plan review and inspections*
- 2. Alternative Scheduling Option - Assess the feasibility and interest of offering an alternative scheduling option to customers that aligns inspection times to project size*
- 3. Customer Service Center - Establish a Customer Service Center for first-time and infrequent customers such as small business owners, new businesses and homeowners who may be unfamiliar with the process and need additional assistance navigating through it*
- 4. Quality Control Process - Create a quality control process for analyzing inspection data to ensure building codes are consistently being applied across all projects*
- 5. Redesign Website - Continue current efforts in redesigning the website and as part of the process solicit input from both residents and industry representatives*
- 6. City/County Task Team - Establish a City/County Task Team to look at processes across City and County, identifying all touch points and identifying opportunities for improved customer experience between the systems*
- 7. Customer Service Survey - LUESA contracts with Customer Service Solutions (CSS) to administer a biennale customer satisfaction survey. CSS is currently in the data collection phase and preliminary results are expected to be presented to the department in May 2014. In the Fall 2014, CSS will conduct a customer service training based on the findings.*

***A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.***

Comments

Commissioner Ratliff asked about the opening of the Customer Service Center, which was addressed. *Director Gujjarlapudi said the goal was to have it in place early next fiscal year. He said it would be included as part of the department's budget request for next fiscal year.*

Commissioner Ratliff asked was there a way for someone who began a project without a permit, who later discovered one was needed, to continue to work on that project until the permit was obtained or would the work have to cease until the permit was obtained. *Director Gujjarlapudi said unpermitted construction was handled and enforced by the City of Charlotte. He said County staff only inspect permitted construction. Director Gujjarlapudi said he would provide Commissioner Ratliff with the contact for the City of Charlotte to address her question.*

Commissioner James noted complaints received from residents in the Danbury community in the Town of Pineville. Commissioner James said it was his understanding the Town of Pineville was to annex this area.

County Attorney Bethune said the concerns raised by the residents in Pineville were not building code issues. County Attorney Bethune said the City of Charlotte had some form of regulations regarding "conduct in neighborhoods." He said the County had never adopted any type of neighborhood development rules because of

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the difference between and urban and rural community. He said the County could adopt similar rules, if it wanted to.

County Attorney Bethune explained that the Town of Pineville was not required to annex this area. He briefly addressed annexation.

Commissioner Bentley asked had any thought been given to having Customer Service Centers throughout the County, perhaps in the central, northern and southern parts of the County, particularly for residential needs. *Director Gujjarlapudi acknowledged that prior to the recession, there was a northern and southern office. He said he would bring Commissioner Bentley's inquiry to the Building Development Commission. Director Gujjarlapudi noted that the majority of requests were received on-line, about 93%. Director Gujjarlapudi said the department was also working on increasing its phone capacity, so that folks could apply by phone.*

Commissioner Leake asked was the County still utilizing the services of Customer Service Solutions. *Assistant County Manager Johnson said yes. She said the County would be working on identifying a vendor to assist the County in getting community input from selected focus groups.*

Commissioner Leake asked was the County working with the City of Charlotte as it related to code enforcement matters and concerns. *Assistant County Manager Johnson said yes.*

Commissioner Cotham asked about the status of a Building Development Commission task force that was to review some of the concerns expressed by REBIC, the Apartment Association and others. She also asked who were the members of the task force. *Director Gujjarlapudi said the Building Development Commission (BDC) at its February meeting identified a group of BDC members that would form a select committee to review the letters received from stakeholders. He said the BDC would invite REBIC and other stakeholders to meet with them. Director Gujjarlapudi said he would provide the names of the members on the task force.*

Commissioner Cotham asked about the task force meeting schedule. *Director Gujjarlapudi said he would provide that information.*

Commissioner Cotham asked about the hiring of a Customer Service person. *Director Gujjarlapudi said someone was hired as the Code Enforcement Outreach Administrator and would start, March 5, 2014.*

Commissioner Cotham asked if staff had any idea how long it would take to get code enforcement to a different customer service level. *County Manager Diorio said some completion dates had already been identified. She stated also that once staff got further into this with project plans in place, hire consultants, and get with the City of Charlotte, staff would then have a better idea.*

County Manager Diorio said the goal was to get this done "sooner rather than later." She said it was priority.

Commissioner Clarke said he was all for helping the economy, creating jobs, and good customer service; however, he did not want LUESA to forget that it had a job to do, which was to make sure structures built in Mecklenburg County were in compliance with the building codes. Further, that LUESA's primary duty was to protect the "health, safety and welfare" of the citizens of Mecklenburg County.

Commissioner Clarke asked Assistant County Manager Johnson to send the Board a copy of her remarks.

Commissioner Clarke suggested staff talk with administrators in the courts regarding what they have done to handle situations where you have persons who try to handle legal matters themselves, and aren't familiar with the

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legal process. He said there were probably persons seeking permits that can't afford to hire a professional and thus end up doing things themselves.

Commissioner Clarke said since the majority of LUESA's budget was funded through fees, that if the County really wanted to have good customer service, the Board may have to consider putting property tax or sales tax dollars into doing that.

Chairman Fuller thanked the County Manager and staff for the process it had put in place to deal with concerns expressed about the building permitting and inspection process. He said it was responsive to concerns that had been raised by the business community and others.

Chairman Fuller encouraged person with concerns to come forth and share those concerns. He said it had been expressed to commissioners that some persons were "afraid" to come forth because of the fear of retaliation.

Chairman Fuller said the process used to collect input from citizens should be open and safe, so that persons don't feel they would be retaliated against.

Chairman Fuller said he concurred with Commissioner Clarke that the County had an important regulatory duty and it should never lose sight of that. He said there were persons, however, who felt that regulatory authority was being misused.

Chairman Fuller said he wanted staff to work "even harder" on collaborating with the City of Charlotte with respect to this issue. He said there should be a clear process of what each entity was responsible for.

This concluded the discussion. The above is not inclusive of every comment but is a summary.

### **(14-1658) FY15 BUDGET CALENDAR UPDATE**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Ratliff and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to accept the updated FY15 Budget Calendar as presented.

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| • Education Funding Request (CMS&CPCC) | May 19 <sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm (Special Meeting)                          |
| • Recommended Budget Presentation      | May 29 <sup>th</sup> at between 8:30 a.m.- 10:00am (TBD)(Special Meeting) |
| • Budget Public Hearing                | June 11 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm (Special Meeting)                         |
| • Straw Vote Session                   | June 12 <sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm (Special Meeting)                         |
| • Budget Adoption                      | June 17 (Regular Meeting)   |

Interim Budget/Management Director Michael Bryant presented the updated calendar.

It was noted also that the Board would have an opportunity to discuss and ask questions of the County Manager regarding the County Manager's Recommended Budget at the June 10, 2014, Board's Budget/Public Policy meeting.

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Interim Budget/Management Director Bryant asked that Commissioners submit to him by March 7, 2014, any topics of interest they'd liked discussed at a Budget/Public Policy Workshop.

***A copy of the full calendar is on file with the Clerk to the Board.***

**STAFF REPORTS & REQUESTS**

**(14-1641) MECKLENBURG COUNTY MINORITY/WOMEN/SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (MWSBE) PROGRAM**

The Board received a report on the County's Minority/Women/Small Business Enterprises (MWSBE) program.

John Allen, Director of Economic Development introduced the County's MWSBE Program Coordinator Teresa McDow, who gave the report.

*Note: The Minority, Women, and Small Business Enterprises (MWSBE) Program is part of the County's Economic Development Office (EDO). The mission of the MWSBE program is to increase small and minority business participation in Mecklenburg County's purchasing through outreach, training, partnerships and contract monitoring of County construction projects.*

The following topics were covered:

- MWSBE Vendor Certification
- Charlotte Business Resource Partners
- Commissioner Leake's Small Business Consortium
- Community Outreach
- Small Business Month

***A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.***

Commissioner Leake thanked MWSBE Program Coordinator McDow for her work in this area.

Commissioner Leake also addressed the Small Business Consortium and the success of the program.

**(14-1672) MECKLINK TRANSITION UPDATE**

The Board received a MeckLINK Transition update. Assistant County Manager Michelle Lancaster gave the update. The following was noted:

- As of March 4, 2014, 99 current MeckLINK employees have accepted positions with Cardinal Innovations
- 192 positions were posted, giving MeckLINK employees interviewing and hiring preference
- 160 MeckLINK employees applied for positions with Cardinal Innovations
- Offers were made to 111 employees

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Commissioner Leake asked were there any plans to continue some level of support for Mecklenburg County residents in need of the services provided by MeckLINK. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said she would cover that later in her report.*

Commissioner Ratliff asked about employees that received an employment offer from Cardinal Innovations but had not yet accepted. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said the reasons varied. She said some asked for additional time to consider other options. She said twelve employees declined employment with Cardinal Innovations.*

Commissioner Cotham asked were the salaries comparable. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said she heard from some employees that the salaries were less than what they were making with MeckLINK.*

Assistant County Manager Lancaster said she was not aware of any specific amounts because Cardinal Innovations had not shared their salary information.

Commissioner Leake asked about the number of MeckLINK employees that received job offers from Cardinal Innovations and those that did not. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said out of 160 MeckLINK employees, offers were made to 111, 12 received offers but declined, and that 37 were not offered employment.*

Commissioner Leake inquired as to could those that did not receive an offer of employment from Cardinal Innovations fill some of the positions being requested in connection with this agenda item, if they meet the qualifications. Commissioner Leake said there were some employees that had a significant number of years invested with the County. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said all MeckLINK employees were a part of the County's Reduction in Force. She explained what that meant for an employee.*

Commissioner Dunlap said some employees had not yet accepted or declined Cardinal Innovations' offer because they were hoping for employment with the County. He said benefits and salary were issues for some employees. He noted too, many had invested a significant amount of time in the state retirement system and preferred not to start all over.

Commissioner Dunlap commented on how the County via Human Resources worked and continued to provide assistance to MeckLINK employees.

Chairman Fuller said he heard some MeckLINK employees were experiencing trouble getting interviews for other positions within the County, particularly, those that had been longtime employees. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said County Human Resources was continuing to work with MeckLINK employees. She said MeckLINK employees would at a minimum receive a phone call interview for County positions that they qualified for.*

Chairman Fuller said it was his understanding the number of employees that fell into the category of having been with the County for a long period of time was not that large of a group. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said that was correct.*

Assistant County Manager Lancaster addressed the management of state and County funding. The following was noted:

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- There was a desire on the part of the County to manage state and county funds together, because of the importance of how those funds were leveraged.
- The state was informed of the County's desire, however, the State informed County staff last week that they did not believe they had the legal authority to contract directly with the County for the management of state funds.
- The State said they would be supportive of a subcontract relationship between the County and Cardinal Innovations.
  - Staff recently met with Cardinal Innovations and Cardinal indicated that their interest was in the County managing the state funds only for the last three months of the fiscal year.
- Staff declined Cardinal's request because it would not be a "prudent" decision for the County to hire staff and continue funding for just three months.

### Comments

Commissioner James asked for clarity on the state's response regarding the County subcontracting with Cardinal Innovations, which was addressed.

Commissioner James asked about the County's continued receipt of state funds as it related to MeckLINK. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said the County would no longer receive those state dollars after March 31, 2014.*

*Note: The amount of state funding was around \$18 million.*

Commissioner James said he would like to know what programs would end April 1, 2014 that were created as a result of the leverage of state and county funding, as well as, programs that would end at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Assistant County Manager Lancaster said she did not want to give the impression that there was \$9 million of behavioral health services that was going away. She said she did not believe that to be true.

Assistant County Manager Lancaster said state funds and Medicaid funds were going to Cardinal Innovations. Cardinal Innovations contract with the state begins April 1, 2014. She said Cardinal Innovations' obligation and responsibility was still to the consumers in Mecklenburg County with those state funds.

Commissioner James said he was not clear on whether Cardinal Innovations would provide the services the County was providing.

Assistant County Manager Lancaster addressed County funding. The following was noted:

- The amount of County funding involved was a little over \$17 million.
- County funded initiatives/services were reviewed. The service categories were:
  - Health & Behavioral Health Services, comprehensive assessments for all children in Youth & Family Services' custody, individual and family therapy, telephone triage
  - After School Prevention
  - System of Care
  - Outpatient, Medical Management, Peer Support, Community Outreach
  - Recovery Model Education and Training and Peer Support Services
  - Outpatient and Residential Services

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- Behavioral Health Services: comprehensive assessments, intensive in-home, outpatient and medication management
- The County intends to continue the contracts for the above service categories.

***A copy of the County Funded Initiatives/Services and Residential Services handout is on file with the Clerk to the Board.***

#### Comments

Commissioner Cotham asked if the totals shown in the report represented individual recipients or were some recipients being counted more than once, if they received multiple services. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said she would find out.*

Commissioner Ridenhour asked about Integrated Payment & Reporting System (IPRS) funding. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said IPRS were state funds. She said the state would continue to provide those funds to Cardinal Innovations and that Cardinal had some discretion on what services were provided.*

Commissioner Ridenhour asked about Hines Feet Farm. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said it was a state funded service.*

Commissioner Leake asked about Outpatient, Medical Management, Peer Support, Community Outreach and if the population served included children. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said the service was for adults only.*

Commissioner Leake asked about services for homeless children. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster noted the After School Prevention program at the Bethlehem Center and System of Care service.*

Commissioner Leake asked about Youth Treatment Court. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said she would provide data on the Youth Treatment Court.*

Commissioner Leake questioned whether additional funding was needed in this area. She said it was her understanding the program had been quite successful.

Commissioner Dunlap asked was it correct that the County funded Initiatives/Services was not mandated but things the County decided it wanted to support. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said that was correct.*

Commissioner Dunlap asked about young adults that were in mental health facility-like homes that move into adulthood and would never be able to be on their own. He asked whether those services were covered by state funds, County funds or both. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said it was covered by state and county funding.*

Assistant County Manager Lancaster addressed County Funded Residential Services. The following was noted:

- Population Served: Adults (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities), Adults (Mental Health), and Adults (Substance Abuse)
- Staff was very concerned about the Adults (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) population.
- Staff did not want to see the 144 clients served lose their place of residence.
  - Staff approached Cardinal Innovations in hope of finding some way by which the County and Cardinal could work together to avoid a gap in services for this population, since Cardinal would receive state funds for these services.

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- The management of the funds for these populations going forward was more complicated because it depended upon eligibility and other criteria.
- The numbers associated with the population served in these categories may go down when the budget is developed, particularly for Adults (Mental Health) and Adults (Substance Abuse).
- The County probably should get out of this area Adults (Mental Health) and Adults (Substance Abuse), since the County would not be involved in the management of state funds for these areas going forward.

Comments

Commissioner Dunlap asked was the eligibility criteria being used state criteria or County criteria. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said there was a process involved, including whether or not persons were Medicaid eligible, etc.*

Assistant County Manager Lancaster said County funding for these services were not for leveraging purposes as it related to rate and payment structures. The County's funding was only to provide services for more people, not more services. If the funding was reduced, less people would receive the service.

Commissioner Dunlap asked about services for Adults (Mental Health) and Adults (Substance Abuse) and how it differed from the County's Detox Program. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster explained that these funds were used for short-term treatment.*

Commissioner James asked about the Adults (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities) service, which was addressed.

Commissioner James said he had concerns with respect to the County entering into a contract with Cardinal Innovations. He said the things that the County could do on its own, it should with respect to mental health services.

Commissioner Clarke said he viewed Cardinal Innovations as a local subdivision of the state.

Commissioner Clarke said he saw no reason why, when it came to preserving services for the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities population, the County couldn't reach a binding contractual agreement with Cardinal Innovations. He said the agreement would give the County to some degree, control over how those funds were spent; as well as, some degree of oversight, not through having representation on a governing board but through contractual rights the County would have with Cardinal Innovations.

Commissioner Dunlap asked was Cardinal Innovations the only service provider for Adults (Mental Health) and Adults (Substance Abuse). *Assistant County Manager Lancaster explained that Cardinal Innovations would not be the service provider.*

Assistant County Manager Lancaster said the reason to consider entering into an agreement with Cardinal Innovations for Adults (Mental Health) and Adults (Substance Abuse) services was because Cardinal would receive state funds for these services. She said state funds combined with County funds was what made these services work.

Assistant County Manager Lancaster said there were several providers in the community of services for the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities population.

The following persons spoke in support of the continuation of services for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities:

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Andrea Raby (consumer), Elizabeth McMurray (on behalf of her son, a consumer), and Lori Gougeon with InReach (a service provider).

Chairman Fuller asked would funding be lost for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities as a result of MeckLINK going away. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said she asked Cardinal Innovations today, if they planned for their benefit services to look like MeckLINK's, but a response had not been received yet.*

Assistant County Manager Lancaster said she conveyed many of the stories and concerns expressed by the speakers and others to Cardinal Innovations.

Chairman Fuller asked was it correct to say that the continuation of certain services was not entirely the County's decision. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said that was correct.*

Chairman Fuller acknowledged the presence of representatives from Cardinal Innovations. Chairman Fuller expressed concern for the community's lack of knowledge with respect to what services Cardinal Innovations would provide. He said the community deserved an answer, "sooner, rather than later."

Commissioner Dunlap asked would the \$18 million in County funding that went for the provision of services be reduced. *Assistant County Manager Lancaster said the County budgeted a little over \$17 million and that a portion of that was leftover funds from what the County had provided to Carolinas HealthCare System. She said what was shown in the report was what the County had spent this fiscal year. She said the only portion that might go down would be County funded residential services, Adults (Mental Health) and Adults (Substance Abuse) because of how the funds were utilized with state funding.*

Commissioner Dunlap asked would funds spent in the 2013 calendar year be what would be placed in the budget next year.

County Manager Diorio explained that there was a difference between what was placed in the budget and what was spent. She reminded the Board that half of the money was placed in restricted contingency and was still there. She said it would not be spent because what was reflected in the report was the amount actually spent on the services listed. She said more funds were placed in the budget than what was needed.

County Manager Diorio said the recommended budget would include the amount of funds spent on these services historically.

Commissioner Clarke reiterated the following, 1) the provision of these services was not entirely the County's decision to make, 2) the community needed and deserved answers to their questions regarding the provision of services for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Commissioner Clarke asked Cardinal Innovations to "have some humanity" and work in good faith with County staff.

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to approve four new positions that will be a part of the Human Services Agency as a division focused on behavioral health: (1) Senior AMH Manager, (1) Clinical Psychologist, (1) Provider Services Specialist, and (1) Administrative Assistant III.

*Note: The total cost for these positions is approximately \$336,000.*

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Assistant County Manager Lancaster noted that Hines Feet was a state funded program. She said at this point, staff was waiting to hear from Cardinal Innovations as to whether this program would be a part of their benefits plan.

This concluded the discussion. The above is not inclusive of every comment but is a summary.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORTS & REQUESTS

#### (14-1651) BOCC COMMITTEES

The Board received an update on the appointment of Board committees from Chairman Fuller. Chairman Fuller said the first meeting of the committees should be a meeting to get organized and establish a meeting schedule.

Chairman Fuller said he would like for the committees to meet in March.

### 2014 BOCC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

#### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

**Meeting Schedule: The first meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 3:00pm. Thereafter, the committee shall determine its own meeting schedule, in collaboration with staff.**

*This committee is responsible for making recommendations to improve the health and well being of Mecklenburg County residents with emphasis on children, seniors and families.*

**Chair:** George Dunlap  
**Members:** Vilma Leake  
Karen Bentley  
Pat Cotham

Public Members:

Staff Support: Michelle Lancaster

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Meeting Schedule: The 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month from 3:30pm to 5:00pm**

*This committee is responsible for making recommendations that contribute to business and job growth in Mecklenburg County.*

**Chair:** Matthew Ridenhour  
**Members:** Trevor Fuller  
Karen Bentley  
George Dunlap

Public Members:

Staff Support: Leslie Johnson

#### INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

**Meeting Schedule: The first meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm. Thereafter, the committee shall determine its own schedule, in collaboration with staff.**

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*This committee is responsible for helping to coordinate the intergovernmental relations between and among Mecklenburg County and all of the governing bodies operating within the County at the federal, state, and local levels.*

**Chair:** Dumont Clarke  
**Members:** Vilma Leake  
Kim Ratliff  
Karen Bentley

**Staff Support:** Dena Diorio and Chris Peek

**PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Schedule: The first meeting shortly after the County Manager presents her and her team's work plans. Thereafter, the committee shall determine its own schedule, in collaboration with staff.**

*This committee will review the performance of the County Manager.*

**Chair:** Vilma Leake  
**Members:** Dumont Clarke  
Bill James  
Matthew Ridenhour

**Staff Support:** Chris Peek

**AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Schedule: The first meeting shall occur at a date and time mutually convenient for Finance Director Wanda Reeves and the members of the committee. Thereafter, the committee shall determine its own schedule, in collaboration with staff.**

*This committee has its own charge, as set forth in County policy.*

**Chair:** Kim Ratliff  
**Members:** Bill James  
Pat Cotham  
Matthew Ridenhour  
**Public Member:** Richard Harris  
**Staff Support:** Wanda Reeves

**(14-1640) CLOSED SESSION – LAND ACQUISITION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner James and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to

authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for acquisition of the following properties:

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- Tax Parcel 089-022-06 (± 0.76 acres) from Men In Motion Home Renovations in the Hidden Valley Neighborhood in north Charlotte for \$59,650 and appropriate \$11,000 for demolition of a single-family residence on the property after closing from Fiscal Year 2014 Land Acquisition funding
- Tax Parcel 167-172-03 (±23.31 acres) from Ray B. Shrum off West Arrowood Road in southwest Charlotte for \$120,373.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Ratliff and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to approve the following item(s):**

**(14-1606) BUDGET AMENDMENT -- MECKLINK BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE (REVENUE INCREASE) – ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**

**(14-1629) PROCLAMATION -- GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP FOR KEEP MECKLENBURG BEAUTIFUL**

Adopt a Proclamation designating March 1 through May 31, 2014 in Mecklenburg County as the "Great American Clean Up".

*A copy of the proclamation is on file with the Clerk to the Board.*

**(14-1633) MINUTES**

Approve minutes of Regular meetings held February 4 and February 18, 2014.

**(14-1635) HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM -- FY14 FLOODPLAIN ACQUISITION**

Accept the "Offer of Sale of Real Estate" from Rebecca Ramirez, owner of property at 5337 Dolphin Lane (Tax Parcel 099-116-19) for \$80,000.

*Note: This purpose is part of Hazard Mitigation Program. The goal of the Program is to minimize the risk of potential loss of life and property damage from flooding while enhancing the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain (creating open space, expanding greenways, constructing wetlands, etc.).*

*The requested action represents a continuation of buyouts using FY14 Flood Mitigation Capital Funds. The subject property was identified in the Flood Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction Plan, adopted by the Board on May 1, 2012. The requested action will consist of acquiring and demolishing the existing home.*

**(14-1636) CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION (CEI) SERVICES SELECTION FOR NCDOT FUNDED GREENWAY PROJECTS**

Adopt Resolution entitled:

**MARCH 4, 2014**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ENGINEERING FIRMS FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR NCDOT FUNDED  
GREENWAY CONSTRUCTION**

**WHEREAS**, Article 3D of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes requires that all political subdivisions of the State, except under certain circumstances, announce all requirements for architectural, engineering, and surveying services, and follow a process to select firms qualified to provide such services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualification for the type of professional services without regard to fee other than unit price information; and

**WHEREAS**, The County needs to create a pool of qualified engineering firms to work on NCDOT Funded or Partially Funded Greenway Projects (Wesley Heights Greenway, Barton Creek Greenway, Toby Creek Greenway-Phase II and Little Sugar Creek Greenway-Phase E - "Projects" and if only one, a "Project"), with the selection of the firms for the specific Project based on the rank of the firm; and

**WHEREAS**, A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was distributed January 31, 2014 to local firms and others who might be qualified for these Projects following NC General Statute 143-64.31, which prescribes the qualifications-based selection process; and

**WHEREAS**, Based on the information submitted by the firms, the County's Selection Committee recommended the selection of the following firms and the ranking of those firms to be included in the pool of qualified firms for these Projects:

1. RK&K
2. AWCK
3. Summit; and

**WHEREAS**, The firms will be called for service based on their rank, starting with the top ranked firm and continuing in descending order and once all firms have been called for service, then the assignments will resume with the top ranked firm and proceed in descending order; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** by the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners that the recommended firms listed above are selected as the engineering firms qualified to provide services for NCDOT Funded or Partially Funded Greenway Projects, and the County Manager is authorized to negotiate fees for these services at a fair and reasonable fee with the firm for each Project, and enter into contracts with firms on this list for these Projects. In the event negotiations with any of the recommended firms are unsuccessful, the County is authorized to negotiate fees for these services at a fair and reasonable fee and enter into contracts with the next ranked firm or firms on this list.

**Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_ Document # \_\_\_\_\_.**

**(14-1637) REVALUATION REVIEW VALUE CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1. Receive report provided by Pearson's Appraisal Services summarizing the changes in value resulting from recent neighborhood reviews.

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***A copy of the report is on file with the Clerk to the Board.***

2. Adopt Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners March 2014 Resolution Changing Abstracts and Authorizing Refunds and Taxes in Accordance with Session Law 2013-362 approving the value changes and any resulting refunds, releases or discoveries.

***Resolution recorded in full in Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_ Document # \_\_\_\_\_.***

**(14-1638) ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR MECKLENBURG COUNTY SOLID WASTE**

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate a fee and execute a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for engineering services for Mecklenburg County Solid Waste and in the event negotiations with this firm are unsuccessful approve negotiations with Smith-Gardner, Inc.

*Note: These engineering services are necessary for the design, permitting and construction monitoring of a new Type I composting and recycling facility. This facility is the replacement facility for Compost Central and the West Mecklenburg Recycling Center and is to be located on the Rozzelles Ferry Road parcel approved by the BOCC at its October 15, 2013 meeting and since purchased by the County.*

**(14-1642) TAX REFUNDS**

Approve refunds in the amount of \$91,733.84 and interest as statutorily required to be paid as requested by the County Assessor resulting from clerical errors, audits and other amendments, including revaluation appeals.

***A list of the refund recipients is on file with the Clerk to the Board.***

**THIS CONCLUDED ITEMS APPROVED BY CONSENT**

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**(14-1623) CAPITAL RESERVE REQUEST -- IMPROVED SOCCER FIELDS -- PARK AND RECREATION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Ratliff and unanimously carried with Commissioners Bentley, Clarke, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to authorize and appropriate the expenditure of \$35,000 from the improved soccer field capital reserve fund to rehabilitate seven soccer fields at Colonel Francis Beatty Park (5) and McKee Road Park (2).

Commissioner Leake removed this item from consent for more public awareness.

***Commissioner Clarke left the meeting and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.***

**(14-1632) CAPITAL RESERVE REQUEST -- TENNIS COURTS -- PARK AND RECREATION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner Ratliff and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to authorize and appropriate the expenditure of \$120,000 from the tennis court capital reserve fund to replace the playing surfaces at four tennis courts at the Jeff Adams Tennis Center.

Commissioner Leake removed this item from consent for more public awareness. Jim Garges Director of Park and Recreation addressed this item.

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**(14-1654) FINANCE DEPARTMENT POSITIONS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Leake, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, to authorize four positions in County Finance Department, Human Services Claims Management Division.

*Note: Claims Division Manager to provide direction and guidance in processing and resolving claims. Three additional Fiscal Support III positions.*

Commissioner Leake removed this item from consent for more public awareness. Wanda Reeves Director of County Finance addressed this item.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ratliff, seconded by Commissioner James and carried 8-0 with Commissioners Bentley, Cotham, Dunlap, Fuller, James, Leake, Ratliff, and Ridenhour voting yes, that there being no further business to come before the Board that the meeting be adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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Janice S. Paige, Clerk

Trevor M. Fuller, Chairman