

MINUTES
WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 6, 2017

The Wilkes County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. with the following members present: Chairman Greg Minton, Vice Chairman Gary D. Blevins, Commissioner Keith Elmore, Commissioner David Gambill, and Commissioner Eddie Settle.

Also present were Tony Triplett, County Attorney; John Yates, County Manager; and Sarah Call, Clerk to the Board.

Chairman Greg Minton welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. He said at this time he would like to recognize today is June 6th, which is the 73rd anniversary of D Day. Chairman Minton added in his office he has a small jar of sand from Normandy Beach, and in his opinion it is the most expensive land a person could have. He stated this is a debt that can never be repaid and he wants everyone to observe and remember this day and the sacrifice of so many. On this day in 1924 over 160,000 allies, not to mention others that were unaccounted for, participated in the invasion at Normandy Beach, he said.

Chairman Greg Minton called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION – Commissioner David Gambill led the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairman Greg Minton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Vice Chairman Gary D. Blevins, seconded by Commissioner Eddie Settle and unanimously adopted to approve the Minutes of the Budget Work Session held on May 15, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion was made by Commissioner David Gambill, seconded by Vice Chairman Gary D. Blevins and unanimously adopted to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on May 16, 2017.

2017-2018 BUDGET ADOPTION – Chairman Greg Minton recognized County Manager, John Yates. Mr. Yates stated Jerry Shepherd, Finance Director has put together and sent out to the Board the revisions and changes the Board agreed to during their last budget work session. He said the Budget is before the Board and for their consideration.

BUDGET – 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR

Motion was made by Commissioner Eddie Settle, seconded by Commissioner David Gambill and unanimously approved to adopt the 2017/2018 Budget Ordinance in the amount of \$87,853,688 with the tax rate at sixty-seven (67) cents per \$100.00 valuation.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, NORTH CAROLINA, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED – JUNE 6, 2017.

SECTION I. The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the operation of Wilkes County Government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, according to the following summary and schedules:

SUMMARY	2017/2018 ADOPTED BUDGET	TRANSFER TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL
General Fund	\$78,316,404	\$	\$78,316,404
E 911 Telephone System	590,003		590,003
Law Enforcement Restricted	5,000		5,000
Fire Dist. Funds	3,698,405		3,698,405
Airport Enterprise	2,464,485		2,464,485
Landfill Enterprise	2,769,391	[72,500]	2,696,891
Landfill Capital Reserve	10,000	72,500	82,500
TOTAL	\$87,853,688		\$87,853,688

SECTION II. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund the following:

<u>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>
Governing Body	\$ 278,573
Administration	373,528
Finance	443,993
Tax Administration	1,301,632
Legal	230,000
Court Facilities	601,225
Elections	362,900
Register of Deeds	352,093
Data Processing	428,605
Central Garage	1,127,284
Public Buildings	1,361,864
Purchasing	62,107
Central Operations	2,261,000
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>\$ 9,184,804</u>
Sheriff	\$ 5,560,217
Jail	3,703,869
Emergency Communications	1,339,018
Emergency Management	98,944

Fire	213,903
Building Inspections	582,336
Medical Examiner/Coroner	137,000
Emergency Medical Services	4,791,970
Animal Control	710,057

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSE **\$ 17,137,314**

Forestry	\$ 101,400
Other Environmental	160,000

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL **\$ 261,400**

Planning	\$ 287,956
Economic Development	437,500
Other Community Development	151,857
Cooperative Extension	183,259
Extension Local	71,000
Soil & Water Conservation	302,950

TOTAL ECONOMIC PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT **\$ 1,434,522**

General Health	\$ 2,212,657
Health Programs	1,395,184
Health – Environmental	7,500
Health - Food & Lodging	-0-
Health - Tuberculosis	3,355
HIV & STD Federal	1,805
Health - Communicable Disease	2,293
Comprehensive - B & C Cancer Control	5,100
Adult Health	269,829
Health Care Connection	32,000
Health Promotion	3,500
Health – Diabetes Grant	29,500
Women-Infant-Children	56,000
Maternal Clinic	1,000
Pregnancy Care Management	4,800
Child Health	86,000
Health - MESH Unit/Schools	51,450
Health – School Nurse Funding	150,000
Health - Family Planning	54,150
Care Coordination for Children	4,200
Health – Immunization Action	500
Case Management/Community Care	3,100
Wilkes Dental Clinic	1,800,000

Health – Preparedness	2,700
Health – Smart Start	3,900
Wilkes Community Health Center	682,576

TOTAL HUMAN SERVICE - HEALTH **\$ 6,863,099**

VAYA Health/Mental Health	\$ 254,200
Daymark Recovery Services - 5¢ Bottle Tax	15,000
Child Abuse Prevention Team	21,008
Adult Developmental Activity Program	32,400
Vocational Workshop	51,120
Wilkes Developmental Day School	153,160
SAFE Program	11,866

TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH **\$ 538,754**

Administration	\$ 6,924,145
DSS Occupancy Expense	204,510
Work First Employment	190,000
Income Maintenance/Food Stamps	619,648
IM/Medicaid Assistance XIX	993,500
Legal	170,000
Foster Care	4,490,859
Links	56,000
Other Assistance	49,262
Other Contractuals	76,000
Day Care	1,958,093

TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES **\$ 15,732,017**

VETERANS SERVICE **\$ 175,061**

JCPC/Youth Services	\$ 250,000
Community in Schools/Friends of Youth	16,524
Secure Detention/Juvenile Subsidy	48,000

TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES – YOUTH **\$ 314,524**

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION **\$ 21,078**

Aging Program Exp/To Agencies	650,000
Volunteer Coalition of Wilkes	8,528
Appalachian Senior Programs	3,240
Ruby Pardue Blackburn Adult Day Care Center	5,600
American Red Cross	12,960

Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission	66,065
Wilkes Senior Resources	220,040
National Guard Armory	2,160
Barium Springs/Children's Hope Alliance	32,082
Volunteers for Wilkes Literacy	14,040
Crime Stoppers	2,000
Mountain View Ruritan Club/Fly-In	4,800
Wilkes Transportation/ROAP Grant	215,000
Catherine Barber Shelter	7,000

TOTAL OTHER HUMAN SERVICES \$ 1,243,515

Public Schools	\$ 15,701,682
Wilkes Community College	3,968,338

TOTAL EDUCATION \$ 19,670,020

Appalachian Regional Library	\$ 578,854
Traphill Library	28,335
Parks & Recreation	870,598
Cultural & Museums	34,588

TOTAL CULTURAL & RECREATION \$ 1,512,375

CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND \$ 275,000

TOTAL COUNTY DEBT \$ 3,952,921

TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS \$ 0

TOTAL GF EXPENSES & OTHER USES \$ 78,316,404

SECTION III. It is estimated the following General Fund Revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, to meet the foregoing General Fund Appropriations:

Taxes - Ad Valorem	\$ 36,815,717
Sales Taxes	15,559,227
Other Tax and Licenses	445,000
Unrestricted Intergovernmental	447,000
Restricted Intergovernmental	16,314
Health - Restricted State & Federal	4,847,669
DSS - Restricted State & Federal	7,722,829
Daycare - Restricted State & Federal	1,945,004

SECTION IX. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Fire District Fund the following:

DEPARTMENT	TAX RATE	APPROPRIATED
No. 1 - Broadway	.09	\$ 259,885
No. 2 - Mountain View	.08	\$ 240,555
No. 3 - Moravian Falls	.05	\$ 178,974
No. 4 - Mulberry-Fairplains	.075	\$ 253,739
No. 5 - Pleasant Hill	.10	\$ 137,569
No. 6 - Traphill	.09	\$ 153,410
No. 7 - Boomer	.11	\$ 136,094
No. 8 - Champion	.11	\$ 376,755
No. 9 - Austin	.12	\$ 151,981
No. 10 - Goshen	.10	\$ 139,061
No. 11 - Millers Creek	.07	\$ 364,697
No. 12 - Arlington (Ronda)	.10	\$ 7,124
No. 13 - State Road	.075	\$ 92,506
No. 14 - Ronda	.10	\$ 143,185
No. 15 - Knottville	.12	\$ 99,328
No. 16 - Shepherds Crossroads	.07	\$ 53,324
No. 17 - Roaring River	.06	\$ 156,253
No. 18 - Ferguson	.10	\$ 165,729
No. 19 - Cricket	.10	\$ 167,515
No. 20 - McGrady	.10	\$ 87,734
No. 21 - Brushy Mountain	.08	\$ 58,012
No. 22 - Buck Shoals	.05	\$ 40,210
No. 23 - Little Brushy Mountain	.12	\$ 57,737
No. 24 - Wilkes-Iredell	.12	\$ 58,176
No. 25 - Wilbar	.12	<u>\$ 118,852</u>
TOTAL FIRE DISTRICTS		\$ 3,698,405

SECTION X. It is estimated that the following Fire District Fund Revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 to meet the foregoing Fire District Fund Appropriations:

TOTAL FIRE DISTRICT REVENUE **\$ 3,698,405**

SECTION XI. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Airport Fund the following:

Airport/Capital Projects	\$ 1,500,000
Airport/Operating Expenses	964,485

TOTAL AIRPORT EXPENSES **\$ 2,464,485**

SECTION XII. It is estimated the following Airport Fund Revenue will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 to meet the foregoing Airport Fund Revenue and Appropriations:

Airport – Restricted Intergovernmental	\$ -0-
Airport – Grants/State & Federal	1,500,000
Airport – Sales & Service	849,485
Airport – Rents	115,000
Airport – Miscellaneous/Airport	-0-
Airport – Transfers from Other Funds/Airport	-0-

TOTAL AIRPORT REVENUE **\$ 2,464,485**

SECTION XIII. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Landfill Fund the following:

Landfill	\$ 2,696,891
Transfer to Other Funds/Landfill	72,500

TOTAL LANDFILL EXPENSES **\$ 2,769,391**

SECTION XIV. It is estimated that following Landfill Fund Revenue will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 to meet the foregoing Landfill Fund Revenue and Appropriations:

Landfill – Restricted State & Federal	\$ 168,000
Landfill – Sales & Service	2,196,511
Landfill – Investment Earnings	-0-
Miscellaneous/Landfill	24,000
Fund Balance Appropriation/Landfill	380,880

TOTAL LANDFILL REVENUE **\$ 2,769,391**

SECTION XV. That for said fiscal year there is hereby appropriated out of the Landfill Capital Reserve Fund the following:

TOTAL LANDFILL CAPITAL RESERVE EXPENSE **\$ 82,500**

SECTION XVI. It is estimated the following Landfill Capital Reserve Revenue will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 to meet the foregoing Landfill Capital Reserve Fund Revenue Appropriations:

Interest on Investments	\$ 10,000
Transfer from Landfill Enterprise Fund	72,500
TOTAL LANDFILL CAPITAL RESERVE REVENUE	\$ 82,500

There is hereby levied for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 a tax rate of sixty-seven (\$0.67) cents on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation of taxable property as listed as of January 1, 2017, for the purpose of raising the revenue from current year's property tax as set forth in the foregoing estimate of revenue, and in order to finance foregoing appropriations.

The tax rate of sixty-seven (67) cents per hundred dollars valuation is based on an estimated total appraised value of property for the purpose of taxation of \$5,522,895,544, with estimated collection of 95.92% on real and personal property and 99.86% on vehicles.

BUDGET 2017/2018 - ADOPTED – JUNE 6, 2017.

WILKES COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL – BOARD APPOINTMENTS – Chairman Minton recognized and welcomed Jane Casarez, Co-Chairman JCPC. Ms. Casarez said she was attending on behalf of Christy Grant, Chairman. She stated the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council is requesting approval for Logan Kerr, Sara Christenbury, and Chris Huffman to be added to the JCPC Board.

Vice Chairman Gary D. Blevins made a motion to appoint Logan Kerr, Sara Christenbury, and Chris Huffman to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council for two year terms, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie Settle and unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZING LEASE BY FORSYTH COUNTY – Chairman Minton welcomed and recognized Ann Absher, Health Director. Mrs. Absher thanked the Board for their time and said there is a Resolution from Forsyth County before the Board. She stated Region 3 which includes both Wilkes and Forsyth County and 10 other Health Departments received a Diabetes Prevention Grant at the first of the year for classes in the region. Mrs. Absher said this grant focuses on minorities and since Forsyth is the largest county and has the highest number of minorities it stands to reason that they would be the fiscal agent for the grant. She added Forsyth wanted to work with Corner Stone Church, because they had appropriate classrooms to hold the classes they wanted to offer and now they need to pay Cornerstone. Mrs. Absher said the Forsyth County Attorney said under General Statute 153A-15(b) they feel that Wilkes needs to give permission to Forsyth to enter into the short term lease agreement with Cornerstone. She added this will allow Forsyth County to pay Cornerstone Church for use of their classroom space and this is the purpose of the Resolution before the Board.

Commissioner David Gambill made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Lease by Forsyth County, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Elmore and unanimously approved.

*RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING LEASE
BY FORSYTH COUNTY*

WHEREAS, Forsyth County has entered into a short term lease agreement of space with Cornerstone Church in Wilkes County to provide two (2) separate spaces for the needs of the Region 3 Minority Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) meetings in Wilkes County;

AND WHEREAS, G.S. §153A-15(b) required approval by the Board of County Commissioners of the County where property is located before another County can lease property in that County;

AND WHEREAS, Wilkes County has received a copy of the agreement between Forsyth County and Cornerstone Church of Wilkes, Inc.;

AND WHEREAS, Forsyth County is requesting approval of the said agreement from the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners, as required under G.S. §153A-15(b);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to G.S. §153A-15(b), that the agreement between Forsyth County and Cornerstone Church is hereby approved.

This the 6th day of June, 2017.

WILKES COUNTY

*By: _____
Gregory A. Minton, Chairman,
Wilkes County Board of Commissioners*

ATTEST:

*_____
Sarah D. Call, Clerk*

CONTRACT FOR SALE AND PURCHASE OF WEST PARK BUILDING – DAYMARK RECOVERY SERVICES – Chairman Minton recognized Tony Triplett, County Attorney. Mr. Triplett stated this matter has been discussed for some time and they finally have a signed contract from Daymark Recovery Services and they have agreed to purchase the former New River Behavioral Healthcare building in West Park. Mr. Triplett said since Daymark has contractually agreed to pay exactly what the County bid when they had to foreclose on it in 2012. This allows the county to negotiate with them as a private sale, if the Board wishes to do so. He stated Daymark’s offer is \$657,598.66 which is exactly what the county bid in 2012. Mr. Triplett said there would be no advertising and no upset bids if the Board wishes to proceed. He added the contract gives Daymark 60-days for due diligence, and it will be sold “As Is” and they

are in the process of having a survey at their expense. Mr. Triplett said if the contract is approved the 60-days will begin to complete their survey or other due diligence they may want to do, then 30-days after this to close. He added it will not close in this fiscal year, but couldn't be any later than early September. Mr. Triplett said he will be glad to answer any questions the Board may have.

Vice Chairman Blevins asked if there is any debt on this building. Mr. Triplett replied no, it is free and clear. Chairman Minton said it will be revenue generating, which is very good. Commissioner Elmore asked if much money has been invested in the building over the years. Mr. Yates replied not very much, there have been a couple of roof repairs and A/C repairs. Commissioner Elmore asked had there been any major repair expenses. Mr. Yates replied no there have not been any major expenses.

Vice Chairman Gary D. Blevins made a motion to approve the Contract for Sale and Purchase of Real Property to Daymark Recovery Services, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie Settle and unanimously approved.

TAX DEPARTMENT:

1. TAX RELEASES – LISTING – Alex Hamilton, Tax Administrator asked the Board to approve tax releases for listing in the amount of \$37,764.81.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to approve the tax releases for listing as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Gambill and unanimously approved.

A detailed listing of tax releases is maintained in the Wilkes County Tax Administrator's office.

2. TAX RELEASES – COLLECTIONS – Alex Hamilton, Tax Administrator asked the Board to approve tax releases for collections in the amount of \$566.46.

Vice Chairman Gary D. Blevins made a motion to approve the tax releases for collections as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith Elmore and unanimously approved.

A detailed listing of tax releases is maintained in the Wilkes County Tax Administrator's office.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE – Chairman Greg Minton recognized Department of Social Services Director John Blevins. Mr. Blevins said he would like to provide a few updates before going over the monthly reports. First NC Tracks and Medicaid transportation, CMS is the only provider at this time in tracks but, Wilkes Senior Resources has a visit scheduled today, and WTA has one set next week, he noted. Mr. Blevins said hopefully both of these go through and once they do they will be put on this program immediately and start billing through tracks. Next is NC Fast for day care and this will go live on June 8th, it will be June services paid in July and the first to go through NC Fast. He said it has gone well, cases have been converted, there has been a lot of change over in this unit due to retirement and

promotions and he is very proud of them. Mr. Blevins added Energy and SIP will be added in early July, these are two easier programs, as there is no case conversion as each year stands on it's on.

Mr. Blevins stated next is called project 4 which is for children services, it is still on track for part 1 in Wilkes for March 2018 and part 2 in August 2018. Mr. Blevins said the pilot will begin in July and this will decide if it moves forward and these dates stay the same. He added the problem they have now is the mobile application that the Social Workers will take out into the field. Mr. Blevins stated it appears the state is going to select IBM as the vendor and the other vendor Northwoods is what a lot of the counties have now and they are not happy about this selection. He added September is the pilot date for this part. Mr. Blevins said the state has said they will build a bridge for the Northwood users that will upload to NC Fast. Vice Chairman Blevins asked what the cost will be to the county to get this process up and running. Mr. Blevins replied the hardware they have in the office already meets the specs, they will only need to purchase iPad's for Social Workers to take to the field. He added they could have one or two per term that can be signed out when they need it and then brought back. Vice Chairman Blevins stated the entire software package will be provided to the county at no charge, which is a lot less expensive than purchasing the Northwoods system. Mr. Blevins replied this is correct, however they will not have the case management part in the office that Northwoods provides. Vice Chairman Blevins asked if this will be added. Mr. Blevins replied yes he thinks so because everything has to be in NC Fast for the feds. He added the feds want to be able to come in and pull a case for review or audit off site, without having to go directly to the county to pull a file.

Mr. Blevins provided the Commissioners handouts for April. He briefly went over the monthly caseload report, Foster Care financial report, Adoption Services financial report, Child Development and Subsidized Child Care financial report. Mr. Blevins also went through the CPS Foster Care monthly reports for April. He said the last page is the statewide Medicaid fraud collections for April and Wilkes was one of the top three collecting counties for that month, which is very good. Commissioner Gambill stated 83 foster children placed outside Wilkes is really high and this has gone up. Mr. Blevins agreed and added it is putting a lot of pressure on the children and the staff. Commissioner Elmore asked if there are open positions at DSS currently. Mr. Blevins replied they have 5 open, 2 for Social Workers III positions and 3 Investigator - Social Worker IA&T positions. Commissioner Blevins asked if they are still having problems filling these. Chairman Minton asked if they are receiving any applicants. Mr. Blevins replied they are not getting many qualified applicants, sometimes they only get one to two mostly unqualified people to apply every time a job is posted. Mr. Yates added that Mr. Blevins has been posting these jobs at the UNC School of Government on their website, also Appalachian State is letting DSS post these on their website. Also the new county website that will be rolled out soon will have them all posted on it as well. Mr. Yates said they are doing their best to get these openings out in order to receive more qualified applicants. Mr. Blevins agreed this will help, but added it is a struggle and places a burden due to being understaffed and also for the out of county travel that is required.

The Board thanked Mr. Blevins for his update.

SYNERGY – LEASE AGREEMENT – RESOLUTION – County Attorney Tony Triplett stated the Lease Agreement with Option to Purchase with Synergy Recovery, Inc. is before the Board for consideration for renewal of the lease. He added the memo and lease in the packet is not 100% accurate as the lease in place last year was for \$2,000 per month and he revised the lease and resolution and emailed it to the Board for \$2,000 per month to continue. He stated they have been without a written lease with Synergy since the former lease expired on 12/31/16. Mr. Triplett stated they have had frequent discussion with Carl Spake lead by Vice Chairman Gary D. Blevins on the possibility of him considering a purchase of this building. He added he is not in a position at this time to purchase it, but does want to continue with the lease. Mr. Triplett stated they felt it is imperative that a written lease agreement be in place for 2017. He added this would again be a one-year lease and does not have to be advertised and no upset bids and is exactly like the lease from last year. Mr. Triplett said Mr. Spake will continue to assume all cost and responsibility for maintenance. He said he will be happy to answer any questions the Board may have and if they do wish to approve the lease the motion will be to approve the Resolution which approves to adopt the lease. Commissioner Elmore stated the lease runs January 1st through December 31, 2017. Mr. Triplett replied yes and added Mr. Spake would still like to purchase this building when he can and if approved they will continue to have these discussions with him.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Lease Agreement with Option to Purchase with Synergy Recovery, Inc. for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2016, and expiring at midnight on December 31, 2017, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie Settle and unanimously adopted.

*RESOLUTION
APPROVING
LEASE AGREEMENT WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE
WITH SYNERGY RECOVERY, INC.*

WHEREAS, Wilkes County (the "County") is the owner of certain real property situated in North Wilkesboro Township, Wilkes County, North Carolina, the same being located at 118 Peace Street, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659, consisting of 8.36 acres, more or less, together with improvements situation thereon and ingress and egress to and from the same, said property being more fully described in that Deed recorded at Book 558, Page 069, Wilkes County Registry (hereinafter referred to as "the Property"); and

WHEREAS, Synergy Recovery, Inc., a North Carolina non-profit corporation providing mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse services, with its principal office and place of business being located in Wilkes County, North Carolina (hereinafter "Synergy"), currently occupies and does business on the Property and formerly sublet the same from New River Service Authority, a Joint Agency created pursuant to Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes (hereinafter "New River"), pursuant to a duly approved lease between the County and New River; and

WHEREAS, New River ceased operations on or about October 31, 2011, and no longer leases the Property from the County or sublets the same to Synergy; and

WHEREAS, Synergy has been conducting its operations at the Property and has leased the same from the County since January 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Synergy's most recent lease with the County has expired; and

WHEREAS, the County desires that Synergy continue its operations at the Property as a provider of mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse services, and desires to continue to lease the Property to Synergy for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Synergy desires to continue its operations at the Property as described hereinabove, and desires to lease the Property from the County for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the parties, consistent with the foregoing, have agreed upon a lease of not more than one (1) year for said purpose and desire to evidence the same in a Lease Agreement with Option to Purchase (hereinafter the "Lease Agreement") with a term commencing as of January 1, 2017, and expiring at midnight on December 31, 2017, at a rental of Two Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000.00) per month, together with other terms and provisions as set forth in the Lease Agreement; and

WHEREAS, G.S. §160A-272 authorizes the County to enter into a lease of one (1) year or less upon resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners is convened in a regular meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to G.S. §§153A-176 and 160A-272, that the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Lease Agreement for the Property and further authorizes its Chairman and Clerk to execute the same.

This the 6th day of June, 2017.

ATTEST:

WILKES COUNTY:

Sarah D. Call, Clerk

*G. A. Minton, Chairman
Wilkes County Board of Commissioners*

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPOINTMENT – County Manager John Yates said Nate Griffin has agreed to continue representing Wilkes County for the private sector seat on the Workforce Development Board. He added attached is the official appointment form for the upcoming term from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019. Mr. Yates stated Mr. Keith Deveraux is recommending Mr. Griffin to continue serving on this Board. Commissioner Elmore said the Workforce Development Board has approved Mr. Griffin and the Consortium Board has also approved him.

Commissioner Keith Elmore made a motion to appoint Nate Griffin, Wilkes County Private Sector Appointment for the High Country Workforce Development Board for a two year term, as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gary D. Blevins and unanimously approved.

ADJOURN - Motion was made by Vice Chairman Gary D. Blevins, seconded by Commissioner David Gambill and by unanimous vote adopted to adjourn the meeting of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners at 10:35 A.M.

Sarah D. Call, Clerk

Gregory A. Minton, Chairman

WILKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Approved: